

**Minutes of a Meeting of the Colne and District Community Safety Working Group
held Virtually on 7th January 2021
Jerry Stanford – in the Chair**

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Councillor Sarah Cockburn-Price	Colne Town Council and Pendle Borough Council
Councillor Kevin McNulty	Colne Town Council
David Foat	Resident
Tim Horsley	PBC
PC David Cleal	Lancashire (PNT)
Councillor David Cockburn-Price	Colne Town Council
Councillor Margaret Foxley	Pendle Borough Council
Councillor Dorothy Lord	Pendle Borough Council & Colne Town Council

1. Welcomes and Apologies

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

Apologies received from:

Sgnt Tim Hitchen; Cllr M Thomas, Insp A Ainsworth, Cllr M Chung, R Whitehead

2. Minutes of last meeting

- The minutes of the meeting held on 2nd December 2020 were approved as a true and correct record.

3. Matters Arising

Police Actions: -

Firework Shop – Knotts Lane

DC explained that after investigation the shop is working Click and Collect; members questioned whether the shop is licensed to store fireworks, (PBC Action) and how the shop determines the age of purchasers under this system of sales. DC said the shop is now closed. JS asked that it be marked for assessing legality next October.

Action PBC, PNT

Derby St speeding - DC stated that investigation on several occasions had not established unusual driving. JS reported that he had sighted vehicles travelling at high speed on Derby St and also Stanley St by drivers using them as a rat-run to access to and from North Valley at commuting times. He suggested Police assess it at these times.

Action PNT

Holt House – suspicious car

DC advised that the car in question had been impounded, three occupants given Covid fines; the driver escaped but the car owner has been required to name the driver at the time or face penalty themselves.

PBC Actions:

Back Harley St – rubbish in yard – TH advised that he was unaware of any further action to the Section 215

Tidying of Oak St Frontages – DF advised that the houses are privately owned. TH felt that the first approach should be to write to householders asking them to tidy their own areas if further examination showed it to be necessary.

AM – Damage to Millennium Wall – in the absence of AM, this item deferred.

CYAG – Update:

Sarah C-P reported that the Colne Youth Action Group has now been registered as a Charity by the Charity Commission and that substantial donations have been received from Colne BID, Trawden PC, Police NT, and others, whilst support letters have been given by too many organisations to list.

The group is working closely with LCC, who have offered considerable support under their new plans for delivering youth support; Burnley FC in the Community has obtained funding from the Premiership for youth activities together with an experienced youth worker to set up the Youth Hub. CYAG is proceeding to seek to purchase mobile flood lights which will allow the activities to take place at diverse sites across the district whilst being a possible resource stream from local organisations when not required by the Group.

On the discipline side, work is being planned with the PNT to identify the worst and/or regular offenders and work with them (and their Parents) through the Restorative Justice team, headed by Cllr Margaret Foxley.

On the matter of Byron Rd Youth Centre, LCC is in internal discussion as to whether to remove the “surplus to requirements” designation in view of the new approach to Youth Work and there is momentum to accept the Group’s offer to take over responsibility for it. Further discussions with the Facilities Manager are due tomorrow to take this further. It should be added that Burnley FC have a service level agreement with LCC to deliver activities across Colne and LCC are minded to allow the Group to deliver that agreement in Colne with CYAG and, as such a three way meeting is being arranged.

4. Matters of Concern

D Lord – expressed concern that a black BMW she reported for illegal activity (smoking weed whilst driving) and driving irresponsibly had been taken off the road by the Police some days ago. It is now back practising the same misbehaviours. DC agreed to investigate further. **Action PNT**

K McNulty - reported an accident that occurred on the Gibfield Rd/ Burnley Rd roundabout by a vehicle driven irresponsibly. He asked if there had been any further action. DC advised that there was no CCTV in the area, but that he would check records.

M Foxley – expressed continuing concern about serious speeding on Keighley Rd, Emmott Lane then past the Alma Inn and back in a circuit by high-cost vehicles (Lamborghini in particular) on Friday evenings and weekends 4 p.m. onwards. This is clearly an accident waiting to happen and needs to be stopped. **Action PNT**

She also drew attention to inconsiderate and dangerous parking taking place at the top of School Lane with its junction to A6068 which has become more severe in the current lockdown. It was mentioned that Trawden had initiated a notice system when

they had a similar problem and Cllr Foxley agreed to pursue this avenue whilst DC agreed to review the parking whilst on patrol.

Action PNT & MF

JS advised of information and issues he had obtained recently:

A freedom of information request determined that the speed monitor van had visited Castle Rd 24 times since 2018, issuing 161 notices and on average detecting seven offences each visit.

ASB by youths throwing snowballs at traffic on main roads has been reported at St Joseph's Church, top of Skipton Rd and on North Valley, in one case nearly causing a lorry to crash. DC reported that Covid fines had been issued to some youngsters who were detected. MF said that the word on the street is that no one pays these fines because they aren't followed up by the authorities. DC pointed out that the system was currently heavily congested and in the fullness of time they would be processed and enforced.

The owner of XXX, Albert RD expressed concern about frequent attempts to break-in and damage both to the premises and to neighbouring shops; XXX asked if CCTV was possible for the back street. It is clearly not practical unless the local shops band together to set up a small system, which would not be expensive, or the Colne BID get involved, as they are funding a new CCTV pole on Windy Bank.

Roger Whitehead has asked that his concern be registered that further building, particularly in East Colne would exacerbate the traffic problems and concomitant air pollution levels. S C-P remarked that the automatic air quality monitoring device in operation on Windsor St had failed in 2017; prior to that it had registered consistently higher than permitted values. Subsequently PBC officers undertook manual monitoring and this had shown much lower values (report to November Policy and Resources Committee). Air quality along this road remains a concern to the residents and it would be useful if PBC could allay fears by giving details of the monitoring procedures for the future, as automatic monitoring is more transparent.

5. Crime Statistics & Police Priorities

The crime figures for December:

The crime figures for December 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	2	1	2	1	1	4	0	4	2	0	7	10	+3
Burglary – Commercial	0	6	0	3	1	0	2	2	0	0	3	11	+8
Vehicle Crime	2	2	3	2	1	1	7	4	0	0	13	9	-4
Hate Crime	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	+1
Assaults	7	12	11	8	3	1	9	8	1	0	31	29	-2
Theft	12	21	11	7	0	4	1	6	0	0	24	38	+14
Criminal Damage	3	5	1	8	0	1	0	4	2	1	6	19	+13
All Crime	54	72	65	47	13	18	59	40	8	8	199	185	-14
ASB	14	30	21	43	5	16	9	20	1	1	50	110	+60

DC explained the figures, drawing attention to town-centre robberies which are suspected to be a single gang, but masking had made identification difficult; he also explained some of the ASB rise is due to snowball misdemeanours.

6. Neighbourhood Plan:

SC-P

SC-P reported that the plan has received substantial support and suggestions from the public and the public consultation concludes on Friday, 8th January. It is expected that all the comments and actions will be presented to CTC at its next Full Council prior to moving forward to Regulation 15.

7. Any Other Business:

There was no further business.

The meeting closed at 18.26

Date of Next Meeting: Thursday, 4th Feb 2021 at 17.30 using Teams.