Minutes of a Meeting of the Colne and District Working Group of the Pendle Community Safety Partnership held at Colne Town Hall on 4th February, 2016

PRESENT

Jerry Stanford - Chair - in the Chair

Audrey Broughton Friends of Alkincoates Park & Nature Reserve

Sue Bryant-Lauder Resident David Foat Resident

Carol Riley Nature Reserve & Parks

Kevin McNulty Castle Rd NW PS 4021 Kim De Curtis Lancashire Police

Alice Mann Waterside Neighbourhood Action Group

Councillor David Clegg
Pendle Borough Council
Councillor Margaret Foxley
Councillor Sarah Cockburn-Price
Nick Harbour
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1. Apologies

Apologies were received from Glenda Clegg, Councillor Tony Greaves and Peter Atkinson

2. Minutes of last meeting

The minutes of the meeting held on 7th January, 2016 were approved as a true and correct record.

3. Matters Arising

Ambulance Attendance at Accidents – long delays still occurring for people waiting for ambulances. In a recently released report, it was highlighted that every single red one call in West Craven failed to meet the required timescale for attendance. A Scrutiny team will be looking into the performance and trying to find out why the service is functioning so poorly.

Shaw Street speeding vehicles – Extra provisions have now been provided at Shaw Street with the addition of new white road markings to the road.

Dog owners with dogs off-leads – no update available yet – Jerry Stanford is attending the Full Partnership meeting on Monday where a report will be available.

Action: Jerry to circulate the report handed out at the Full Partnership meeting.

Burnley Road late night car gymnastics - issue still ongoing. No new update.

Vegetation at Sub-Station, Parker Street/Barrowford Road – no further issues, all vegetation cut back.

Parked cars at Hartley Terrace – PCSO Kevin Dolphin attended the site and spoke to the garage owner where the parked cars were coming from. Local residents said that despite this, the issue is still ongoing.

Action: Nick Harbour to check with Tim Horsley on what the next steps can be to combat the issue. Check with LCC on the possibility of getting double yellow lines put in place.

Clinical Commissioning Group – Good news for local residents. Since two doctors resigned from the panel after the CCG announced that local doctors would not be allowed to run their own after hours service, the CCG have asked that the GP's present a workable plan to them as to how the service would work. It is hoped that this will be approved which would be beneficial to residents.

Action: Jerry Stanford to keep an eye out for any updates and report back to the group.

4. Matters of Concern

Road surfacing from Skipton Road into Laneshawbridge – problems arising with recently laid stones separating from the road. Causing damage to cars and reports of the stones hitting people as cars drive past. LCC have accepted responsibility for this having laid the wrong type of stone. They will be re-laying the road surface again in the spring and there will be no cost for this. Potholes in the road on Keighley Road will also be repaired at the same time.

Nuisance parking – a couple of issues were raised as to nuisance parking in Colne, including spots on Byron Road.

Abandoned van at Wood Street – a van has been left for over 4 weeks now at the entrance of Wood Street.

Action - PS Kim De Curtis will visit the side to see is the vehicle is causing an obstruction and assess the situation.

Vandalism to bus shelters – over the past couple of weeks, there appears to have been an increase to vandalism of bus shelters (namely Oak St, Skipton Road and Harrison Drive). These acts have not been reported to the police so no action has been taken yet.

Action – Council, Councillors and residents are to contact PS Kim De Curtis with any new reports of damage.

Action – Jerry Stanford to write to the paper to get an article published encouraging residents to be aware of the problem.

Action – Jerry Stanford to contact Transdev to ask that drivers report any damage they notice when passing bus stops.

ASB at Talbot Street – reports of youngsters misbehaving on Talbot Street. Throwing mud and other objects at buses. Molly at Housing Pendle has the name of some of those responsible.

Action – PS Kim De Curtis to contact Molly and seek out the perpetrators.

Reduced bus services – some residents have voiced their concerns about the potential upcoming reductions to some bus services in the town. Unfortunately, there are major cuts to be made by LCC and some services will stop. See attached email.

Colne Town Council CCTV – update given on progress being made by the Town Council in relation to installing CCTV in the town. A preview of the equipment purchased was impressive. Another demonstration will be given on 17th February. Need to look into getting volunteers to monitor the cameras once installed (likely on a Friday and Saturday night). Will look into perhaps contacting schools and colleges to encourage young people to assist. Another update will be given next month.

5. Crime Statistics & PACT Priorities

PS De Curtis presented the crime figures for January 2016, together with figures for the same period in 2015

	Waterside		Horsfield		Colne Rural		Vivary Bridge		Foulridge		Total		Plus/ minus
	2015	2016	2015	2016	2015	2016	2015	2016	2015	2016	2015	2016	
Burglary in a dwelling	0	0	1	3	2	0	2	3	1	1	6	7	+1
Burglary other than in a dwelling	3	6	4	3	1	0	3	4	0	1	11	14	+3
Vehicle Crime	5	2	2	1	4	1	2	3	0	2	13	9	-4
Hate Crime	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	-1
D/V assaults	2	1	6	0	0	0	5	1	0	0	13	2	-11
Licensed premises assaults	1	2	6	3	1	0	0	0	0	0	8	5	-3
Other assaults	2	3	3	3	0	1	0	0	1	0	6	7	+1
Criminal Damage/ Arson	5	10	7	6	1	2	5	5	1	0	19	23	+4
All Crime	28	44	44	32	11	4	23	29	3	6	109	115	+6
ASB	20	27	57	38	7	4	29	23	2	1	115	93	-22

Burglary – slight increases on previous year.

Vehicle crime – slight overall decrease on last year, no particular patterns.

Criminal damage – slight overall decrease on last year, no particular patterns.

Assaults – big decrease on last year's numbers from January.

ASB – again, a big decrease on last year's numbers from January.

PACT Priorities

• Please see attached PACT Priorities document.

6. Any Other Business

(a) Future of the Colne Community Safety Partnership

There has been an element of uncertainty about the future of the Colne Community Safety Partnership. Members feel that the group is very advantageous to the town but feel that the current links to the Police and Council need to be maintained in order for the meetings to be worthwhile. Kim De Curtis said that the meetings were useful for the Police and wishes that they continue. Questions were raised about the level of commitment Pendle Council can put in due to funding issues. It is hoped that Pendle Council can continue their links with the group as some of the problems that arise will need to be sorted through Council services.

Action: Jerry to bring this up at the Full Community Safety Partnership meeting on 8th February to see if it is still possible for Pendle Council to commit time to the group.

7. Date of Next Meeting:

• Thursday, 3rd March, 2016

Commencing at 5.45 p.m. in the Council Chamber, Colne Town Hall

Action: Councillor David Clegg to check with Glenda Clegg if she can Chair the meeting as Jerry Stanford won't be present at this meeting.