

**Minutes of a Meeting of the Colne and District Community Safety Working Group
held at Colne Town Hall on 9th January 2020**

PRESENT

Jerry Stanford – in the Chair

| | |
|---------------------------------|---------------------------|
| Councillor Pat Howarth | Colne Town Council |
| Councillor Kevin McNulty | Colne Town Council |
| Councillor Sarah Cockburn Price | Colne Town Council & PBC |
| Councillor Craig McBeth | Trawden Parish Council |
| Councillor Alice Mann | Waterside Action Group |
| Audrey Broughton | Alkincoates Park Resident |
| Tim Horsley | Pendle Borough Council |
| Yvonne May | Resident |
| Roger Whitehead | Resident |
| John Barker | Resident |
| Fred M | The Venue |
| Kevin McNulty | NHW |
| PC Matt Lunney | Police |
| PC Stephen Murphy | Police |

- **Welcomes and Apologies**

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

Apologies received from:

Pat Maloney, Carol Riley

- **Minutes of last meeting**

- The minutes of the meeting held on 7th November 2019 were approved as a true and correct record

- Approved

- **Matters Arising**

Police Actions:

- Cannabis Waste dumping across Colne District – update:

- PC Matt Lunney in contact with Adele at Trawden PC for evidence

- SCP says Friends of Catlow & Southfield found some dumping and have asked to liaise with Adele from Trawden PC.

- JS suggests contact with PBC Community Safety Partnership – Sarah Astin

- Drug-taking in Colne Centre – action update:

- PC Matt Lunney says the police are working with a 'target team' to address the issue

- The Venue, a member of staff came and spoke about drug taking near the venue. Says there is no CCTV currently on the back street where activities take place.

- Solutions were discussed.

- Lurcher off-lead attacking cats North St – action update:
 - PC Matt Lunney to ask PC Dave Cleal for an update

Cllr Foxley – Trawden Schools actions:

- not present

Chair's Actions:

- Parking Lancashire – received letter after further reminder to them, explaining that each school in Lancashire is visited once per year and Trawden visited 3/12/19 from 1508 to 1552 with no problems. I have responded, copy Cllr Iddon, pointing out that some schools have no problems whilst others have persistent offenders so a better policy would be to determine visits on Neighbourhood team reports and committee minutes from CSPs. Cllr Iddon has replied that he will pursue this.

Cllr Butterworth – sharps receptacle progress?

- Not present, no update

Cllr Mann – abandoned van progress?

- Van is not there now. ML says the vehicle was seized, suspected stolen.
- Noted a new vehicle looking abandoned on Newmarket St. ML to look at.

- **Matters of Concern**

Yvonne –

Dog fouling and litter along the railway line path behind the schools. Wants the issue raised with Nelson.

SCP – suggests schools spoken to. Suggests contacting Pick Up for Pendle action group.

Yvonne attacked by four yappy terrier dogs along the railway path. Two people were rude and inconsiderate to her.

Roger –

RE Pigeon feeding. He approached a lady who was feeding the birds and took a photo of her. He believes she has now stopped.

Alice –

Firework casings from an unauthorised display were found littering Millenium Green.

This represents an unauthorised firework display of potential harm to the public. JS indicated that PBC is examining ways of dealing with this including possibly banning displays not run by a licensed FW operator.

John –

Speeding down Derby St. Was suggested to put on SPID watch list and young people involvement. PC Matt Lunney to contact John Hazelwood.

Alice requested Shaw St also be used for young people involvement in holding seeding motorists to account..

Jerry –

Old man crashed into a wall on Dockray St leaving the wall unsafe.

ML says he contacted PBC three weeks ago about this and he is “disappointed the Council have not taken any action.”

TH to contact Building Control

Craig –

Ballgrove gate. Threatened by the resident who refuses to lock the gate again. Report made to the police.

JS to contact Friends of Ballgrove Chairman and PBC.

- **Crime Statistics & Police Priorities**

PC Matt Lunney highlighted the major concerns from the crime figures for December 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 | 9 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 2 | 13 | 7 | -6 |
| Burglary – Commercial | 2 | 0 | 4 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 8 | 3 | -5 |
| Vehicle Crime | 10 | 2 | 4 | 3 | 2 | 1 | 12 | 7 | 4 | 0 | 32 | 13 | -19 |
| Hate Crime | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 0 | -2 |
| Assaults | 26 | 7 | 10 | 11 | 2 | 3 | 12 | 9 | 0 | 0 | 50 | 31 | -19 |
| Theft | 19 | 12 | 14 | 11 | 1 | 0 | 9 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 43 | 24 | -19 |
| Criminal Damage | 9 | 3 | 6 | 1 | 2 | 0 | 3 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 20 | 6 | -14 |
| All Crime | 109 | 54 | 78 | 65 | 14 | 13 | 55 | 59 | 14 | 8 | 270 | 199 | -71 |
| ASB | 13 | 14 | 35 | 21 | 3 | 5 | 8 | 9 | 0 | 1 | 59 | 50 | -9 |

Crime comments:

- Full house reducing crime
- Note Vivary seems to be experiencing more crime than other wards

- Foulridge remarkably low crime figures

- Police comments -

All crime is down. Thefts and retail parks have been targeted with some good results. McDonalds has been quieter. Kids cherry-knocking on doors have been found and dealt with. PC Ivan Hartley worked on that one.

6. Main CSP Meeting – A small meeting; the Partnership Plan task & Finish groups reported progress which are going smoothly; a report on the Violence Reduction Unit activities across Lancashire just starting to have an effect. Funding as always is low but we will cope with existing projects to continue. Performance figures similar to those we receive showing all crime rising across Pendle, but direct social impact fairly low.

7. Any other business:

SCP – A new pole for CCTV is being bought by Colne BID. It is to be sited near the top entrance of Sainsburys.

Yvonne – Teenagers taking bikes up escalators in Sainsburys.

Littering – PBC looking to cancel the contract with district enforcement team, suggestion of more education regarding littering in schools. Concern that this could lead to increased litter and widespread tipping as Enforcement Team split too widely.

8. Date of Next Meeting: 6th February, 2020 at 1730.