

Glossopdale Area Forum

Thursday 21st September 2006

Questions and Answers

Question: 01GD	21/09/06	Activities for young people
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Could you give details of the strategy for the provision of activities for young people at evenings and weekends in Glossopdale?

Answer (Derbyshire County Council):

Derbyshire County Council Youth Service leads on youth provision and a list is attached. Provision is directed by the Youth Service Annual Plan, which forms part of the Derbyshire Children and Younger Adults Plan. Priority areas of work are directed by the Derbyshire Children and Younger Adults Plan, and targets of work are set by Government.

Young people's views are fed in locally at sessions and reviewed each term, and in January, fed into the Youth Service annual plan. Community views can be fed into the youth service in January, April, or November, according to the Youth Service Participation Framework, as well as by other community networks that may operate locally. Copies of the plan are available at the meeting.

Answer (High Peak Borough Council):

High Peak Borough Council is starting a range of weekend activities in parks in Glossop for young people, beginning with a 'Fun Ice Skating Rink' in Manor Park on the Friday, 13th October.

Other dates and events will be published on our website.

Regular activities for young people are also provided through High Peak Borough Council leisure services in Glossop Leisure Centre and Gamesley Community Centre. The voluntary sector also provides a wide range of structured and informal activities for young people. Details can also be found on

www.sourceofthepeak.co.uk

How much provision is made in the area for sheltered accommodation, including in new developments?

Answer (High Peak Community Housing):

The elderly sheltered housing, promoted via High Peak Community Housing, is as follows:

- Cornmill House, King Edward Avenue, Glossop, 38 x 1 bed units (Raglan Housing Association)
- Acre Court, Whitfield Avenue, 28 bedsits and 4x 1 bed flats (Anchor Trust)
- Robinwood Lodge, Gamesley, 28x 1 bed flats (Northern Counties Housing Association)

An 'Extra Care' housing scheme is also under construction at Whitfield House. In addition, there are a number of private providers who have connections to Care Link.

There are also certain private housing schemes which are marketed specifically at older people, and which provide some element of warden facility – such as McCarthy and Stone's Ladybower House on North Road.

High Peak Borough Council has just completed a joint housing needs survey with Derbyshire Dales District Council – this will give us an up-to-date picture of all housing needs, including the need among older people. This, in turn, will start to influence planning policies and, most particularly, the planned housing provision over the period 2006–2026, which will shortly be addressed through the Local Development Framework.

Nationally, the trend is towards a greater provision for older people – as the population is ageing – but the form of provision is changing, so that people tend to stay in their own homes longer and the specialist provision is increasingly geared towards much older people.

Question: 03GD 21/09/06 Mobile library

Could the mobile library be placed on Tesco's car park once a month, serving people like myself, who have mobility problems, but are brought to Tesco's car park for shopping?

Answer (Derbyshire County Council):

The mobile library is currently unable to stop in the Tesco car park, as the supermarket is reluctant to allow this. Other supermarkets, such as Morrisons, have been more supportive. Derbyshire County Council does operate a library service for books to be delivered to house-bound people. The Library Service would be happy to discuss this further with the individual – please contact Angela Redfern at County Hall, on **01629 580000 ext 6589**, to be referred to the appropriate service provider.

Question: 04GD 21/09/06 Plastic recycling

We are concerned that the council has no plans for plastic recycling. Each individual must make a journey to a plastic recycling collection point, using up more petrol and creating pollution. The collection points are invariably full. Households have more plastic waste than any other type. Because plastic is lightweight, the council can issue bags for collection; these can easily be stored when not in use. A street collection of plastic waste will use up less fuel and create less pollution. Will the Council consider this matter?

Answer (High Peak Borough Council):

The Council has situated sites, where people can bring their recycling material along to for collection, in areas that residents would normally be visiting anyway – therefore no additional trips are required. As plastic is a very light material, but very bulky, a collection vehicle would need to have a local facility to tip the waste and continue with the collection round. A bulking up facility is currently scheduled to be built in Buxton. However, the Council has looked at introducing a kerbside collection of plastic, but this would cost in the region of £180,000. A lot of the issues with the recycling sites are due to people leaving the plastics by the side

and not putting them into the containers. Residents then assume that the site is full and the area becomes covered in bags. These sites are being monitored and the frequency of collections will be increased, if necessary. For example, the recycling site at Pennine Road, Simmondley, is having extra banks to try and alleviate the problem of overspill.

Follow up question:

We have more plastic waste than any other type, and can only put bottles in the bring banks. Every time we take plastic to the banks, we are using up petrol and creating pollution. Would be better for the environment if plastic was collected.

Answer (High Peak Borough Council):

Plastic is a problem because there are lots of different types and low weight. Lots of councils are struggling with how to recycle plastic economically. We would rather people dropped off their plastics when going shopping.

Comment:

Morrisons in Hyde takes all types of plastic.

Question: 05GD	21/09/06	Road safety
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In the interests of road safety, could the 30mph sign, when descending Monks Road – and the 'no speed limit' sign, when ascending Monks Road – be moved higher up the hill to the wider straighter section? Currently, when descending into Charlesworth, the 30mph sign is situated below the area where the road narrows to a single lane, and there have been several accidents and many near-misses at this point, as well as damage to the listed churchyard wall.

Answer (Derbyshire County Council):

The issue is not as straight forward as just moving a sign. The sign has been placed in its current position, in line with Department of Transport guidelines, and signifies the start of the speed restriction, which is also laid out in the guidelines. To move the sign would require a Traffic Regulation order – without which the speed restriction could not be enforced – and would require the agreement of the

police, as the enforcement body. However, new Government guidelines have just been produced, entitled "Setting Local Speed Limits", which will require Derbyshire County Council to revisit all the speed limits within the County by 2011. Obviously, this is a lengthy process and will have to be prioritised, starting with A and B class roads, accidents hotspots and road usage, etc. All speed limits will be checked to see if they are still relevant and correctly placed.

Question: 06GD	21/09/06	Young people in Hadfield
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We could do with some improvements in Hadfield for young people, for example, a skate park that used to be in Manor Park.

Answer (High Peak Borough Council):

We are looking at some investment in the park to provide facilities for young people and have been consulting locally. The park is well used, but the facilities are not sufficient.

Question: 07GD	21/09/06	Gutters
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There are a lot of plants growing out of gutters. Who deals with these?

Answer (High Peak Borough Council):

We need to do more work, in terms of gully cleaning. We have cleaned about 100 in Glossop, after discussions at previous area forums.

Gerald Tommy will take the issue back for a response. Moss and weeds are common issues, and tonight we will take this back for action. We have a steam cleaning machine and can put problem areas on the cleaning schedule. We spray weeds in the borough three times a year. We will go back and do individual sprays, if you let us know where they are.

Additional comment:

Some pavements are very bad with moss. They used to be sprayed periodically, with weed killer, but in some areas, this no longer happens.

Answer (High Peak Borough Council):

We are not keen on using pesticides, but if pavements are getting slippery with moss, we need to do something about it. We'll take this back for discussion.

Question: 08GD	21/09/06	Gulleys
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A year ago, we asked for gulleys to be numbered, so the public can report issues easily. Nothing has been done.

Answer (High Peak Borough Council):

Gulleys are identifiable. We have targeted work in areas where gulleys are most problematic.

Question: 09GD	21/09/06	Street Cleaning
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I asked the Council for a street cleaning timetable. Cleaning vehicles are coming up the road, but not able to do anything because of parked vehicles.

Answer (High Peak Borough Council):

We do have problems with this, but we do notify residents prior to street cleaning taking place.

Comment:

This does not happen

Answer (High Peak Borough Council):

We will take it back.

Question: 10GD	21/09/06	NEAT exercise
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During NEAT audits (Neighbourhood Environmental Action Team), weeds at the side of kerbs and pavements were identified. Do we need to re-do the NEAT exercise to check that issues have been dealt with?

Answer (High Peak Borough Council):

Possibly. You have an opportunity to identify grot spots this evening. We'll also go out with local people through the NEAT scheme.

Question: 11GD 21/09/06 Waste collection

Some people are being told they can't have their waste collected door to door, because the lorry is too wide. I'm concerned that, in the winter, I will be paying for weekly collections, but there will be no garden waste in the second week.

Answer (High Peak Borough Council):

If any elderly person has any problem and wants assisted collection, we will help. Cardboard can be composted and will still be collected in the second week. We're hoping kitchen waste will be put in the second bin in the future.

Question: 12GD 21/09/06 Moss in Norfolk Square

When it rains, it gets very mossy and dirty in Norfolk Square. Is it possible to get more cleaning there?

Answer (High Peak Borough Council):

Moss and weeds are a common issue tonight and we will take that back. We have a steam cleaning machine and can put problem areas on the cleaning schedule. We weed spray the borough three times a year. We will go back and do individual sprays, if you let us know where they are.

Question: 13GD 21/09/06 Christmas Waste Collection

At Christmas there must be a lot more food waste in the black bin. What will happen when black bin is full?

Answer (High Peak Borough Council):

Christmas period does present a particular problem. We are reverting to a weekly collection of everything over the holiday period. The Environment Select

Committee has asked for more information regarding collection of waste in specific areas.

Question: 14GD	21/09/06	Community Waste Tip
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Why can't Glossop have a community waste tip, as in Ashbourne? The Glossop tip is a disgrace. Is something going to be done?

Answer (Derbyshire County Council):

I'm delighted to hear of satisfaction with Ashbourne – a result of community consultation, but it was very expensive. We'll take away comments about the condition of the Glossop tip.

Question: 15GD	21/09/06	Waste incineration
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Has Derbyshire County Council or High Peak Borough Council considered incineration of waste?

Answer (Derbyshire County Council):

Nationally and locally, options are being considered. County and HPBC are looking for a partner to help develop and implement a waste management contract.

Question: 16GD	21/09/06	Policing
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I live on Shirebrook estate, which is getting quite big. Any chance of having a police constable on the beat periodically, because there might be a problem with gangs of young people in the future?

Answer (High Peak Borough Council):

We're about to embark on a redevelopment of the park. We need to open it up to improve visibility, security and reduce anti-social behaviour.

Police:

There are competing demands for resources, but we are looking at the way we deploy staff, such as police community support officers and special constables. We want a beat officer allocated to each area, linked to a Safer Neighbourhood Team, who are accessible and visible and easily contacted, especially about issues of anti-social behaviour. A lot of work is already going on. Please contact your local police about problems with anti-social behaviour.

Question: 17GD 21/09/06 Fridge recycling

Why is there now a charge for removing fridges? Isn't it going to increase fly-tipping

Answer (High Peak Borough Council):

Council decided to introduce charges for bulky waste in 2001. Haven't seen an increase in fly-tipping since introducing charges

Additional Question:

Doesn't it increase the number of fridges left in gardens of people who cannot afford the charge?

Answer (High Peak Borough Council):

There is a reduced rate for people who have difficulty paying the charge because of their circumstances.

Introduction of WEEE (Waste Electrical and Electronic Equipment) will mean suppliers will have some responsibility for waste.

Question: 18GD 21/09/06 Road sweeper

There are complaints because of a road sweeper being used at 6.25am and moving very quickly.

Answer (High Peak Borough Council):

The reason they go out early is to get access to pavements, which is difficult later in the day, with parked cars, etc. We'll take issue of speed back.

Additional comment:

The sweeper could not get on pavements because of parked cars.

Question: 19GD 21/09/06 Car Parking
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On Cottage Lane, cars and vans are parked every night across dropped kerbs. What can be done?

Answer (Police):

Legislation for parking across dropped kerbs. We'll take it away as an issue.

Comment:

Cars should not park on pavements because of access needed by wheelchairs and prams, etc. People who park the cars on the pavements are selfish.

Comments:

At the top of St Mary's and Charlestown Road there are lots of cars on the pavement, but it allows free access for cars on the road.

Question: 20GD 21/09/06 Shirebrook Park
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Please do not put a shelter in the park, as it will encourage smoking and drugs.

Answer (High Peak Borough Council):

We have conducted extensive consultation, with residents in Shirebrook, to find out what they want from the park.

Question: 21GD 21/09/06 A57
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Very disappointed in the public attendance tonight. People would have come, regarding the subject of Derbyshire County Council closing the A57 High Street in Glossop because of legislation.

Comment:

Issue about public attendance. Next meeting is at Bradbury House. The area forum is for Glossopdale, but always held in Glossop, which means outlying areas always have to travel in.

Answer (Derbyshire County Council):

People should seek to find a solution to issues. Members and officers at Derbyshire County Council are fully aware of this issue, but have a responsibility to keep traffic moving and save lives. There is a possible solution but we cannot say anything until further work is done. Road haulage companies may have a different view about the road being closed and may want to take action against Derbyshire County Council.

Comment:

A detour would only be a mile and a half, so haulage companies would not have an issue with it. Issue was with the bus companies. Roads are shut for London Marathon and Manchester Marathon, so why not Glossop? Snake Pass was shut for two weeks for Derbyshire County Council work to be done. Answers were not sufficient.

Answer (Derbyshire County Council):

Derbyshire County Council officers and members will look at it next year.