

## Town Clerk

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Good Afternoon, Jo

Hope you and the council are well, apologies were unable to submit this earlier this week but here it is,

I would like to refer the council to the attached news letter with details of the newsletter sent out at the start of November containing some of the planned events for the months and will be more announced over the month as well. I would be great if councillors can seek to attend and encourage residents and visitors to the town to also attend as well.

Dronfield SNT continue to work hard with a strong focus of anti social behaviour hot spots especially Lea Brook Valley and Pentland road. We have taken some formal action in the way of community protection warnings for a number of young people attend the area and can be proven to be linked or associated to anti social behaviour in them locations. We would also like to make the council aware that this work remains ongoing but from feedback from the community and partners its clear its starting to have a positive affect although this work remains ongoing.

We as a team over the last month have increased activity in respect to road safety which has seen use send more parking advice letters in reported hot spots, speed checks continue and parking at school pick up and drop off times.

In terms of the crime figures you will see an increase in the category violence against the person, however we have looked at previous months and it appears the Sept may have been an exceptionally low.

Any questions feel contact the team  
many thanks

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# Safer Neighbourhoods Newsletter Dronfield and Rural SNT

## Community Engagement "You said"

Nov 2022

### Events

**Mon 7<sup>th</sup> Nov 1pm – 3pm**

Crime Prevention Event  
Dronfield Farwater lane Car Park

**Tues 8<sup>th</sup> Nov – Speeding / Parking patrols**  
Various Location

**Tues 8<sup>th</sup> Nov – 4pm -5pm Street Meet**  
Coal Aston Village Hall – Rear Car Park

**Thur 10<sup>th</sup> Nov 9am – 12noon**  
Community Market – Derbyshire Alert Event  
Dronfield Civic Centre

**Sun 13<sup>th</sup> Nov Remembrance Day Parade**  
Dronfield

**Mon 14<sup>th</sup> – Sun 20<sup>th</sup> November**  
Knife Crime Awareness week – Various  
activities planned with local groups

**Thur 17<sup>th</sup> Nov– Speed Checks – Various**  
locations

**Fri 18<sup>th</sup> Nov – Street Meet 4-5pm**  
Pentland Road Shops – Dronfield Woodhouse

**Sat 19<sup>th</sup> Nov – Speeding / Parking patrols**  
Various Location

**Mon 21<sup>st</sup> Nov 10.30- 12noon**  
Cuppa with a Copper  
Pentland Road Shops Café

Over the last month we have been working hard with partner agencies in respect of concerns being raised about anti-social behaviour in several locations across the beat area including Lea Brook Valley, Pentland Shops, and other locations.

Some of these measures include increasing patrols within the area between the times where concerns have been raised, working with partner agencies including Dronfield School, Community safety partnership and Derbyshire Fire Service, local shops, and others. We have also taken some action in respect of behaviour contracts and Community Protection Warnings and Notices to have a positive impact on the issues raised about anti-social behaviour.

**IF YOU'RE NOT IN  
DON'T LET  
EVERYONE KNOW!**  
Burglars target homes that look unoccupied

### "We Did"

As the nights get darker earlier, the fear of crime can increase. Here are a few things you can do to feel safer:


- Leave a light on in more than one room, such as the lounge and bedroom. Remember to choose low-energy lamps.
- Change the times that the lights come on to create the illusion that someone is moving around inside the home.
- Consider having a good quality CCTV system installed.
- Lock all windows and doors even when you are at home.
- Put the alarm on when you go out and at night

**Meet the Team**  
PC 2846 Matthews  
PCSO 12853 Flower  
PCSO 13070 White

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Facebook – Dronfield SNT  
Twitter – @DronfieldSNT  
Or contact us via calling  
101 contact an officer

[Dronfield.neighbourhood@derbyshire.police.uk](mailto:Dronfield.neighbourhood@derbyshire.police.uk)

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 101 non-emergency, in an emergency always call 999  
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Making Derbyshire Safer **Together**



# DRONFIELD TOWN COUNCIL MONTHLY UPDATE

## CRIME / INCIDENT UPDATE AS AT :

	Last Month	This Month	
VIOLENT CRIME AGAINST PERSON	9	23	14 Up on last month
THEFT	24	23	1 Down on last month
CRIMINAL DAMAGE	9	7	2 Down on last month
PUBLIC DISORDER	4	4	0 Same as previous month
Drugs	3	2	1 Down on last month
Other crimes	2	2	0 Same as previous month
	51	61	10 Up on last month

	2021	2022
Comparison to last year same month	53	61

Parking Warning Letters 35 Issued

Speeding Checks have been conducted this month

### Gosforth Drive

**02/11/2022**

01/10/2022 - 31/10/2022

8 Up from september 2021

A number of drivers have been warned  
All checks cars were found to be in the correct threshold

## ENGAGEMENT COMMUNITY STRATEGY

### Additional planned events (Oct)

- Mon 7th Nov 1-3pm Crime prevention drop in Civic centre
- Tue 8th Nov Football Parking - Sheffield FC
- Thur 10th Nov Community Market
- Thur 10th Nov Road Safety Meeting
- Fri 18th Nov - Street Meet Pentland Shops
- Mon 21st Cuppa with a Coppa - Pentland Road

Promote Derbyshire Alert
Promote Dronfield Safer Neighbourhood facebook page
Local Speedwatch
ASB Patrols
Parking /School patrols
Local Area patrols, plain clothed and uniformed
Social Media Promotion
Civic Centre & Cliffe Park - Targeted patrols

## ASB HOTSPOTS

Pentland Road shopping precinct
Civic Centre
Cliffe Park
Bench - Far water Lane

Groups of youths gathering nearby shops,
Youths gathering in car park and entering surrounding buildings causing ASB/nuisance.
Reassurance patrols to be stepped up following ongoing reports of issues towards council workers
Regular patrols due to concerns about ASB

## CURRENT PRIORITIES

### LOCATION

Various locations
Gosforth Fields
Dronfield
Civic Centre
Cliffe Park
Burglary Reassurance

Crime prevention events
Target Hardening event

### ISSUE

Speeding
Large gatherings of youths and drug supply/use
Drug supply intelligence development
Groups of youths gathering o/s shops and also causing nuisance
Groups of youths gathering on park causing nuisance to care takers
High number of local burglaries. Plain clothed patrols & increased police presence.

**DRONFIELD TOWN COUNCIL**  
**SUPPLEMENTARY SCHEDULE OF PLANNING APPLICATIONS**  
**SUBMITTED TO COUNCIL NOVEMBER 2022**

No	Reference	Applicant	Location	Details
1	22/00772/FLH	Mr Shaun Bradley	4 Drury Lane Coal Aston Dronfield for	Garage conversion to home office at Rear, with added extension to Garage side
2	22/00895/TPO	Mr Lee Oldfield	25 Pentland Road Dronfield Woodhouse Dronfield	Application to heavy structural pollard and/or crown lift 1no Large Ash tree T39 covered by NEDDC Tree Preservation Order 103 PT3
3	22/00916/FLH	Mr Raymond Gee	58 Fanshaw Road Dronfield S18 2LB	Erection of front porch
4	22/00923/FLH	Mr David Strong	11 Hilltop Road Dronfield S18 1UH	To drop the remaining kerb across the width of the driveway. Bar a narrow hedge and fence between 11 and 13 Hilltop Road, the driveway extends across the whole width of the property
5	22/00991/LDC	Mr B Qoba	46 Fletcher Avenue Dronfield S18 1RX	Application for Lawful Development Certificate for a proposed 3m single storey rear extension and loft extension/conversion (under 50 cubic meters)
6	22/01014/FLH	Neil Mutch	19 Ferndale Close Coal Aston Dronfield	Part removal of front wall, extend drop kerb and raise garden levels for creation of additional driveway

<b>7</b>	<b>22/01021/FLH</b>	Ms E Cooke	7 Fletcher Avenue Dronfield S18 1RW	Proposed single storey rear extension and single storey front extension
<b>8</b>	<b>22/01028/FL</b>	Charles Armitage	Hilltop Sports And Social Club Longacre Road Dronfield	Single storey extension on the south side of the building, with reconstituted stone cladding and a flat roof

**Minutes of the Meeting of the Gritting Advisory Committee of Dronfield Town Council**  
**Held in the Council Offices on Monday 7<sup>th</sup> November at 9:30am**

**Present:** Cllr K. Tait and Cllr M. Foster

**In attendance:** J. Mitchell (Town Clerk) and R. Dick (Outside Services Manager)

**Note: This meeting was not quorate**

**1. Appointment of Chair**

It was RESOLVED to recommend to council that Cllr Tait is appointed Chair of the Gritting Advisory Committee.

**2. Apologies**

Cllr P. Parkin was not in attendance.

**3. Declaration of Interest**

There were no declarations of interest.

**4. Minutes**

It was RESOLVED to recommend to council that the minutes of the Gritting Advisory Committee from 20<sup>th</sup> September 2021 are approved as a true and accurate record of the meeting.

**5. Terms of Reference**

Members were advised by the Town Clerk that there should be a minimum of three members of the council on each committee.

It was RESOLVED to recommend to council that the Terms of Reference in Appendix A are approved.

**6. Outside Services Report**

**Amount of grit in storage**

There are currently 8 tonnes in storage, with an additional 8 to 10 tonnes on order and all the grit bins are currently full.

**Number of spare bins in stock**

There are currently 2 spare bins in stock and 4 additional bins will be ordered.

**Update on current bin conditions**

Six grit bins have been replaced and there are five grit bins owned by Derbyshire County Council that need replacing, which they have been informed about.

**Vehicle to transport grit**

There is currently the 4 x 4 and the IZUSU Graftor to transport grit in and gorilla tubs are used to transport the grit in the vehicles, and the vehicles are washed down at the end of each day to help protect them.

It was noted that the vehicles do not yet have signage on them to show they belong to the Town Council and it was recommended this be referred to the Properties Advisory Committee.

It was RESOLVED to note this update.

## **7. Greendale Shopping Centre**

Members were informed that a request for a new grit bin at Greendale Shopping Centre had been received.

It was RESOLVED to recommend to council that a new grit bin is installed at Greendale Shopping Centre, following permission from the landowners, North East Derbyshire District Council.

Meeting closed 10:05am

## APPENDIX A

### DRONFIELD TOWN COUNCIL

#### GRITTING COMMITTEE

#### TERMS OF REFERENCE

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##### **Membership**

The Committee shall consist of three members of the Council.

##### **Chairman**

At the first meeting of the Committee after the Annual Meeting of the Council the first business will be to appoint a Chairman of the Committee.

##### **Frequency of Meetings**

Meetings will be held on an ad hoc basis as and when required with a minimum of one meeting per year.

##### **Quorum**

A quorum at each meeting shall be 2 members.

##### **Staff Attendance**

The Town Clerk or Assistant Clerk shall normally be required to attend all meetings. Other staff may, at the Chairman's discretion or the Committee's request, attend meetings as required.

##### **Terms of Reference**

The Committee is appointed to make recommendations to council relating to gritting and is subject to budget and expenditure limits decided by the Council.

1. To ensure that all grit bins in Dronfield are properly maintained and managed.
2. To ensure that all grit bins in Dronfield are kept well stocked.
3. To ensure that a supply of grit is maintained for use in Dronfield.
4. To ensure that any matters relating to grit bins are dealt with quickly and correctly.
5. To ensure that all requests for capital purchases are referred to the Council.
6. To ensure that if any legal issues arise these are handled in consultation with the Council.



**Town Clerk's Supplementary Report**  
**Council Meeting to be held on 7<sup>th</sup> November 2022**

**Items for Decision**

No items for decision.

**Items for Information**

**DALC** – November Newsletter

**NEDDC** – Agenda for the District Parish Liaison Group (DPLG) meeting, on Thursday 10 November at 5pm.

**Correspondence Received**

**Newsletter – November 2022**  
Derbyshire Association of Local Councils



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**In this newsletter:**

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**1 – DALC Excellence Award winners announced!**

As part of our AGM at Pride Park, Derby, the winners of the fifth annual DALC Excellence Awards were announced.

Judges once again praised the range and quality of entries, confirming the outstanding work done throughout the county by councils, councillors and clerks.

Winner of the **BHIB Insurance Council of the Year**: Rosliston Parish Council



Highly commended: Ripley Town Council

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Winner of the **CCLA Councillor of the Year**: Cllr Julie Rowlinson, Breaston PC



Highly commended: Cllrs Cathy Jeffery & Janet Woodhead, both from Old Bolsover PC

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Winner of the **Blachere Illumination Clerk of the Year**: Jacqui Storer, Hatton PC



Highly commended: Mick Tunnicliffe of Longford PC, Norma Woolley of Whitwell PC

## ***2 – Sharp decline in contested elections***

NALC have produced a report on the councils that held elections earlier this year which has revealed a significant decline in the number of councillors elected via contested elections – from 38% in May 2021, to just 22% in May this year. The report, [which can be found here](#), forms part of NALC's 'Make a change' materials, which aim to promote recruitment of new councillors. It reveals that during the 2022 local elections, just 888 councillors won their seats via contested elections, with 5,541 seats uncontested. This marked, said NALC, an 'alarming increase in democratic deficit.' Councils, and the general public, can access all NALC's ['Make a change' material at this link](#), including video testimonials from sitting councillors around the country.

On a positive note, the report noted that the statistics revealed 94.7% of respondents were glad they'd become councillors, with 85.8% saying their motivation was 'to serve the community.'

PS – *coming soon* – DALC election training workshops – watch this (newsletter) space!

### **3 – Helping heat warm hubs**

A council's query about helping pay the heating bills of a church's 'warm hub' has been clarified by legal experts. Because a grant towards the cost of electricity wouldn't actually involve work on the property, it doesn't fall foul of the 1894 Act, instead being allowable under Section 137. Also, for eligible councils, the general power of competence would be applicable.

### **4 – Save the date(s)!**

May 2023 is shaping up to be a busy month... local elections on May 4<sup>th</sup>, followed by the coronation of Charles III on May 6<sup>th</sup>. Guidance has just been issued regarding the deadlines for councils to hold their annual meeting; for any council involved in the elections, the meeting must be held between May 9<sup>th</sup> and May 24<sup>th</sup> 2023 inclusive. However, this is pending any announcement regarding a change to bank holiday dates.

### **5 – New DALC subscription fees**

As agreed at the DALC Annual Meeting of the Executive and debated at the AGM, the tables below outline changes to the subscription fees for 2023/24.

The main difference is that the fees will be split into two parts; the membership fee for DALC, plus the membership fee for NALC (the National Association of Local Councils). It was agreed that a 're-set' of the fees for DALC would be appropriate to improve the fairness of the charges and give a greater transparency for councils to understand where their contributions go.

We anticipate (and hope) that for the majority of councils, the changes will not be too burdensome and that, by giving sufficient notice, this can be accommodated in budgeting. However, we also recognise that, for some councils, these changes may prove more difficult to accommodate. If this is the situation, we would very much welcome a conversation about how we can stagger the increase over a longer period of time. Please do get in touch with Wendy Amis if it is going to be a problem for your council.

If you would like to have a reminder of your electorate numbers for the current financial year, please get in touch and we will be able to provide these for you. Invoices will be sent out once we receive the electoral numbers from principal authorities.

The first table outlines the current 2022/23 combined subscription, while the second table shows the new, two-part subscription which will come into effect from April 1<sup>st</sup>, 2023.

Band (electoral number)	Subs (including NALC fee)
<b>2022/23</b>	<b>2022/23</b>
	£
0-199	<b>71.09</b>
200-299	<b>108.61</b>
300-399	<b>175.87</b>
400-599	<b>224.56</b>
600-899	<b>268.27</b>
900-1249	<b>348.08</b>
1250-1699	<b>449.17</b>
1700-1999	<b>572.80</b>
2000-2999	<b>700.03</b>
3000-4999	<b>812.77</b>
5000-6000	<b>970.13</b>
6000+	<b>NALC fee + 482.18</b>

Band (electoral number)	Subs for DALC	Subs for NALC (7.71p/elector)
<b>2023/24</b>	<b>2023/24</b>	<b>2023/24 Average for band</b>
	£	£
0-199	<b>70</b>	7.71
200-299	<b>120</b>	19.28
300-399	<b>170</b>	26.99
400-599	<b>220</b>	38.55
600-899	<b>270</b>	57.83
900-1249	<b>320</b>	82.88
1250-1499	<b>380</b>	106.00
1500-1749	<b>440</b>	125.29
1750-1999	<b>500</b>	144.56
2000-2999	<b>560</b>	192.75
3000-5999	<b>620</b>	346.95
6000+	620	(based on 7000 electors) 539.70

## **6 – DALC becomes a limited company**

After more than 70 years as an unincorporated association, DALC's legal status will change on April 1<sup>st</sup>, 2023, when it will become a limited company. The change, which follows extensive legal advice and deliberation by the DALC Executive, will – amongst other benefits – resolve the issue of individual liability. A detailed explanation of the reasons for the status change can be read on the [DALC website here](#), while the Articles of Association can be [accessed here](#).

## **7 – DALC AGM Speakers – Equality and Diversity; and the future focus of NALC**

Our two fantastic speakers at the AGM were Ann Webster, Lead on Equality and Diversity, Derby City Council and Jonathan Owen, Chief Executive, NALC. Ann gave a really useful and informative presentation on what councils need to be considering to comply with the Equality Act 2010, while Jonathan described work being rolled out on the climate emergency and the civility and respect project being jointly undertaken by NALC and SLCC (Society of Local Council Clerks). Following questions received from delegates, Ann has provided the following links to guidance on accessible play equipment and areas:

<https://londonplay.org.uk/tools/plan-inclusive-play-areas-pipa-assessment-tool/>

<https://hags.co.uk/en-gb/designing-inclusive-playgrounds/accessibility>

### **8 – Upcoming training dates**

In addition to DALC's regular courses, we're pleased to also offer:

17<sup>th</sup> November 10-1pm Law & Good Practice of Local Council Meetings

- *This course is suitable for both clerks and councillors wanting to better understand the rules and guidelines around preparing for, holding, and minuting meetings, as well as responsibilities before, during and between meetings.*

21<sup>st</sup> November 10-12pm Cemetery training

- *This course is aimed at both clerks and councillors who have statutory responsibility for cemeteries and closed churchyards and who are responsible for memorials and their upkeep. It will also be of benefit to full and part-time cemetery staff of burial authorities.*

21<sup>st</sup> November 6-8.30pm Councillor Essentials

- *This course is aimed at both new councillors and those wishing to refresh their knowledge of the legal background, roles and responsibilities within a council, Council responsibilities, powers and duties, as well as how meetings are set up and run.*

23<sup>rd</sup> November 10-12pm HR Appraisals for Staff

- *All staff should receive an appraisal at least once a year. This course is suitable for both councillors and clerks to provide an understanding of the importance and benefit of appraisals in staff management, as well as tools and techniques to carry out this essential function effectively.*

All our training is available to view and book here: [DALC Training booking page](#)

We have also released our next CiLCA (Certificate in Local Council Administration) training. This will start on 27<sup>th</sup> January 2022. If you would like to get more information on what is involved in gaining this professional qualification just drop us a line at [training@derbyshirealc.gov.uk](mailto:training@derbyshirealc.gov.uk)

We will soon be releasing details of our election training workshops for 2023, getting you ready for the 4<sup>th</sup> May!

### ***9 – Energy Bills – bulk purchase***

Just a reminder that, if you are concerned about increasing energy prices, it might be worth giving Chris at Clear Utility Solutions a call to discuss possible discounts through their bulk buying scheme for parish and town councils. He can be contacted on: <https://www.clearutilitysolutions.com/dalc-partnership>

### ***10 – On the Level – new planning platform launched***

A new [national planning map](#) which enables users to add layers including green belt, SSSI, ancient woodland and brownfield land has been launched by the Department for Levelling Up, Housing & Communities. Part of a new [planning data platform](#), the map is aimed at “standardizing and simplifying the collection and presentation of planning information.”

Chief planner Joanna Averley says the new platform “marks an exciting moment in the digital modernisation of planning.”

### ***11 – Changing local behaviour is key, says climate report***

Lessons learned from the Covid pandemic should be used to drive behaviour on climate change, says a House of Lords committee. In its wide-ranging, 140-page report, the Environment & Climate Change Committee covers subjects ranging from appetite for change to examples of local authority action, in addition to behavioural lessons learned in areas such as smoking, obesity and the pandemic. The [report can be read here](#).

### ***12 – LTN updates – complaints (9), records (40) and meetings (5)***

NALC has ‘updated and refreshed’ LTNs on [complaints \(9\)](#) and [records \(40\)](#), and issued new guidance on members of the public attending meetings remotely ([5 – para 42](#)). They explain: “Where members of the public are attending remotely a council should ensure that they can remotely contribute to the public participation.”

### ***13 – Clerk & Chair forum invites – Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> November***

Budgeting and Civility & Respect will be on the agenda of this month’s forum meetings on November 9<sup>th</sup>; clerks 1pm, chairs 2.30pm.

Join Zoom Meeting (same link for both meetings)



<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/4663925358?pwd=SUNVcFcyG5JalFsZVZGSkhXVGpyZz09>

Meeting ID: 466 392 5358

Passcode: DALC22

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#### **14 – Civility and Respect Project**

Further outputs from this joint project between NALC and SLCC include:

- a. [Model Officer protocol](#)
- b. Guidance on recruitment manual – this is an update to our current document and is quite extensive. It will be available online shortly but, in the meantime, do contact the office if you want any support in recruitment of staff.

#### **15 – Just in... pay award 2022/23**

The Unions have agreed the employers' pay award for 2022/23 (current financial year) which will need to be backdated to 1<sup>st</sup> April 2022. We are awaiting the details from NALC for our sector but it looks to be in the region of £1 per hour increase.

In addition, from 1<sup>st</sup> April 2023 all employees will receive a permanent increase of one day (pro rata for part-timers) to their annual leave entitlement.

We will put the new scale onto the website as soon as we receive it.

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# Public Document Pack



**North East  
Derbyshire**  
District Council

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Date: Thursday, 3 November 2022

To: **All Members of the District Parish Liaison Group**

You are invited to attend a meeting of the District Parish Liaison Group, to be held on **Thursday, 10 November 2022 at 5.00 pm**. The meeting will be held in the District Council Offices at Mill Lane Wingerworth. However, you will also be able to attend by using Zoom. The Zoom access details will be sent out separately.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Sarah Steuberg".

**Assistant Director of Governance and Monitoring Officer**

# **AGENDA**

## **1 Welcome and Introductions**

Councillor Alex Dale, Leader of the Council

## **2 Apologies for Absence**

## **3 Notes of the Last Meeting (Pages 4 - 7)**

To approve the Notes of the meeting held on Friday 22 July 2022.

## **4 The Elections Act 2022 and the Parish Elections 2023**

Sarah Sternberg, Assistant Director of Governance and Monitoring Officer and Donna Jawad, Electoral Services Manager

## **5 Devolution Deal - Update**

Councillor Alex Dale, Leader of North East Derbyshire District Council

Lee Hickin, Managing Director

## **6 UK Shared Prosperity Fund Update**

Steve Lee, Assistant Director, Regeneration and Programmes and Joy Redfern, Assistant Director, Street Scene

## **7 Cost of Living, Energy Efficiency**

Councillor J Kenyon, Portfolio Holder for Economy, Transformation and Climate Change

Jayne Dethick, Director of Finance and Resources and S151 Officer, Steve Lee, Assistant Director, Regeneration and Programmes

## **8 Any Questions**

Please email your questions to: [alan.maher@ne-derbyshire.gov.uk](mailto:alan.maher@ne-derbyshire.gov.uk) in advance, if possible

## **9 Date and Time of Next Meeting**

To be determined

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# We speak your language



North East  
Derbyshire  
District Council

Polish

*Mówimy Twoim językiem*

Urdu

ہم آپ کی زبان بولتے ہیں

Romanian

*Vorbim limba dumneavoastră*

Chinese

我们会说你的语言



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# Agenda Item 3

## DISTRICT PARISH LIAISON GROUP

### NOTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON FRIDAY, 22 JULY 2022

#### **Present:**

Councillor Nigel Barker  
Councillor Charlotte Cupit  
Councillor John Funnell  
Councillor Alex Platts  
Councillor Alan Powell

Councillor Stephen Clough  
Councillor Alex Dale  
Councillor Heather Liggett  
Councillor Maureen Potts  
Councillor Carolyn Renwick

#### **Also Present:**

K Apps	Assistant Director of Economic Development, Regeneration
M Clarke	Stretton Parish Council
J Dethick	Director of Finance and Resources & (Section 151 Officer)
L Hickin	Managing Director - Head of Paid Service
D Johnson	Assistant Director of Property, Estates and Assets
S Lee	Assistant Director of Transformation & Communications and SIRO
J Redfern	Assistant Director of Streetscene
K Redford	Walton & Holymoorside Parish Council
A Maher	Interim Governance Manager
C Taylor	Wingerworth Parish Council

#### **DPL Welcome to the meeting**

**G/1/2**

**2-23**

The Leader of North East Derbyshire District Council, Councillor Alex Dale, welcomed everyone to the meeting. He provided the Liaison Group with an Update on recent developments. In particular, he explained that the District Council had been awarded the Armed Forces Employer Recognition Scheme 'Gold Award' by the Ministry of Defence. He thanked all those involved for their hard work in helping to achieve this success and especially the role played by the Council's Armed Forces Champion, Councillor Martin E Thacker MBE.

Councillor Alex Dale then explained that the new Chair of the District Council, Councillor Diana Ruff, had chosen the Soldiers, Sailors and Airforce Families Association (SSAFA) for her charitable appeal. The Chair of the Council had chosen SSAFA because of its excellent work and the valuable support and assistance which it offers to the Armed Forces Community in the District.

The Leader of the District Council then explained the improvement work to the District's Leisure Centres. Liaison Group heard that the Council had been awarded grant aid from the Government's Public Sector Decarbonisation Scheme. This would be used to help reduce significantly the Carbon footprint of the Sports Centre and curb its energy costs to the Council. He also highlighted the progress towards redeveloping the Sharley Park Leisure Centre and the refurbishment of the Killamarsh Leisure Centre. This was now entering its final

stage. The aim was that 'Killamarsh Active' would open in early autumn.

Finally, Councillor Alex Dale referred to the ongoing campaign for passenger trains to once again use the Barrow Hill Railway line, and for stations to be opened along its route. He explained the benefits this would have for the District. Liaison Group heard how about the next steps that would have to be taken, in what was likely to be a long term project.

**DPL**     **Introduction to the Council's new Assistant Directors**

**G/2/2**  
**2-23**

The District Council's new Assistant Directors were introduced to the Liaison Group. They were the new Assistant Director - Street Scene, Joy Redfern, and the Assistant Director for Property and Estates, Damien Johnson. Both of the Assistant Directors gave presentations to the Liaison Group setting out their vision for what they aimed to achieve and the challenges that would need to be addressed.

As part of this, the Assistant Director – Street Scene, highlighted how her immediate focus was on understanding how the service is currently provided across the District's Town and Parish Council areas, meeting the immediate pressures and beginning to scope future service demands as a result of new housing and other developments. This would then enable the future resource requirements to be assessed and to be focused on key priorities.

The Assistant Director for Property and Estates the role and purpose of his service area and the function carried out by specific teams, such as Engineering. He explained that one of his key priorities would be to implement the Council's Strategic Asset Management Plan and the scope to achieve more effective use of the Council's accommodation and to work with other bodies to ensure the re-development of key sites in Clay Cross and other parts of the District.

AGREED - The Liaison Group thanked the Assistant Directors for their presentations.

**DPL**     **Apologies for Absence**

**G/3/2**  
**2-23**

Councillors Peter Elliot (Brampton PC) Roger Hall (Dronfield TC), Thomas Marples (Holmesfield PC) Jeff Swallow (Holymoorside and Walton PC) Tracy Reader (Clay Cross PC) Pam Windley (Tupton PC).

**DPL**     **Minutes of the Last Meeting**

**G/4/2**  
**2-23**

The Notes of the meeting held on 18 March 2022 were approved as a true record.

**DPL**     **Devolution - What it means for Derbyshire**

**G/5/2**  
**2-23**

The District Council's Managing Director, Lee Hickin, updated the Liaison Group on the Government's Devolution proposals and their contribution to achieving the Government's Levelling-Up objectives, by transferring responsibility and control over resources to the devolved bodies.

The meeting was reminded of various approaches to devolution which had been considered. Liaison Group heard about recent discussions at a County level about the possible creation of a Combined Authority for Derbyshire and Nottinghamshire and how this might work. The meeting reflected on how the new Combined Authority would be able to draw down resources down from the national level if the Devolution Deal was progressed. Liaison Group also heard how the proposal would not take away powers and responsibilities from the existing tiers of local government.

Liaison Group was informed about the ongoing work to determine in detail how this arrangement might work. It was informed of the key stages that would have to be achieved and the timescales for this. The Leader of the District Council, Councillor Alex Dale stressed the potential value to the District of a Devolution Deal, especially if it resulted in greater local control over significant resources, which could be used to help improve Transport, Education and Infrastructure. Councillor Alex Dale agreed to keep the Group informed of further developments.

AGREED - That the Update be noted.

**DPL**     **Regeneration Update**

**G/6/2**

**2-23**

The meeting heard about the work to develop and submit a Levelling-Up Fund bid to regenerate Eckington Town Centre. These proposals had been presented at an Open Day event in the town and they had been strongly supported. Group also heard about the progress made on the Dronfield Master Plan and the implementation of the Clay Cross Town Deal. In this context, the Liaison Group heard about the progress which had been made on the ten projects to be funded through the Town Deal Fund. The meeting also heard about the objective to promote decarbonisation and the Strategic Partnership with Derby University, which was being developed in order to help achieve this goal.

AGREED - That the Update be noted

**DPL**     **United Kingdom Shared Prosperity Fund (UKSPF)**

**G/7/2**

**2-23**

District Parish Liaison Group received an Update on the UK Shared Prosperity Fund. Liaison Group was reminded that North East Derbyshire had been provisionally allocated £2.568M to deliver a UK Shared Prosperity Fund (UKSPF) programme. The District Council would be responsible for managing this. The Meeting heard how following consultation with a wide range of stakeholders, including elected Members and the Parish Councils, Cabinet had agreed a proposed North East Derbyshire UK Shared Prosperity Fund (UKSPF) Investment Plan. The focus for this, it was stated, would be on improving parks and open spaces.

Liaison Group heard how the Investment Plan would now be submitted to the Department for Levelling-Up, Housing and Communities (DLUHC) for consideration and approval. Cabinet heard that if the Investment Plan was approved, it would be implemented from October 2022 and run until 2025.

Town and Parish Councils were asked to identify discuss specific priorities with the District Council. Councillor J Funnell (Morton PC) explained that he had identified specific projects, which he would like to be considered.

AGREED - That the Update be noted.

**DPL Any Questions**

**G/8/2**

**2-23** None.

**DPL Date and Time of Next Meeting**

**G/9/2**

**2-23**

The Liaison Group considered whether its future meetings should take place in person, rather than remotely over Zoom. It also considered whether they should be moved from early Friday evenings to mid-week, which would hopefully allow more Parish and District Councillors to attend.

**AGREED**

- (1) That the next meeting of the District Parish Liaison Group be held at the NEDDC Mill Lane Offices;
- (2) That the meeting be arranged for a mid-week date in November

**DPL Close of the Meeting**

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Councillor Alex Dale thanked everyone for attending and closed the meeting.