

**Minutes of a Meeting of the Colne and District Working Group of the
Colne Community Safety Partnership held at Colne Town Hall on 07th January, 2019**

PRESENT

Jerry Stanford – in the Chair

Yvonne M May	Waterside Action Group
Mary Peden	Resident
Kevin McNulty	Horsfield Resident & Castle Rd NHW
Kevin Dolphin	Police
Councillor Margaret Foxley	Pendle Borough Council
Nick Harbour	Pendle Borough Council
Tim Horsley	Pendle Borough Council

1. Welcomes and Apologies

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

Apologies received from Cllr. Jonathan Nixon, Cllr. Victoria Fletcher, Audrey Broughton and Roger Whitehead.

2. Minutes of last meeting

The minutes of the meeting held on 10th January, 2019 were approved as a true and correct record.

3. Matters Arising

Cat killing – the suspect identified last month is actually a different name to what the Police have been given. A similar incident occurred on Laithe Street, only this appears that a dog escaped a property and killed a cat, rather than the dog being deliberately used to attack cats.

Action:- Police are working on the case. Gareth from Pendle Borough Council is working on the other incident where the dangerous dog escaped the back yard.

Trawden graffiti – graffiti re-appearing in Trawden. It is suspected that it is the same offender from last year.

Action:- Kevin will speak to the previous offender.

Traffic at Trawden Forst Primary School – speeding and congestion being reported as a problem outside Trawden Forest Primary School. Parents dropping children off in the mornings causing the issues.

Action: - Kevin and the team to do some spot checks in the mornings and when school closes.

Vehicle thefts in Colne rural - reports that a large number of high end vehicles are being targeted across the whole of the Borough.

Action: - Police are aware of this and working on a solution.

ASB in general – Kevin gave an update around anti-social behaviour in general – there has recently been a fire set down near McDonalds. The person who started this was identified and dealt with. A number of youths have also been causing a nuisance and have been taken home from the North Valley area.

LCC updates – see attached emails for full details

Speed Enforcement Issues - Stanley Street, Newmarket Street and Tennyson Road are all being considered for inclusion in an upcoming speed management programme.

Brownhill Lane drainage improvements - the funding for the Brownhill Lane drainage developments was approved at the 2018/ 19 Cabinet meeting. Simon was unaware that any local Councillors lived in that area.

Castle Road/ Castle Court default - Castle Road is inspected as part of the Lancashire County Council Highway Safety Inspection checks every three months. The next one is due to take place at the end of this month. Simon noted that the issues here are due to a water leakage that United Utilities need to sort out, and that the problem will persist with the roads until this is mended.

Action: - Kevin McNulty to report any other issues spotted in the area online.

Castle Road Traffic Count – a traffic survey was conducted in November 2017. The results were detailed in that they gave out information such as the speed the vehicles were travelling at, the direction they were going, the times they went passed etc.

Action: - Kevin McNulty will give a detailed update at the next meeting when he's had a chance to look at the findings in detail.

Sheep in the river – following on from the last meeting where members were asking about the costs of the recent sheep rescue from a local river, Jerry emailed Caroline Harrison at the Fire Service asking for the costs. He has yet to receive a response.

ASB meeting with residents, parents and children - After it was agreed last month to organise a meeting between residents, parents and local youths to discuss the ASB around North Valley to find out what the youths need, a meeting was arranged at The Citadel. Unfortunately, not many parents or youths attended the meeting. One of the youths that did

stated that all they wanted was somewhere safe, well-lit with seating and shelter and internet access for them to meet up at. The ideal location would have been the Byron Road Community Centre which Councillor Nixon, Kevin McNulty and others had been working hard towards sorting out. Unfortunately, Together Housing have now decided that they are not willing to part with the space having previously agreed to do so.

Action: - Councillor Foxley to raise the issue at the next Area Committee meeting to try and agree a suitable location to use.

ASB multi-agency meeting - again, as agreed at the last meeting – a meeting was arranged between the various agencies who will be looking to work together to help combat the ASB issues currently ongoing in North Valley. This was attended by Councillors, Pendle Borough Council officers, the Police, teachers, Child Wellbeing Services, Positive Action in the Community amongst others. It was agreed that before any decisions are made, it was important to find out what the issues are and why the youths are causing the disturbances. It was largely agreed that as mentioned in the earlier meeting with the youths, that the congregate around Sainsbury's as it is warm, safe and has access to wifi.

Action: - To seek further engagement with the youths in question. Child Wellbeing Services will be going to the Sainsbury's site to do this, as will the Police.

Different organisations will be looking at what funding can be agreed to put towards tackling the problem. Jerry will contact the Town Council. Tim Horsley will also look to seek some funds being released from the Pendle Community Safety Partnership pot.

4. Matters of Concern

Dog fouling – concerns that there appears to have been a huge increase in people not picking up after their dogs. Problems identified at playing fields around Primet Heights Academy playing fields, Ball Grove Park and Keighley Road to name a few.

Actions: - Jerry to email David Alexander to highlight the issue.

Littering – again, concerns raised about the amount of littering around the town. Two residents recently went out and managed to collect three bin bags full of rubbish in an hour.

Actions: - Jerry to email David Alexander to highlight the issue.

Parked cars at Hollin Hall – residents reporting that vehicles parking on both sides of Hollin Hall in Trawden are causing difficulties for passing traffic. This could result in emergency vehicles also struggling to get through to attend call outs. Gritters are also struggling to get through.

Action: - A 'traffic liaison group' are actually due to meet soon with regards to that road and a 20mph speed limit. It is hoped that the parking issues will be addressed at the same meeting.

Parking outside Fulton's – residents still concerned about parking issues outside Fulton's in the town centre. They are trying to find out who actually owns the parking spaces outside the shop.

Action: - Jerry to contact Neil Watson to find out.

Littering from vehicles – residents enquiring as to who would deal with littering offences from moving vehicles. The particular incident involves someone throwing some rubbish out of a car window on Casterton Avenue. The offence was caught on dash-cam. In this case, Casterton Avenue falls under Burnley Borough Council's jurisdiction so it would be their StreetScene team who should be contacted.

Action: - Kevin to send his recording to Burnley Borough Council's StreetScene team.

Crime Statistics – Members were asking about the possibilities of having the crime statistics broken down into Ward areas to allow town/ parish council's to have a better idea of their specific areas. Unfortunately, Kevin Dolphin stated that the new updated software the team use would not allow this.

Action: - Jerry to contact the Police & Crime Commissioners office to see if there is anything that can be done about this.

Youths abusing residents – a final item raised about a group of youths shouting abuse at a local resident after he challenged them for smashing an empty bottle. In this particular case, no details of location were given so further action cannot be taken, but it does once again highlight the issues of anti-social behaviour from local youths.

5. Crime Statistics & PACT Priorities

Kevin ran through the crime figures for January 2019, together with figures for the same period in 2018.

	Waterside		Horsfield		Colne Rural		Vivary Bridge		Foulridge		Total		Plus/minus
	2018	2019	2018	2019	2018	2019	2018	2019	2018	2019	2018	2019	
Burglary - Residential	2	4	2	6	3	2	1	4	3	0	11	16	+5
Burglary - Commercial	5	1	2	2	0	0	4	2	0	0	11	5	-6
Vehicle Crime	3	4	7	3	2	1	4	2	0	0	16	10	-6
Hate Crime	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	=
Assaults	10	15	15	5	0	1	5	3	1	1	31	25	-6
Theft	29	17	12	4	3	1	9	19	0	0	53	41	-12
Criminal Damage	12	6	3	5	1	0	7	4	1	0	24	15	-9
All Crime	70	64	48	58	10	9	32	50	6	6	166	187	+21
ASB	23	18	35	42	6	1	5	5	3	0	72	66	-6

PACT Priorities

Waterside:

- 1) Shoplifting in Colne town centre and retail parks.
- 2) Youths causing anti-social behaviour in the North Valley area.
- 3) Drug issues at Millennium Green.
- 4) New Market Street speeding vehicles.
- 5) Lead thefts

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) Trawden graffiti issues.

6. Any Other Business

No further business.

7. Date of Next Meeting:

- Thursday, 07th March 2019

Commencing at 5.30 p.m. in the Council Chamber, Colne Town Hall