

## SOUTH DERBYSHIRE COMMUNITY MEETING

### ETWALL – AREA 1

Meeting Minutes – October 14, 2022 at 6:30pm

### Foston and Scropton Village Hall

#### PRESENT: -

#### South Derbyshire District Council Representatives

Councillor Gillian Lemmon (Chair)

Frank McArdle – Chief Executive Officer

Sean McBurney – Head of Cultural and Community Services

Claire Rawlins – Anti-Social Behaviour Officer

Rosie Collins – Communities Team Service Assistant

#### Derbyshire County Council Representatives

Councillor Martin Ford

#### Derbyshire Police Representatives

PC Stefan Bancroft

#### Parish Council/ Meeting Representatives

David Neal – Etwall Parish Council

Jacky Allen – Foston and Scropton Parish Council

Graham Andrew – Hilton Parish Council

#### Members of the Public

Sue Creeth.

#### E/A 8. Open Meeting

##### **a) Introductions and Housekeeping**

##### **b) Apologies**

Councillor Peter Smith, Councillor Lisa Brown and Councillor Julie Pattern.

##### **c) Chair's Announcements**

The Area Forum Meeting was not quorate, so the meeting continued as an un-constituted Community Meeting at which the following was discussed.



### **The Chair's Chosen Charity**

The Chair of South Derbyshire District Council has officially named the NSPCC as his chosen charity for the remainder of his year in office. (It was formally Bank House, but unfortunately, they no longer exist as a charity).

### **Family Halloween Event**

Our Park's Officer is holding an afternoon Family Halloween event at Swadlincote Woodlands, in partnership with Derbyshire County Council Adult and Family Learning, on Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> October 2022 from 2pm to 4pm. Event is free.

Activities include:

- Find all the Xplorer Halloween Plaques and answer the clues.
- Children get a Certificate to show they have completed the questions correctly.
- Make a Halloween Craft to take home.

There are posters available here tonight, so please help yourself.

### **Summer Scheme**

The Active Communities and Health Team have received a lot of appreciation for the Summer Playschemes return after the two-year absence for Covid.

Over 80 sessions of sports and activity took place across the District over the Summer Holidays and a great deal of praise and thanks have been received from grateful parents for the free Sessions.

Participation this year was fantastic with 5,547 young people attending the sessions, which is an increase of nearly 1000 on 2019 figures.

### **d) To Receive the Minutes of the Last Meeting**

All received as a true and accurate record of the meeting.

### **e) Matters Arising from the Last Minutes**

Councillor Ford raised the Freeport at Etwall. He explained there has been a series of meetings but there is nothing yet to report.

PC Bancroft updated on behalf of PCSO Supervisor Wallington-Waite that the weight restriction on Bellfield Road is 7.5 tonne.

### **E/A 9. Police Safer Neighbourhood Team (SNT) Report and Police Q&A**



There are 2 new PCSO's who have very recently joined the team We are just finalising details for putting two new PC's into the SNT in the next couple of months.

We have recently lost a Neighbourhood Investigation Officer which we are currently in the process of recruiting for.

We are looking to increase staffing across the SNT in the next 12 months.

Coming up, we have Op-Sceptre from 14<sup>th</sup> November, a campaign around knife crime. We are seen as a leading area for such an initiative; by the next meeting we will have good results to update you on from that.

The SNT have supported many events around the Queen's Funeral.

Safeguarding is always a priority as well as vulnerability. Domestic Abuse is also a huge priority at the moment in the local area.

We now have an e-bike coming over to Hilton with thanks to Hilton Parish Council for the accommodation of the bike.

We are doing lots of patrols around Hilton Skate Park and keeping a close eye on the area. We need reports to come in via the correct channels – either 101 or 999 in an emergency. No action can be taken on an incident unless it is reported via these channels – our resources cannot be put out to these areas if we do not know about it.

We have been visiting both primary and secondary schools in the area doing school talks and having presence around peak school parking times.

Many speed operations have been carried out through Etwall.

We carried out a speed operation in Dalbury Lee's as requested, however there was not a large amount of traffic coming through.

We have recently set out new priorities:

- Off-Road Bikes (community intelligence will be key for this)
- E-Scooters (education around them and the enforcement which can take place)
- Online Safety) prevention and education for all ages)

A discussion took place around the Tom Moore statue in Hatton which has recently been part of a Social Media stunt dealt with by the Police.

Due to a robbery which took place in Etwall, we have been doing reassurance patrols around the area.

We have been made aware of Car Meets in Burnaston near the Toyota Factory. We have had a strong Police presence there doing drug swipes and it has dispersed over the recent months.

We have been continuing with our regular patrols in all areas.



Councillor Ford asked if E-Scooters are illegal, why are they not seized straight away?

PC Bancroft explained that it requires a PC not a PCSO to be present to do so due to a Section 165 being given.

A member of the public raised concerns over the amount of graffiti in Hatton and Stenson Fields.

PC Bancroft explained that the SNT are reliant upon people putting in calls to service. Posts on 'spotted' pages on Facebook are not monitored by the Police and is not a suitable way of reporting such matters.

## **E/A 10. South Derbyshire Community Safety Partnership/ Safer Neighbourhood Grants Update**

### **ASB Awareness Week**

July 18<sup>th</sup> marked the start of ASB Awareness Week which was promoted by the South Derbyshire Community Safety Partnership (SDCSP) at Swadlincote Fire Station Open Day on Saturday, July 16, 2022. SDDC held a stand at the Open Day (just prior to the beginning of ASB Awareness Week) to help promote ASB Awareness Week and other services. Other partners in attendance at the event were South Derbyshire CVS, promoting the Safer Homes and Handy Person Help at Home Schemes and the local Police Safer Neighbourhood Team (and the Fire Service of course!). ASB Awareness Packs were provided to anyone residing in South Derbyshire, who were experiencing issues with ASB, and included an ASB incident diary log, information about what is/ isn't classed as ASB together with contact information for Core Victim Services.

### **Hate Crime Awareness Week**

Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> through to Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> October marks Hate Crime Awareness Week. The national week aims to encourage the authorities (Government, Police and Councils), key partners and communities affected by hate crime to work together to tackle local hate crime incidents across the UK. For more information about Hate Crime, including types and how you can report hate crime you can visit [www.nationalhcaw.uk](http://www.nationalhcaw.uk) and look out for updates via the SDCSP and SDDC Facebook pages.

### **Off Road Bikes**

Following reports off road bikes being used on and around the Boundary Road area near to Etwall a joint site visit was completed by the Police and SDDC to establish access points, who the land in question belongs to and potential target hardening measures. Further enquiries are currently being made with the landowner (Severn



Trent Water if anybody asks). Further updates on this matter will be provided in due course.

### **Safer and Stronger Neighbourhoods Funding Stream**

To date no applications have been received for this area yet for this financial year (ending 31.03.23). Funding is still available for local community groups, parish councils, clubs & associations and not for profit organisations. The aim of the funding is to give local groups and organisations the opportunity to develop projects to make their community feel safer and stronger and to enhance the local community. The maximum amount that can be applied for (per project) is £2,500 and applications will need to demonstrate how the project will impact on reducing or preventing crime and disorder/ anti-social behaviour/ support development of new community groups and projects. For more details please visit the Council Website or contact Debbie Punter in the Communities Team on 01283 595858.

### **E/A 11. Local Community and Voluntary Sector Projects/ Update**

#### **Active Travel**

This service supports people who have no transport and are unable to use public transport to take them to medical appointments (GP's and hospital appointments). In the last three months we have supported 82 individuals and had 243 contacts. We are looking for more volunteers to help deliver this service. For referrals and enquiries call 01283 219761 or email, [projectsupport@sdcv.org.uk](mailto:projectsupport@sdcv.org.uk).

#### **Befriending**

Since March 2020 our Befriending Service has been carried out through telephone calls. We are beginning to talk to volunteers and service users who want to resume face to face visits. In the last three months we have supported 52 individuals and 624 contacts based on one visit per week. We are looking for more volunteers to help deliver this service. For referrals and enquiries call 01283 219761 or email, [connect@sdcv.org.uk](mailto:connect@sdcv.org.uk).

#### **Handy Person Help at Home Support Service**

This service provides practical solutions for those who need a bit of help to stay independent in their own homes. We can help with grab rails, key safes and other minor adjustments. In the last three months we have received 81 referrals and 124 visits. For referrals and enquiries call, 01283 219761 or email, [handysupport@sdcv.org.uk](mailto:handysupport@sdcv.org.uk).

#### **Home From Hospital**



This service has been continuing to support people throughout the pandemic. We have been helping people with shopping and prescription/ medication collection doing doorstep deliveries and these are continuing too. In the last three months we have supported 190 new clients across all the areas (South Derbyshire, Derby City & Chesterfield). We are beginning to plan to introduce home visits again, but we will be doing so with caution and with procedures in place to keep everyone involved safe. We are looking for volunteers to help deliver this service. For referrals and enquiries call, 01283 817417 or email [home@dhfh.org.uk](mailto:home@dhfh.org.uk).

### **Safer Homes**

This service is available to offer advice and practical assistance to people who have been victims of crime or are vulnerable. People will feel safer at home and have some things in place to protect their home. Over the last three months we have supported 133 people. We deliver Safer Homes in South Derbyshire District Council area and Erewash. For referrals and enquiries please call, 01283 219761 or email [projectsupport@sdcv.org.uk](mailto:projectsupport@sdcv.org.uk).

### **Food Bank**

Our Food Bank has now moved to Unit G First Floor, Sharpes Industrial Estate, Alexandra Road, Swadlincote DE11 9AZ Swadlincote and collection of food parcels is by appointment only on Monday, Tuesday and Thursday from 8am - 3:30pm. The service provides free emergency food parcels to families and individuals in the South Derbyshire area. In the period April – June we distributed 306 food parcels to families/single people/homeless people, supported 402 adults and 244 children and signposted people to 58 different services. To find out more contact Petra on 07458 305314.

### **Community Development Team**

The team support local communities, not-for-profit groups and volunteers in South Derbyshire. Our aim is to provide support, information and advice to volunteer trustees, voluntary and community groups, registered charities and social enterprises. We help new groups to set up with the appropriate governance (constitution, trustee board, policies and procedures and funding). For further information please email [development@sdcvs.org.uk](mailto:development@sdcvs.org.uk).

In the period April – June 2022 the Team supported 89 individual groups supporting them with funding searches, governance, community engagements, finance and volunteer recruitment. We organised five funders' workshops, a Volunteer Fayre, a Children & Young People's Network, a Food Network and four Community Networks (Hilton, Hatton and Etwall).

### **Connected South Derbyshire**

A project to connect, engage and socialise local citizens in South Derbyshire with the volunteers, groups and organisations providing social connection in their



communities. Since September 2021, we have set networks up in Hilton, Etwall and Hatton and will be developing more networks in Repton and Willington in the next few weeks. Our new Development Officer, Helen Adcock has just joined SDCVS on this project and will be focusing on developing more community networks within South Derbyshire.

### **Volunteer Force**

The Volunteer Force helps to develop and promote volunteering in South Derbyshire with particular reference to the advertising, recruiting, training and referring potential volunteers and providing recruitment support to voluntary and community groups and social enterprises. For more information please email, [Volunteer@sdcv.org.uk](mailto:Volunteer@sdcv.org.uk).

### **Corporate Volunteers**

We have started to work with corporate businesses who are keen for their staff to volunteer to give something back to their local community and be more aware of the many issues that residents in South Derbyshire are experiencing. So far, we've had support with a gardening and a painting project.

### **Covid Connectors Project**

Since January 2021, the team have been working with 32 Covid Connectors in South Derbyshire. Through these networks, Covid related information has been shared with the Connectors who then disseminate the information to their local communities. The funding has now been extended until December 2022 and will be focusing more around health and wellbeing and moving into recovery from the pandemic. For more information contact, [Selinaw@sdcv.org.uk](mailto:Selinaw@sdcv.org.uk).

### **Communications**

We continue to send out regular newsletters/e-bulletins, events, training, job vacancies, volunteering opportunities and funding – [www.sdcvs.org.uk](http://www.sdcvs.org.uk).

You can sign up to receive these communications via the homepage of our website – [www.sdcvs.org.uk](http://www.sdcvs.org.uk), and if you would like anything advertised, please email [communications@sdcv.org.uk](mailto:communications@sdcv.org.uk).

We continue to target our non-digital audiences through our outreach work – leaflets/posters on parish notice boards, using the community magazines and attending more community events.

### **Other Exciting News**

- Our Active Travel contract which we felt was under threat has been extending for a further year to 30 September 2023.
- We've recently secured a brand-new contract with Derbyshire County Council called Derbyshire Time Swap. This contract is about supporting people



across the county to embrace the benefits of time banking which is a way of exchanging skills without any money changing hands. You do what you love, when you want to... and get a little help when you need it. For every hour you spend helping someone, you earn an hour back from your time bank. SDCVS will be employing five new staff in the following areas - South Derbyshire & Erewash, Bolsover & NE Derbyshire, High Peak & ½ Derbyshire Dales and Amber Valley & ½ Derbyshire Dales.

- Derbyshire Befriending – Our new Derbyshire Befriending website is now LIVE at [www.derbyshirebefriending.org.uk](http://www.derbyshirebefriending.org.uk). You can find out about befriending, what it is, how to find services or maybe even become a volunteer.

## **E/A 12. Local Authority Update and Public Q&A**

### **South Derbyshire Local Plan**

South Derbyshire has an adopted Local Plan which sets out where new housing, employment, retail, and other development should go, up to 2028. The Local Plan also includes policies that are used to determine planning applications. Government policy requires that Local Plans are reviewed every five years to see if they need updating and the Council has decided that the time is right to update the Local Plan.

This 'Issues and Options' consultation, is the first formal consultation as part of this update to the Local Plan. Its purpose is to ensure that the Emerging Local Plan covers all the right issues including housing, jobs, infrastructure, health, climate change and the built and natural environment. We would like to hear your views and ideas on the issues and options we will need to take into account.

How you can have your say ...

The consultation commences on 10th October 2022. Information regarding the consultation and how you can have your say, can be found on our website at: [www.southderbyshire.gov.uk/issuesandoptions](http://www.southderbyshire.gov.uk/issuesandoptions), and on the leaflets at the back of the room.

A series of drop-in consultation events have taken place around the District throughout October and the beginning of November. Drop-in sessions will also take place on Tuesdays and Wednesdays, 10am – 4pm at the Council Offices throughout the consultation.

We welcome your comments on the consultation document until 5pm on 5th December 2022.

### **Social Decarbonisation Funding Update**

The Government has proposed a £3.8bn Social Housing Decarbonisation Fund over a 10-year period, to improve the energy performance of social rented homes.





There has been a slight delay to the original programme as we have worked with the designer to identify measures that despite unprecedented cost inflationary pressures, can be delivered within the original budget whilst meeting the improvement target set by central government. It is anticipated that work to install measures under the wave 1 scheme will commence by early November 2022 and the first schemes to benefit will be sheltered homes at Resthaven (Swadlincote), Peniston Rise/ Close (Melbourne) and Kendricks Close (Hartshorne) with other sites following on and completed by 31 March 2023.

The council intends to submit a bid to fund a further 160 properties under Wave 2.1 which if successful will commence in April 2023 and be delivered over two years. Many lessons have been learned during the SHDF wave 1 project that will improve both the quality of the bid and the delivery programme.

### **Green Homes Grant**

Update given by Steph Thandi:

The Council is encouraging eligible homeowners in South Derbyshire to apply for free grant funding to improve the energy efficiency of their home and reduce their fuel bills.

The grant, of up to £10,000, is part of a government-backed scheme to help successful applicants improve the energy performance of their home through loft and cavity wall insulation.

A homeowner's total household income must be below £30k and the property must have an Energy Performance Certificate rating of D or lower to be eligible for the free grant.

Links to the application forms and further information can be found on the Council Webpage, just search for Green Homes Grant.

A member of the public raised concerns over the length of the online consultation form for the Local Plan.

Frank McArdle explained you can go back to it as many times as you wish, the information will be saved.

A discussion took place around the Village Boundary.

Councillor Ford raised concerns over the inaccessibility of the web-link. However, urged people to take part as it is vital that information is gathered.

Councillor Lemmon expressed the need for a consultation to take place in Hilton.

### **E/A 13. Summary of Agreed Actions**

#### Suggestion



Frank McArdle suggested Food Banks to be an item on the next agenda with South Derbyshire CVS.

**E/A 14. Close and Date of Next Meeting**

Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> February 2023 at Egginton Village Hall.

**Councillor Gillian Lemmon**

CHAIR

The meeting terminated at 7:25pm

