



**Hope Valley Area Forum
Edale Village Hall
Thursday 25th October 2007
Topic: 'Help us spend £5,000'
'Going Local'**

Questions and Answers

Question 1: Has Hathersage Swimming Pool been considered for the money from the 'Going Local' Fund?

Answer: High Peak Borough Council does still contribute money to the pool at present. 'Going Local' money does not pay itself to a project like Hathersage Pool as it is a continuous need. 'Going Local' is better to be used for projects similar to the noticeboards where there is no ongoing costs and can be done as a one off project.

Derbyshire Dales is currently looking at the funding to Hathersage Pool. The matter is currently being discussed with High Peak Borough Council as contributions from the two councils involved (High Peak Borough Council and Derbyshire Dales District Council) are different. It is seen that the pool is an important facility for the area and everyone is conscious of the concerns of the community.

Question 2: There is a voluntary litter picking team in Hope. Could High Peak provided the equipment for the group from the 'Going Local' money?

Answer: HPBC can support this idea through 'Going Local'. This is the type of project we would be happy to support through the initiative and will consider the idea once we have further information.

Question 3: Public Footpath, Eccles Close – The gates cause noise when people walk through them. Is there anyway of silencing or reducing the noise?

Answer: This would be dependent on the ownership of the gates and the footpath but it is something we could look into further if we have some further information.

Question 4: Derwent and Hope Woodlands – Chapel and Village Hall could use some of the money.

Answer: If there is work that can be done, we can help. But the money should not be used to keep places going. Projects can be done if they are a one-off, but projects cannot be supported if there are resulting ongoing costs and needs are continuous.

Question 5: Off-roading – what has happened and when will we receive an update?

Answer/Discussion

DCC – Work is currently being done between the Police, Peak Park and Derbyshire County Council but before Derbyshire County Council is in a position to give a full update, they need to have the information with them. Information needs to be collected regarding the legal aspect of the issue. It has been shown that it is limiting to look at maps of right of ways and, in some cases, off-roaders and 4 x 4 may be allowed to use some of these roads.

Police – Police are trying to get into the groups where the 4x4 drivers meet, to educate the users and ask them to respect the villages and the residents – hoping that the use of education will help. It isn't just the residents that it affects, it is also the visitors to the area.

Resident – The maps don't always hold up in court. The courts can go back years and look at older documents. The only way it can be looked at is through road closures.

Resident – Roads are not always on maps and are on the list of streets. Two documents are listed and read together, the map and list of streets.

Resident – Essentially, there are two problems – the danger and damage to the roads, but there is also the noise.

Resident – It is time that there is a proper legislation to prevent the noise. This would be done through the Department of Transport.

It was agreed by Derbyshire County Council, the Police and High Peak Borough Council, that an update can be given at the February forum and that the topic can be revisited in February.

Resident – Ramblers could provide some information on the subject.

Question 6: Double yellow lines in the area – are they enforced?

This can be done by the Police, to enforce the regulations, as there is a shortage of traffic wardens. It may be the case that DCC may take over the enforcement of yellow lines.

Is there anything that a member of the public can do?

It is important that this is referred to the police, as a citizen's arrest would not be useable in this situation.

What sort of reaction would the police give?

They would never leave it to the member of the public to deal with, but may not be instant in their response.

Dangers of motorbikes uses the Hope Valley.

What is the enforcement situation with parking and is it going to an outside contractor?

This would not be something for the Going Local money but it can be brought back at a later date.