

## **SOUTH DERBYSHIRE COMMUNITY MEETING**

### **LINTON – AREA 6**

**Meeting Minutes – Wednesday, October 5, 2022**

#### **Lullington Village Hall**

#### **PRESENT: -**

##### **South Derbyshire District Council Representatives**

Councillor Amy Wheelton (Chair)

Kevin Stackhouse – Strategic Director Corporate Resources

Chris Smith – Communities Team Manager

Steph Thandi – Public Health Officer, Environmental Health

Rosie Collins – Communities Team Service Assistant (Taking Notes)

##### **Derbyshire County Council Representatives**

Councillor Stuart Swann

##### **Derbyshire Police Representatives**

PC Mark Holmes

PCSO Andrea Thompson

##### **Parish Council/ Meeting Representatives**

Sheila Jackson – Castle Gresley Parish Council

Beverly Evans – Rosliston Parish Council

Christine Davoll – Rosliston Parish Council

S. Sharpe – Overseal Parish Council

Kevin Tizzard – Linton Parish Council

Karen Bradford – South Derbyshire CVS/ Coton in the Elms Parish Council

##### **Members of the Public**

Margaret Leech

##### **L/A 8 Open Meeting**

a) **Introductions and Housekeeping**

b) **Apologies**



Councillor Simon Ackroyd, Councillor Melanie Bridgen, Mac Cummings (Drakelow Parish Council), Paul Marbrow (Rosliston Parish Council), Stephanie Marbrow (Rosliston Parish Council), Councillor Dan Pegg, Inspector Mike Sisman.

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

The Area Forum Meeting was not quorate, so the meeting continued as an unconstituted 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 25th 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.

#### **Green Homes Grant**

Chair, Councillor Wheelton invited Steph Thandi to explain in detail about the Green Homes Grant.

Steph Thandi explained in order to be eligible for the Green Homes Grant, the household needs to have an income of less than £31,000 per year to qualify for the grant.



The grant is available to improve loft insulation and potentially cavity wall insulation.

An Energy Performance Certificate is required for work to be carried out which must be at a Grade D or below to qualify. If unsure of your household EPC, it can be found on the Government website at [www.epc.gov.uk](http://www.epc.gov.uk). It provides an easy to follow, step by step guide of what to do to find your homes EPC Grade.

Karen Bradford asked where the EPC information is drawn from?

Steph explained, initially it was set for a house of four bedrooms or more, now it is a requirement for every property, which came into play in 2007. If you owned your house prior to 2007, it may not have an EPC. However, an assessment can be arranged which usually costs between £50 - £100 but the cost can be absorbed within the scheme.

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

The minutes were approved as a true and correct record of the meeting.

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

Chair, Councillor Wheelton gave the following update:

Since the last meeting, the Senior Licensing Officer (SLO) has met with a premises licence holder responsible for some of the events and had discussions around the complaints that have been received. As it was the first-time complaints have been received, a warning letter has been issued, in line with the Council's Enforcement Policy, and the organiser has indicated he is keen to work more closely with all the relevant Authorities to prevent issues occurring again.

Although SDDC Officers receive and review all the event documents they are not experts in all areas and rely on other authorities to comment and ensure that plans are sufficient i.e., Highways for traffic management, Environmental Health for noise and ambulance service for medical. All these authorities receive the documents prior to the events and work with the organisers to ensure that they are sufficient and preventative measures are put in place.

All event documents are also sent to Emergency Planning at County who hold the Safety Advisory Group meetings and produce the emergency plans for the event.

Complaints regarding noise, litter and traffic management were received in relation to another event. A meeting with the organisers of that event will take place at the end of October with all relevant agencies in attendance.

One of the Events has a new organiser, the SLO will contact them once the transfer application has been received.

A meeting has recently taken place at Catton Hall between Highways and the Event organisers to discuss traffic management for next year, in light of the change in weight restrictions at the Chetwynd Bridge. DCC have put forward a number of



suggestions to the event's organisers for their traffic management plans for 2023. These Traffic Management plans will be made available to Parish Councils when complete, and DCC Highways have offered to attend Parish Council meetings in January/ February time with event organisers to discuss the plans.

Other options are being explored to reduce the number of lorries required for the events.

Licensing will be conversing with the landowners about the events and their responsibilities prior to the events. They will also commence engagement earlier with the Event organisers for next year's events and obtaining sign off from all relevant agencies prior to the events to ensure everyone is aware and satisfied with all the required plans.

Enforcement will be carried out by Licensing Officers on Event weekends to ensure compliance with the premises licences. There will be inspections before the event, during and after. They will also look at taxis as well as ensuring the traffic management and litter picking plans are put in place.

Licensing staff will receive additional training in large events which will include requirements under 'the Purple guide' and the Safety Advice Group meetings.

Licensing will ensure that litter picking (including on road verges leading to the venues) will be adequately covered in the Waste Management Plan and monitored during and after the events. If this is not cleared sufficiently, enforcement action can be taken.

Licensing will liaise with DCC Highways and Local Police to ensure Traffic management plans are suitable be covered in Event Management Plans and adhered to.

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

PCSO Thompson gave the following update:

SNT have set new priorities for this quarter, based on new survey results. The new priorities which have been set are:

1. Engagement, education and prevention on social media
2. E-Scooters - education and enforcement
3. Offroad bikes and vehicle nuisance
4. ASB around Midway Community Centre

In terms of social media, there are a lot of instances at the moment with children getting onto social media sites which they should not, so we are doing a lot of engagement work with youth groups and schools around prevention.

Regarding the Rural Crime Team, we are usually staffed with six Officers, but at the moment, five are extracted on an operation. Internal vacancies are soon to be announced.



PCSO Thompson urged people to call 999 if a crime is in progress or 101 if a crime is no longer in progress.

RCT routinely patrol Area 6 when resources allow them too.

Farm Watch is still up and running and positive action is taken where required.

There has been a rise in reports of Hare Coursing within the area. If you have suspicions or see anything, members of the public need to report it and call us.

Additionally, Swadlincote SNT Facebook page is not monitored 24/7, so people should not report crimes or incidents via the page. PCSO Thompson urged people to call 101 or 999 depending on the situation rather than using the Facebook page.

There was a recent report of Badger Sets being disturbed in Castle Gresley where new houses are being built. This has been investigated, and no Badger Sets are being disturbed.

Chair, Councillor Wheelton explained that in terms of Farm Watch, crimes that are reported, some Officers are not familiar with. Conversations between Councillor Wheelton and Inspector Sisman have taken place and new training is going to be offered for some Officers.

Overseal Parish Council questioned who decided on 101 if an incident becomes a crime?

PCSO Thompson stated that calls are categorised, and statistics are run. PSO Thompson urged people to call 101 if they're suspicious, 999 is something is happening, and calls will be prioritised through risk and threat. PCSO Thompson discouraged people to report via Facebook.

PCSO Thompson explained recruitment is ongoing.

Since the last meeting, Sergeant Nizzer, PCSO Thompson and Coton in the Elms Parish Council have met and since done several Community Speed Watch Operations on Coal Pit Lane.

If HGV's do pass unlawfully, PCSO Thompson encourage people to take photos, note the registration, date and time and report it.

In terms of good news stories, PC Holmes updated on the Sir Tom Moore statue.

Today [5.10.22], one person has been arrested in connection with two burglaries in Netherseal.

The SNT have been giving out Faraday Bags for keyless cars. They have a special lining inside which prevents the signal to open the car. If you require one, please contact the Communities Team at SDDC.



## **L/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/ is not classed as ASB together with contact information for Core Victim Services.

### **School Parking!**

Following reports of inconsiderate and potentially dangerous parking around schools at drop off and pick up times letters have been sent to schools in Police Area Six for circulation amongst Parents and Carers of children attending those schools to think about where they park and the potential consequences of not doing so. DCC have confirmed that at this time they are not able to resource the introduction of waiting restrictions to address many of the localised parking issues on our residential roads, including those as generated by school parking. However, enquiries have been made to DCC regarding the potential use/ funding support available for Parking Buddies, further updates on this will be provided in due course.

### **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 FB pages.

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

To date no applications have been received for Police Area Six 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.

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

Karen Bradford gave the following 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@sdcvcs.org.uk](mailto:projectsupport@sdcvcs.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@sdcvcs.org.uk](mailto:connect@sdcvcs.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@sdcvcs.org.uk](mailto:handysupport@sdcvcs.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, Sharpe's 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@sdcvs.org.uk](mailto:volunteer@sdcvs.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 – To Set up a Covid Connectors Network Throughout South Derbyshire**

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@sdcvvs.org.uk](mailto:Selinaw@sdcvvs.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@sdcvvs.org.uk](mailto:communications@sdcvvs.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 all about befriending, what it is, how to find services or maybe even become a volunteer.

### **L/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 10<sup>th</sup> 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 been held around the District throughout October and November. The events are open to all, and you do not have to attend your nearest one.

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 5<sup>th</sup> 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.

A member of the public asked if there is now extra staff in planning?

Kevin Stackhouse explained they as a department have been struggling to recruit – it is not something that is specific to our District, it is a National issue. The Head of Planning is taking a report to Committee to gather more funding for more staff in the department and to start a modern apprentice programme too.

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

None.

### **L/A 14. Close and Date of Next Meeting**

The next meeting will be held at St. Matthews Church Centre, Overseal on Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> February 2023.

**Councillor Amy Wheelton**

CHAIR

The meeting terminated at 7:37pm.

