

**Minutes of a Meeting of the Colne and District Working Group of the
Colne Community Safety Partnership held at Colne Town Hall on 10th May, 2018**

PRESENT

Jerry Stanford – in the Chair

David Foat	Horsfield Resident
Audrey Broughton	Friends of Alkincoats Park & Nature Reserve
Alice Mann	Waterside Neighbourhood Action
Roger Whitehead	Waterside Neighbourhood Action
Kevin McNulty	Horsfield Resident & Castle Rd NHW
Yvonne M May	Waterside Resident
Councillor Margaret Foxley	Pendle Borough Council
Councillor Tony Greaves	Pendle Borough Council
Nick Harbour	Pendle Borough Council
Kevin Dolphin	Police

1. Welcomes and Apologies

The Chairman welcomed everybody to the meeting and thanked them for their attendance.

Apologies were received from Tim Hitchen, Cllr. Jonathan Nixon, Jim Smart and Cllr. Sarah Cockburn-Price.

2. Minutes of last meeting

The minutes of the meeting held on 08th March, 2018 were approved as a true and correct record.

3. Matters Arising

Wycoller prosecutions –The Police have been in touch with the CPS again but they haven't really made any progress since the last meeting of this group.

Action: Continue to monitor and chase for updates.

Byron Road Community Centre – An initial meeting as now taken place to share ideas on the best way to move forward to be able to have the community centre up and running. An estimated funding cost is required to be submitted to the Town Council and a breakdown of how the centre would be used, how frequently and who by.

Action: Jonathan Nixon to report back to the group at the next meeting with any updates.

Issues at retail outlets – Following on from concerns about the ever-increasing number of shop lifting offences in Colne, a new "Colne Business Crime Reduction Partnership" has been set up. This involves the businesses in the area keeping in touch with each other to report anything suspicious going on and to warn one another when to remain extra vigilant. They will initially keep in touch on a closed Facebook account whilst awaiting the outcome for a bid to business leaders for a more complex system.

Rutland Street hump – LCC have been in touch and stated that 'the defect does not meet intervention levels' and therefore will not be removing the hump.

Empty grit bins in Horsfield – Simon Bucknell has stated that all the grit bins in the local area have been replenished on 05th March.

Damaged wall – No update this time whether the wall at Cock Hill Lane had been repaired yet.

Action: Councillor Nixon to report back at the next meeting to see if the wall has been fixed.

ASB at James Goodship memorial – Police now monitoring the area. No incidents reported in the last few weeks.

Potholes – Some of the major potholes have now been filled in, but there are still quite a large number of very dangerous areas across the town.

Van break-in's in Trawden – Police collected the CCTV from the resident who captured the break-in. Unfortunately, the images were not clear enough for them to use.

Needles in Waterside/ Millennium Green – No sooner than the needles are cleared, more are being found. Some now being found at Spring Lane Garages too.

Action: Police to continue to monitor the area and add Spring Lane Garages to the foot patrol area too.

Kerb stone thefts – This has been subsidised but there were still one or two incidents occurring. The Police have since had words with a potential suspect and the thefts have stopped for the time being.

Abandoned car in Waterside – One of the two abandoned cars behind the shop in Waterside have been moved. The remaining one is still a bit of an eyesore but the Police can't get it moved because it is on private land.

Action: Pendle Council to see if they can look at getting the car shifted.

4. Matters of Concern

Potholes – Reports that potholes are still an issue on Castle Road and Venables Avenue.

Action: - Residents asked to submit issues directly to Lancashire County Council, preferably including a photograph of the problem where possible.

Greenfield Arts Centre – Noise issues coming from the Art Centre one Saturday night. The owner did have a temporary events certificate but the building has no planning permission.

Action: - Cllrs. Lord & Greaves are currently working to resolve the issue.

Speeding in Waterside – Concerns over the speed some drivers are going around the Shaw Lane area heading to Pike Laithe Farm

Car theft and damage in Waterside – Increased numbers in car theft and damage in Waterside were on the increase but the Police have recently made an arrest in relation to these offences, so hopefully the number of crimes will vastly reduce from now on.

Action: Councillor Nixon to report this matter to LCC and request that they come out and fix it.

Increase of fly-tipping in Waterside – Residents have noticed an increase in fly-tipping throughout Waterside, particularly at the park. Mattresses are frequently being discovered in the area.

Action: Nick Harbour to report to the Environmental Crime Team at Pendle Council.

Colne Rural break-in's – Concerns around the number of break-in's in properties at Colne Rural, where it is suspected that the offenders are searching for firearms. Kevin Dolphin stated that a designated firearms officer is working with residents to ensure as many safety measures are in place as possible.

Alkincoates Park – Reports that Shaun Spencer has been spotted at Alkincoates Park. He had spent the last few months over in Blackburn but has apparently returned to this area.

Action: Police to monitor.

Dangerous dog on Talbot Street – A dog at 81 Talbot Street has apparently been attacking other dogs in the area. Could be dangerous if it goes near a young child.

Action: Nick Harbour to report to the dog warden at Pendle Borough Council.

Neighbour dispute at Champion Green – Residents reporting that two groups of people on Champion Green in Colne have been frequently falling out over various issues.

Action: Kevin to pass the details on to the Resolution Team.

Toilets at the bus station – Gates broken at the closed toilets at the bus station. These need to be secured as people are now trying to access them.

Action: Cllr. Greaves to speak to Dean Langton about this and get them made secure.

Drunks outside the library – Councillors have now received 3 letters of complaint over people persistently drinking outside the library.

Action: Police to continue to monitor the area.

5. Crime Statistics & PACT Priorities

Kevin Dolphin presented the crime figures for April 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 - Residential	4	10	4	3	0	5	3	1	0	3	11	22	+11
Burglary - Commercial	4	6	1	3	0	0	4	0	0	1	9	10	+1
Vehicle Crime	9	10	2	4	.	2	1	3	0	2	15	21	+6
Hate Crime	0	0	3	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	3	2	-1

Assaults	8	14	13	11	1	3	8	10	0	0	30	38	+8
Theft	23	29	11	18	0	1	9	11	1	0	44	59	+15
Criminal Damage/ Arson	8	11	9	1	0	0	9	7	0	1	26	20	-6
All Crime	68	102	61	48	5	13	47	49	4	7	185	219	+34
ASB	34	23	36	18	6	3	22	18	3	0	101	62	-39

It was requested that for the next meeting, crime figures in relation to domestic violence is added back to the list. It was also asked that are specific locations of where assaults took place available and the approximate times they happened.

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.
- 5) Monitor rough sleepers outside old Blockbusters and the library.

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

No other business.

7. Date of Next Meeting:

- Thursday, 07th June 2018

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