

**Minutes of a Meeting of the Colne and District Working Group of the
Pendle Community Safety Partnership held at Colne Town Hall on 31st March, 2016**

PRESENT

Jerry Stanford –Chair – in the Chair

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| Audrey Broughton | Friends of Alkincoates Park & Nature Reserve |
| Carol Riley | Friends of Alkincoates Park & Nature Reserve |
| Isabel Murphy | Resident |
| Sue Bryant-Lauder | Resident |
| Yvonne May | Resident |
| Kevin McNulty | Castle Rd NW |
| Ivan Hartley | Lancashire Police |
| David Cleal | Lancashire Police |
| Councillor Sarah Cockburn-Price | Pendle Borough Council |
| Councillor David Clegg | Pendle Borough Council |
| Councillor Tony Greaves | Pendle Borough Council |
| Councillor Graham Roach | Pendle Borough Council |
| Councillor Dorothy Lord | Pendle Borough Council |
| Councillor Margaret Foxley | Pendle Borough Council |
| Nick Harbour | Pendle Borough Council |

1. Welcomes and Apologies

The Chairman thanked everyone for their attendance. It was also noted at this stage that meetings would now take place bi-monthly.

Apologies were received from Kim De Curtis and Marion Snowden.

2. Minutes of last meeting

The minutes of the meeting held on 4th February, 2016 were approved as a true and correct record.

3. Matters Arising

Dog owners with dog's off-leads – Jerry Stanford stated that no report was ready yet, but had been verbally told that Market Street and Albert Road have always been designated areas and there should be no dog's off-leads. However, it can be tricky to monitor the area due to lack of dog wardens. If any more trouble is reported the police can send a PCSO to do more checks on the area.

Burnley Road late night car gymnastics - issue still ongoing. The Police traffic department and Neighbourhood Team are now monitoring the area. A further update will be given at the next meeting.

Parked cars – Hartley Terrace – Tim Horsley has been in contact with the garage owner and some progress has been made with moving the vehicles that have been there for a number of weeks. Issues still reported with people parking on double yellow lines in the area.

Abandoned van at Wood St – Van now moved.

Vandalism to bus shelters – Jerry Stanford has been in touch with Transdev and they have agreed to ask drivers to report any vandalism they spot at bus shelters when they are picking up customers. No more shelters have been damaged in the last couple of weeks but Transdev, Pendle Borough Council and the PCSO's for the area will continue to monitor.

Anti-social behaviour at Talbot Street – The Police have spoken to a number of youths in the area in relation to the problems being caused (throwing mud, playing football etc). No more issues reported since but the issue will be going on next month's PACT Priorities list and will continue to be monitored.

4. Matters of Concern

Used needles – Participants in the Pick-up for Pendle in Waterside spotted a number of needles around various parts of the ward. This raised concerns about people using drugs in the area and the potential that children could find the used needles.

Action: Police to look into this and see what can be done.

Man camping at Alkincoates Nature Reserve – Reports that a man who has recently separated from his wife and living rough had pitched his tent in Alkincoates Nature Reserve. When Pendle Borough Council officers visited, they were apparently threatened with a baseball bat. The tent has now been confiscated and the man is in touch with Housing Pendle.

Action: Tim Horsley to speak with Lee Johnson to see if there is a way this can be resolved and if any support can be offered to the man from Pendle Borough Council.

Parking in front of bus shelters and at dropped curbs – Problems identified in relation to people parking at bus shelters and at dropped curbs, particularly in the Harrison Drive, Birtwistle Avenue and Slater Avenue.

Holt House Rugby Club – late licence – An application has been submitted to the Council by Colne and Nelson Rugby Club seeking a new licence to extend the bar opening hours from 12am to 3am for when they have private functions at weekends. This is alarming for some local residents as there are already numerous complaints made about anti-social behaviour issues already (inc. fighting, underage drinking etc). The club had previously said they would toughen up on such issues, by doing things like employing extra doormen. Unfortunately, it looks as though this hasn't happened.

Action: Residents at this stage are asked to write to Pendle Borough Council with their comments, which will be taken into consideration when the decision is made whether to approve the extended hours application that the club seek.

Traffic lights at Langroyd Road – reports of traffic jumping the lights at Langroyd Road.

Action: As with the issues at Burnley Road mentioned earlier, the concern will be sent to the Police traffic department and Neighbourhood Team to try to monitoring the area a bit more closely where possible.

5. Crime Statistics & PACT Priorities

PC David Cleal presented the crime figures for March 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 | 9 | 1 | 0 | 3 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 10 | 5 | -5 |
| Burglary other than in a dwelling | 3 | 2 | 2 | 1 | 3 | 0 | 3 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 13 | 3 | -10 |
| Vehicle Crime | 3 | 2 | 2 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 3 | 2 | 2 | 0 | 10 | 6 | -4 |
| Hate Crime | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 | = |
| D/V assaults | 1 | 1 | 2 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 3 | 4 | +1 |
| Licensed premises assaults | 1 | 1 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 3 | 1 | -2 |
| Other assaults | 4 | 4 | 3 | 3 | 1 | 4 | 2 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 10 | 13 | +3 |
| Criminal Damage/ Arson | 2 | 3 | 3 | 2 | 0 | 1 | 6 | 4 | 0 | 0 | 11 | 10 | -1 |
| All Crime | 48 | 32 | 27 | 21 | 5 | 7 | 24 | 15 | 6 | 2 | 110 | 77 | -33 |
| ASB | 24 | 24 | 29 | 28 | 6 | 6 | 29 | 23 | 3 | 2 | 91 | 83 | -8 |

***Some members of the group requested a link to where the statistics can be found in full for all crimes – they can be found at <https://data.police.uk/>**

PACT Priorities

Waterside

- Shoplifting town centre and Asda retail park – Operation ‘shop watch’ ongoing
- Bus shelter damage

Horsfield

- ASB around Oak/ Fern/ Cleveland Streets
- ASB at Sainsbury’s
- ASB King George V playing field

Vivary Bridge

- ASB & Drugs on the area (Priestfield allotments, top Ruskin Ave, Alkincoates Nature Reserve and Barcroft St)
- ASB – Talbot St
- Parking on zig-zag's outside schools

Colne Rural

- Wycoller Car Park Trawden Rd – Vehicle break-in's on the car park

6. Any Other Business

Forged £20 note on Colne Market

Market traders who work on Colne Market reported to Councillors that someone had apparently been trying to use a forged £20 note at various stalls. Nobody as yet has notified the Police. Ivan Hartley pointed out that all market stall holders had previously been issued with the relevant equipment to check any suspicious notes for authenticity.

Action: Police to look into this and see what can be done.

CCTV in Colne Town Centre

A brief update was given on the progress of having CCTV installed in Colne. A report has been approved by the Council so details are being finalised. The report will go out to tender in the next couple of weeks. An update will be given at the next meeting.

7. Date of Next Meeting:

- Thursday, 12th May, 2016

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