

**Minutes of a Meeting of the Colne and District Community Safety Working Group
held at Colne Town Hall on 6th February 2020
Cllr S.E. Cockburn-Price – in the Chair**

Councillor Pat Howarth	Colne Town Council
Councillor Kevin McNulty	Colne Town Council
Councillor Alice Mann	Waterside Action Group
Councillor David Clegg	Colne Town Council and Pendle Borough Council
Councillor Tony Greaves	Colne Town Council and Pendle Borough Council
Tim Horsley	Pendle Borough Council
Yvonne May	Resident
Roger Whitehead	Resident
John Barker	Resident
Pat Maloney	Resident
PC David Cleal	Police
PC Ivan Hartley	Police

1. Welcomes and Apologies

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

Apologies received from:

Jerry Stanford, Cllr. D. Lord, Audrey Broughton, Derek Stan, Cllr. Kevin McNulty

2. Minutes of last meeting

- The minutes of the meeting held on 9th January 2020 were approved as a true and correct record

- Approved

3. Matters Arising

Police Actions:

- Cannabis Waste dumping across Colne District – update: Incidents continue to be reported, despite the closing of two cannabis farms in Colne and Nelson and the seizure of 500 plants.

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Update on drug actions

Cllr. Mann reported that young people taking and dealing drugs by The Arches has lessened since the Police put this area on their regular patrol plan. The Police reported no sightings.

Off-lead Lurchers actions

The owners of the lurchers have moved and no one knows where.

Actions on Derby Rd speeding

This was reported to be continuing and children play in the street. The resident would like to see warning signage being erected. This matter was raised at January's meeting, so PC Cleal agreed to raise it with PC Lunney.

Cllr Foxley – Trawden Schools actions:

The Chair agreed to contact Cllr Foxley for an update. PC Lunney has visited the school intermittently and has had no complaints since Christmas.

Chair's Actions:

- Ball Grove lower gate – Friends of Ball Grove state that there is no agreement to leave the gate locked open during daylight and this is a contravention of the agreement with the residents. The Chair has learnt that this issue is one that must be satisfactorily addressed before Ball Grove Park is transferred to Trawden Parish Council.
- Littered footpath Pendle Vale – PBC litter team actioning a clear-up. The Chair has chivvied Pendle Borough Council's Environmental Crimes Unit and has suggested a range of actions to tackle this problem with various stakeholders.

Cllr Cockburn-Price – abandoned vehicles Hartley St and Sefton St, and illegal use of vehicle Sefton St area. She has contacted the original complainant to see if the problem has been dealt with. The telephone number for reporting abandoned vehicle is: 01282 661743. Tim Horsley agreed to follow this up with Police help, especially as the trailer is blocking the back street.

4. Matters of Concern

JS – Persistent fly-tipping in the yard at the rear of the Hospice Shop in Dockray St is creating a serious risk to shoppers and staff because it blocks the fire exit. Action has been taken to alert the Hospice, PBC and a suggestion that the landlord install CCTV to try and detect the repeat offenders. The latest event took place between Saturday evening and Monday morning 8-15. (Update – Waste sourced to a departing tenant from flat -above the Hospice shop. Waste to be removed Wednesday 12th Feb.)

Cllr. Pat Howarth – cars are travelling up Walton Street too fast. She has witnessed three near accidents in the last six weeks. There is a need for white lining across Seldon Street. The Chair agreed to chase this up with LCC.

Cllr. Alice Mann – The Greenfield Arts Centre (has CCTV) has suffered lads entering and causing trouble. A bike and wheelchair have been stolen. There were three lads involved and two were remorseful.

John Barker – Children have been winding up both residents and dogs in Derby Street. In addition, cars are going up the on-way system the wrong way. PC Hartley and Simon Bucknell are aware of this. Additional signage is needed.

In absentia, Cllr McNulty commented – There is drug dealing at the top of Briercliffe Ave. and they are meeting up at Hereford Road on a daily basis. The advice from the Police was to call PC Cleal the moment this is observed.

5. Crime Statistics & Police Priorities

PC David Cleal highlighted the major concerns from the crime figures for January 2020, together with figures for the same period in 2019.

	Waterside		Horsfield		Colne Rural		Vivary Bridge		Foulridge		Total		Plus/minus
	2019	2020	2019	2020	2019	2020	2019	2020	2019	2020	2019	2020	
Burglary - Residential	4	4	6	3	2	2	4	2	0	0	16	11	-5
Burglary – Commercial	1	1	2	0	0	0	2	0	0	1	5	2	-3
Vehicle Crime	4	3	3	4	1	1	2	6	0	0	10	14	+4
Hate Crime	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	-
Assaults	15	15	5	6	1	2	3	6	1	1	25	30	+5
Theft	17	21	4	8	1	1	19	14	0	0	41	44	+3
Criminal Damage	6	4	5	4	0	1	4	6	0	1	15	16	+1
All Crime	64	84	58	53	9	18	50	57	6	19	187	231	+44
ASB	18	16	42	16	1	5	5	13	0	1	66	51	-15

Crime comments:

- Worrying rise in all crime; assaults high in Waterside. The Group welcomes the forthcoming reopening of the Waterside Youth Club, which is expected soon.

- Police comments -

Their priorities are the burglaries on Short Street, the cannabis dumping in rural areas and the drug dealing throughout the town.

6.. **Any other business:**

None reported

8. **Date of Next Meeting: 5th March, 2020 at 17.30.**