

**Minutes of a Meeting of the Colne and District Working Group of the
Colne Community Safety Partnership held at Colne Town Hall on 08th February, 2018**

PRESENT

Jerry Stanford – in the Chair

Jim Smart	North Valley Residents Association
Yvonne M May	Waterside Resident
Sue Bryant-Sharples	WNAG
Roger Whitehead	WNAG
David Foat	Horsfield Resident
Kevin McNulty	Horsfield Resident & Castle Rd NHW
Councillor David Clegg	Pendle Borough Council
Councillor Sarah Cockburn-Price	Pendle Borough Council
Councillor Margaret Foxley	Pendle Borough Council
Councillor Jonathan Nixon	Pendle Borough Council
Councillor Tony Greaves	Pendle Borough Council
Nick Harbour	Pendle Borough Council
Tim Hitchen	Police
Ailsa Gill	Police
Karen Arciniega	McDonald's
Richard Sanderson	Sainsbury's
Lisa Scully	Sainsbury's

1. Welcomes and Apologies

The Chairman welcomed everybody to the meeting and thanked them for their attendance, particularly the new members from Sainsbury's and McDonalds.

Apologies were received from Audrey Broughton and Alice Mann.

2. Minutes of last meeting

The minutes of the meeting held on 11th January, 2018 were approved as a true and correct record.

3. Matters Arising

Wycoller prosecutions – Still no further with this. The CPS have been contacted by Tim Hitchen but have requested more time to review the case so that they can 'understand it further'.

Action: Jerry will contact the local MP to ask that he presses for progress.

Millennium Green drug activity – No sightings of anything suspicious happening at the Millennium Green when Police staff have been down there on their patrols. A man has been arrested recently who is suspected to have been providing the local area with around 80% of class A drugs that are on the streets, so it is hoped that all drug activity in the local area will decrease in the coming months.

Pit bike on Millennium Green – No sightings in Colne in recent weeks. A pit bike was taken from its owner in Earby recently but it is unlikely this was the same offender.

Thefts from Castle Road – no arrests made yet for the thefts in the Castle Road area. It is thought that the offenders are making their way to Pendle from West Yorkshire. Police will continue to monitor this.

Offenders in Ball Grove Park - no new sightings of the potential offender who was described at the previous meeting. Again, it is thought that the perpetrator isn't a local resident.

Volunteers at the Youth Centre – A few volunteers are now assisting at the youth centre to cover the junior (under 11's) sessions. These are mainly parents of the children who attend. At present there are still only 3 volunteers to cover the senior groups (11-16+). This is unfortunately not enough support and more is needed.

Action: CSP members to promote the youth centre and encourage volunteers to contact Jim to offer their support.

4. Matters of Concern

Knotts Lane development noise nuisance – Noise nuisance reported from the Knotts Lane development site. The issue is thought to be pile driving equipment digging into the ground.

Action: - Councillor Cockburn-Price to raise the issue with Planning and Environmental Health to check what conditions were in the application for time of use and whether some noise recording equipment can be set up to capture the extent of the problem.

Issues at Sainsbury's – Management from Sainsbury's joined the meeting and informed those present of ongoing problems the store are facing with teenagers coming into the store and causing trouble. The children are being aggressive to staff members, so much so that some are requesting not to work evenings. The children are coming into the store and riding their bikes up and down the aisle. Sainsbury's are currently trying to engage with the children through their schools but there are still some ongoing issues.

Action: - Police to monitor when possible. This is difficult due to those responsible knowing that they are 'almost untouchable' when it comes to matters like this. Police will meet with Sainsbury's (and McDonald's, who are also facing similar issues). Stills will be taken from the CCTV and taken into schools to try and identify the perpetrators.

Byron Road Community Centre – Councillor Nixon has been working on plans to try to revive the community centre at Byron Road. It was suggested in the meeting that a whole new committee would need to be formed to take things forward.

Action: Councillor Nixon to continue with the work and update at the next meeting.

Potholes – More reports of problems across the whole of the Borough. It was suggested that people take these concerns directly to Lancashire County Council, and, where possible, try to include photos or even a video of the potholes so that they can see just how bad they are.

Action: Individuals to contact Lancashire County Council with any further potholes they identify.

Youth premises at Waterside – The Waterside Centre has now been closed down completely. Pendle Borough Council are looking for someone to take over the premises. A

number of organisations have expressed an interest and are in the process of completing applications stating what they wish the building to be used as.

Action: Councillors to update at the next meeting if there has been any progress.

Speeding on Castle Road – More reports of speeding on Castle Road. The Police are monitoring when they can but as ever, resources are limited.

Hubs House Farm – a trailer that belongs to the man who owns Hubs House Farm has recently been seized by the Police around Clover Hill Road. The trailer was full of household waste. This could now lead to a ‘breach of court order’.

5. Crime Statistics & PACT Priorities

Tim Hitchen presented the crime figures for January 2018, together with figures for the same period in 2017.

	Waterside		Horsfield		Colne Rural		Vivary Bridge		Foulridge		Total		Plus/minus
	2017	2018	2017	2018	2017	2018	2017	2018	2017	2018	2017	2018	
Burglary in a dwelling	2	2	1	2	0	3	1	1	0	3	4	11	+7
Burglary other than in a dwelling	4	5	5	2	0	0	2	4	0	0	11	11	=
Vehicle Crime	0	3	1	7	6	2	1	4	1	0	9	16	+7
Hate Crime	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	=
D/V assaults	2	3	2	6	0	0	2	3	0	0	6	12	+6
Licensed premises assaults	0	0	1	4	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	5	+4
Other assaults	6	7	6	5	2	0	5	2	0	0	19	14	-5
Criminal Damage/ Arson	8	12	9	3	0	1	7	7	1	1	25	24	-1
All Crime	43	70	40	48	11	10	25	32	4	6	123	166	+43
ASB	31	23	30	35	7	6	16	5	5	3	89	72	-17

PACT Priorities

Waterside:

- 1) Shoplifting in Colne town centre and retail parks.
- 2) Motor cycle nuisance on Midgley Street and Blucher Street.
- 3) Youths causing anti-social behaviour in the Waterside area.
- 4) Drug issues at Millennium Green.

Horsfield:

- 1) ASB on King George's playing field.
- 2) Youths causing ASB at McDonalds and Sainsbury's.

Vivary Bridge:

- 1) Shoplifting at TK Max.

Colne Rural:

- 1) Incidents at Ball Grove Park.

6. Any Other Business

Jerry reminded members that Andy Winter had sent him a list of local Police contact numbers and a rota of when each member of the team would be working. If anyone is struggling to get through to 101 or is in need of support for any reason, they are encouraged to contact Jerry who will then call the named person who is on duty at that particular time.

Jerry also informed members that there is a Senior Road Users Workshop taking place at Ewood Park in Blackburn on 14th March for anyone who may be interested.

7. Date of Next Meeting:

- Thursday, 08th March 2018

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