



Pendle Community Safety Partnership Partnership Meeting

Minutes of Meeting held on Monday, 10th June, 2019,
Nelson Town Hall

Present:

Councillor David Whipp (Chair)

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| Jerry Stanford | Colne Community Safety Working Group |
| Abdul Kheratkar | Lancashire County Council |
| Tim Horsley | Pendle Borough Council |
| Sarah Astin-Wood | Pendle Borough Council |
| Nick Harbour | Pendle Borough Council |
| Andy Winter | Lancashire Police |
| Robert Ruston | OPCC |
| Lynda Waddington | Lancashire Constabulary |
| Claire Bennett | Positive Action in the Community |
| Rob Richards | Our Lancashire |
| Andrew Blackburn | Pendle Vale |
| Adam Pearson | Pearson Insight |
| Lee Harrington | LCC |
| Colin Hughes | YAL |
| Rauf Bashir | Building Bridges |
| Nikki Major | Inspire |

1. Welcome and to receive any apologies for absence

Councillor David Whipp welcomed everyone to the meeting and thanked them for their attendance.

Apologies for absence were received from: Caroline Harrison, Aziz Ahmad, Amanda Lawson & Emma Foster.

2. Minutes from last meeting

The minutes of the last Full Community Safety Partnership held on 11th March, 2019 were approved as a correct record.

3. Pendle Community Safety Strategy

Summary of consultation findings

Adam Pearson of Pearson Insight delivered a presentation based on the findings from the recent consultation around the Community Safety Partnership priorities and plans for 2019-2022. 61 responses were received from partners and stakeholders. The presentation also incorporated numbers from a recent survey conducted in the Borough in which 520 residents took part in.

Please refer to attached report for full details.

Action: Nick Harbour to circulate a copy of the presentation to all Members.

First draft of the Pendle Community Safety Strategy 2019-22 (Partnership Plan)

Following on from the presentation, a discussion took place on the Partnership Plan for 2019-2022, particularly the priority areas and action plan. Following the partner workshop in March, Sarah Astin-Wood had developed an initial draft document for members, which had been previously circulated. The discussion was to review this and gather comments along with anything else to be included.

The Partnership Plan is a statutory requirement for the Community Safety Partnership and must be updated every three years. The three key areas identified in the plan were as follows:

Priority 1: Keeping young people and adults with vulnerabilities safe

Priority 2: Tackling the causes of crime through education and early intervention

Priority 3: Community Engagement in community safety priorities

All present at the meeting agreed that these three priorities were suitable key areas for the partnership to work on.

Two minor amendments were suggested:

Priority 1 – to include homelessness and a section around re-offending and how to combat this.

It was also agreed that task and finish groups, with the identified members, be set up to work towards key goals outlined in the plan. The task groups will set their own priorities and clear review points will be built into the schedules to enable monitoring of the progress being made.

Action: Sarah Astin-Wood to make the approved amendments to the document then to circulate the revised Plan to Members.

Action: Sarah to contact those identified on the task groups who were not present at the meeting.

Action: All partners to take the final CSP Plan to their Management Team/ Board or equivalent to endorse, as a CSP agency.

4. Funding boost for Police on action against serious violence

Andy Winter gave an update on the £1.82m Home Office funding for Serious Violence to Lancashire Constabulary and the plans for spending and impact for Pendle.

The money is a one off investment for 2019/20 and will be put towards prevention of serious violence in the local area, including that of the use of weapons. Whilst knife crime in Pendle is very low compared to other areas, it is important to keep it this way and the money will help achieve this. Education will be a key contributor, as well as technology and equipment to combat the issue.

Operation SURGE has begun in Pendle, Burnley and Ribble Valley. This sees one sergeant and six PC's working together in the town centres from 20:00 to 02:00 over the weekends to patrol the areas that are most likely to see potential serious violence. An example of this was the team patrolled the recent 'Bands in the Square' in Barnoldswick where people would be drinking and there be potential for anti-social behaviour. The event was successful and passed by without any serious incident. So far, the team have engaged with over 400 people – seeing two arrests, five intelligence submissions and eight stop and searches.

For more details please click the below link:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/news/police-granted-funding-boost-for-action-on-serious-violence>

Action: Note the report.

5. CSP Funding

Sarah reported that some initiatives are currently ongoing using last year's £10k from the OPCC:

- £6,000 on youth engagement in Colne to try to understand the reasoning behind the high levels of anti-social behaviour in the areas and work with the young people.
- £4,000 to continue the work of Smile Mediation.

Robert Ruston of the OPCC stated that, although it hasn't been officially signed off yet by the Police and Crime Commissioner, a further £10,000 should be made available this year for the Community Safety Partnership from the OPCC.

The £2,000 fund from Pendle Council is still available (just about) to support the CSP and in previous years this has been spent.

Action: Any initiatives (to support the CSP plan) – please contact Sarah Astin-Wood.

Action: Abdul Kheratkar to send Sarah Astin-Wood some links to potential funding availability.

6. Performance

Police - MATAC

Lynda Waddington from Lancashire Constabulary gave an update on the latest findings from the MATAC report. The new system in place is still proving to be extremely problematic, but unfortunately the figures show another increase in crime numbers.

Please refer to attached report for full details.

Action: The task groups which are to be formed are to look at the data and see if anything can be picked up for the CSP to look at for the next meeting.

Domestic Abuse Services

Claire Bennett from Positive Action in the Community has recently been doing some work with Robert Ruston at the OPCC to do some comparison of data sets of survey users. The comparisons will be used to help identify emerging needs & trends. The datasets are being finalised and will be available to view soon. Demand for services remains high, and there are an increasing amount of self-referrals coming in.

Action: Claire and Robert to finalise the comparison of data and send to Nick for circulation to CSP members.

Lancs Fire & Rescue

No Lancashire Fire & Rescue representative was available to come along to the meeting, however, Caroline Harrison had submitted a report for members to go through.

Please refer to attached report for full details.

Action: Note the update.

Inspire

Nikki Major from Inspire gave an update on the latest findings from a report prepared by Emma Foster. Demand remains high and therefore more space is being created at the Grassroots Centre to meet the demand.

Please refer to attached report for full details.

Action: Note the update.

ASB & Community Safety

Tim Horsley from Pendle Borough Council gave an update on the latest around ASB and Community Safety issues. There is a lack of referrals being submitted to ASBRAC, particularly from the Police. Transforming Lives referrals are slightly increasing in the last few months.

Please refer to attached report for full details.

Action: Tim to continue to monitor the caseloads and report back in September to see if ASBRAC referrals have started to increase.

Genga/ Serious Organised Crime Panel

Tim Horsley from Pendle Borough Council gave a brief update on the GENGA panel. The Burnley and Pendle groups have now combined and meet bi-monthly to discuss cases. The Pennine panel meets quarterly.

Action: Note the update.

7. Forum Updates

Burnley & Pendle Exploitation Group

Claire Bennett reported that numbers are still low when the Exploitation Group meets. The group need to look at reasons as to why people are not attending – it will be re-vamped to task & finish style agendas, including actions from the Locality Review Support Day. No major issues around exploitation have arisen in recent meetings. The next meeting is due to take place soon. The group have assisted the Police with some training material around exploitation for hotels/B&B's.

Pendle Domestic Violence Forum

Claire Bennett reported that the next meeting due to take place on Wednesday 12th June. The Ministry of Housing money has now come through, however no sanctuary money will be made available. The tender for the Refuge has now closed and the outcome is imminent.

Pendle Youth Forum

Claire Bennett noted that the youth forum is due to meet again soon. Whilst there are still some issues with young people and ASB – the number of problems being reported seems to have lessened. A youth club is now running one night a week in Waterside and a pop-up youth service is to be made available in the form of a van from Pendle Leisure Trust This will be manned on a multi-agency rota.

Colne Community Safety Working Group

Jerry Stanford, Chairman of Colne Safety Working Group, outlined the following updates:

- Neighbourhood Police Team has been supported on its successful work to mitigate ASB in North Valley Trading Estate.
- Car nuisance in Trawden has been improved but not eradicated.
- Awaiting a decision on imposition of a 20 MPH limit.
- Concern about increasing reports of syringes being irresponsibly discarded in areas children frequent, despite special yellow box facilities being publicly available. Resolved issue about misuse of disabled parking spaces in Market Square.
- Concern about new police computer reporting system not being able to identify local crime hotspots without much additional work by Neighbourhood Police Team.
- Obliterated road signs being corrected/replaced.
- Request for a co-opted representative to Area Committee being actioned.
- Amended draft terms of reference have been circulated for approval.

8. Media Opportunities

Once finalised, a media launch of the 'Safer Pendle' work that is to be carried out is to be publicised wherever possible.

9. Any other Business

Rob Richards from Our Lancashire briefly spoke of the new Community Champions that have been taken on within the organization. If anyone would like more information he asked that they get in touch.

Action: Rob Richards to email Sarah Astin-Wood the details around the Community Champions to be circulated to all CSP Members.

Finally, the Chair thanked Inspector Andy Winter for his support over the last two years and his valued contribution to the Partnership. Andy will be retiring from the Police in July.

10. Date of Next Meeting

Monday 09th September 2019, 14:00 – 16:00 at Nelson Town Hall.