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

PRESENT

Jerry Stanford - in the Chair

Yvonne M May Waterside Action Group

Audrey Broughton Friends of Alkincoats Park & Nature Reserve

Councillor Pat Howarth Colne Town Council
J B Hodgson Trawden Council

Kevin McNulty Horsfield Resident & Castle Rd NHW

Ivan Hartley Police Karen Police

Roger Whitehead Waterside Action Group
Councillor Margaret Foxley Pendle Borough Council
Councillor Tony Greaves 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 Tim Hitchen, Alice Mann, Mary Peden & Dorothy Lord.

2. Minutes of last meeting

The month of the meeting stated January rather than February and one missing word on page two to be added.

The rest minutes of the meeting held on 07th February, 2019 were approved as a true and correct record.

3. Matters Arising

Cat killing – no update from the Police for this one.

Drug activity at Ball Grove Park - Police are patrolling the area regularly. No suspicious activity has been spotted in recent weeks.

Trawden graffiti – no new graffiti spotted in recent weeks.

Traffic at Trawden Forest Primary School – no update from the Police for this one.

ASB in general – the Police have been working closely with KFC, McDonalds and Banny's to look at ways to stop ASB on those sites. Under 18's are now banned from the premises from 18:00 onwards at weekends. The manager at McDonalds now actually stands at the entrance to the building and turns away any under 18's unless they are accompanied by an adult. The scheme is reported to be a huge success so far and could even be rolled out to make the after 18:00 enforcement come into play throughout the week too. The security at Sainsbury's now have bodycams to record and incidents that they come across. The recently lit MUGA is being well used by local youths. The floodlights are turned off at 22:00 and it seems as though the children then go home at this time. Good news all round really. Jerry and Councillor Lord also have another meeting scheduled with the youths next month up at the Citadel.

Castle Road Traffic Count – Kevin gave an update of the figures from the traffic count on Castle Road. It had details of peak times, high speeds and other interesting statistics. Please see attached report for full details.

North Valley takeaway – Councillor Fletcher was not present so an update for this one could not be given.

Dog fouling – Jerry has written to David Alexander after it was brought up at the last meeting about a huge increase in residents seeing dog fouling not being cleared up. Jerry has yet to receive a response from David.

Police Crime Statistics – Jerry has written to the P&CC outlining the groups concerns about the likely inaccurate stats that are being provided due to the new system struggling to work properly. Jerry has yet to receive a response from the P&CC office.

Parking at Fulton's – Councillor Greaves stated that PEARL are the owners of the parking spots outside Fulton Foods. As mentioned at a previous meeting, if anyone wants to look at reducing the number of disabled parking spots, they are encouraged to contact the PBC Committee section to get it put on the Colne Area Committee agenda.

Actions: - Jerry to email Peter Atkinson in relation to this.

Litter out of car window – at the last meeting Kevin noted he had dash-cam footage of someone throwing litter out of a vehicle. The area this actually happened was on Burnley Council land, and Kevin has sent the footage off to their StreeScene team.

Hollin Hall parking – a meeting is due to take place soon regarding the parking issues up at Hollin Hall in Trawden. Gritters and other large vehicles are struggling to pass due to cars parked on both sides of the road.

Actions: - Tim Horsley to contact Scott Whalley to find out when the meeting will be taking place.

4. Matters of Concern

Dog fouling - fines – it was mentioned that Nottingham Council are now fining people who take their dogs out for a walk and don't have a dog bag with them. All agreed that this would be a good idea for the local area and it turns out that Pendle Borough Council are actually looking to implement this soon.

Pendle Vale School littering – reports that littering has become a lot worse around the site of Pendle Vale School.

Actions: - Tim Horsley will contact David Alexander about this one.

Town centre litter patrols – following on from a bit in the paper a few weeks ago about an increase in staffing to deliver some on the spot fines for littering, members were concerned that nobody present seemed to have spotted anyone issuing these fines yet.

Byron Road Community Centre – as mentioned at the previous meeting, the potential use of the Byron Road building has been pulled by Together Housing. It is thought that the church who used to own the building left it for 'community use' and if so, can this be used to continue working towards making it available for youths of the local area.

Action: - Kevin to do some digging to try to find out if this was the case.

Parking at School Lane – Councillor Foxley voices concerns of the number of cars parking on School Lane in Laneshawbridge. The amount of vehicles at the junction is causing poor visibility for people wanting to get out onto the main road. She has reported this to Highways and asked that the Police to some regular spot checks.

Action: - Ivan will take this to Tim Hitchen and request some spot checks around the area.

Wycoller Park CCTV – some more good news – the CCTV at Wycoller Park is now up and running.

ASB at Heyroyd – Jerry reports that two people have recently broken into a garden at Heyroyd. The people have left litter and carved their initials into a tree amongst other graffiti. Jerry passed photos on to the Police.

Youths on bikes in Foulridge – the final item reported was that some shops in Foulridge had been targeted by youths. Ivan noted that the Police had caught the suspects.

5. Crime Statistics & PACT Priorities

Ivan ran through the crime figures for February 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	1	0	4	2	3	0	1	0	3	4	12	+8
Burglary - Commercial	6	2	1	0	1	1	3	2	0	4	11	9	-2
Vehicle Crime	1	6	2	7	10	0	2	4	0	2	15	19	+4
Hate Crime	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	-2
Assaults	19	16	14	19	4	0	6	14	0	0	43	49	+6
Theft	25	19	16	10	1	2	7	5	2	0	51	36	-15
Criminal Damage	15	3	6	5	2	0	3	8	0	0	26	16	-10
All Crime	73	79	47	68	20	14	27	67	2	10	169	238	+69
ASB	18	8	19	34	6	7	17	18	0	1	60	68	+8

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

Current minute taker Nick Harbour will no longer be able to attend meetings due to taking a reduction in hours with his role for Pendle Borough Council. He will however be able to continue supporting the group by circulating agendas and minutes. Jerry thanked Nick for his support over the last three years and asked those present to consider if taking notes for future meetings is something they would wish to assist with.

7. Date of Next Meeting:

• Thursday, 04th April 2019

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