

**Minutes of a Meeting of the Colne and District Community Safety Working Group
held Virtually on 9th June 2021
Jerry Stanford – in the Chair**

Cllr Kevin McNulty
Tim Horsley
PCSO Ailsa Gill
Cllr Ash Sutcliffe

Colne Town Council
Pendle Borough Council
NPT
Pendle Borough Council & Colne Town Council

1. Welcomes and Apologies

The Chairman welcomed everybody to the meeting and thanked them for their attendance. He also formally welcomed PC Andy Sarchet and CI Marie Jackson to the area.

Apologies received from:

Sgt Tim Hitchen; Insp A Ainsworth, R Whitehead, Cllr J Nixon, Cllr Sarah Cockburn-Price
Cllr Mark Chung, Cllr D Cockburn-Price

2. Minutes of last meeting

The minutes of the meeting held on 31st March 2021 were approved as a true and correct record.

3. Matters Arising

Police Actions:

School Lane obstructive parking & A6068
Long-term parked vehicle Wackersall Rd

AG unable to share any information on these actions. Chair to ask Sgnt Hitchen to advise

Chair Actions:

Lenches and Hill Lane vehicles circuit racing:

Lancashire Road Speed unit contacted via web-site – no response as yet.

Dimming of street-lighting: further response from Diane Keene as follows –

Thank you for feedback, I can advise that all LED street lighting apart from the oldest Lanterns fitted before 2011/12, operate at reduced output during the night, 19:00hrs to 07:00hrs. therefore at this time of year the lights will operate at reduced output from switch on to switch off which corresponds with your reported observations. I can advise however that during the winter months the street lighting will operate at full power during the hours of peak vehicular and pedestrian activity. The streets you have brought to our attention will be checked to ensure the lighting is working correctly.

Blues Festival – TC advised – response as follows -

We understand yours and the Committees concerns, and the Council are monitoring the situation however legally the Council is not responsible for what the hostellers within the town do, if they were to do something illegal or not manage their patrons then this is down to the Police and Pendle Borough Council's licensing department to oversee as with any other day. I would also mention that the Blues Festival didn't happen in 2020, and the pubs were

open and there were no issues due to crowds thinking that the blues festival was on attending the town for that weekend. With the Council cancelling all events until after the 1st September 2021, Colne Town Council has no power to provide any infrastructure for an event. I have been informed that the businesses are working with Colne Business Improvement District (Colne BID) and that the Police and licensing are aware that this concern has been raised. Activities around the Town on the August Bank Holiday weekend is on the June agenda as an information item to update the Councillors of different plans, so they are aware of what else is going on. I will, with your permission, submit your email to Full Council so the Councillors are aware of the concerns.

S C-P Action:

SIDs – Five SIDs have been ordered and will be managed by the NPT, with the Lengthsmen responsible for charging and erecting as directed.

4. Matters of Concern

KM -reported that youths had stolen some roof-tiles in Hereford Rd, and had been identified by CCTV. The miscreants were directed to undertake social work such as litter-piking in retribution.

A car was observed entering a cul-de-sac off Hereford road, one evening at a serious speed and then drove away. Details including reg. no passed to NPT.

AS – reported that he had a series of comments from residents in the Turney Crook area of very noisy cars at a specific time in the evening. Details to NPT.

Chair – advised of recurrent problems in the Colne Golf Club area by a significant group of youths, including illegal drinking, drug-taking and swimming in the pond of the quarry. This included some youths being delivered by their parents in cars! NPT have taken action, speaking to the Club Secretary of the need to protect their premises; residents and club members are asked to record car numbers where practical and if safe to do so to take photographs of the individuals so that they can be traced and spoken to. Details can be passed direct to NPT or to the Chair.

Car parking issues have been reported in Sheridan Ave, Laneshaw Bridge and Councillors are addressing these. Vehicles parking on verges under which services run, causing surface damage and potential risk to water, gas and electrical supplies in Ruskin Avenue. Again Councillors are currently investigating solutions.

Problems have been reported at Lane House Lane play area in Trawden from youths. NPT will keep this on their patrol list.

Ex Councillor Foxley was harassed by a group of Youths outside the Library one evening when shopping locally. NPT are investigating CCTV of the incident to identify those responsible.

A silver-grey Toyota was observed in Trawden seeking caravans and motor-homes. Residents are asked to be alert to such a vehicle, to attempt to determine its details and report o NPT or to Chair.

5. Crime Statistics & Police Priorities

The crime figures for May:

The crime figures for May together with figures for the same period in 2020: were overviewed by PCSO Ailsa Gill:

	Waterside		Horsfield		Colne Rural		Vivary Bridge		Foulridge		Total		Plus/minus
	2020	2021	2020	2021	2020	2021	2020	2021	2020	2021	2020	2021	
Burglary - Residential	1	0	1	1	0	0	1	2	1	0	4	3	-1
Burglary – Commercial	3	0	1	0	1	0	2	0	0	0	7	0	-7
Vehicle Crime	4	5	1	3	0	1	2	0	1	1	8	10	+2
Hate Crime	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	-1
Assaults	12	16	8	11	4	4	6	7	1	3	31	41	+10
Theft	8	14	4	5	1	1	7	4	0	2	20	26	+6
Criminal Damage	4	3	3	3	2	0	5	3	0	0	14	9	-5
All Crime	72	70	35	36	17	14	51	35	7	6	182	161	-21
ASB	40	51	34	26	26	10	46	18	4	1	150	96	-54

AG reported that the NPT had been busy running a variety of actions in the last two months, including two weekend POP operations on ASB 23/25 April, and 14/16 May; involvement with Operation Sceptre to address knife crime including shopping tests. One failure in Nelson. A thief was arrested in Colne for an offence committed in Crawshawbooth and is now in Blackburn cells. Zig-Zag patrols are held daily on a random basis around the schools to deter illegal waiting.

6. CYAG update:

Full update deferred; Chair advised that activities had increased and includes martial Arts training, Boot-Camp, horticulture, football at both KGV and Fisher-More with more planned for the summer period.

7. Any Other Business:

Chair reported that the last Main CSP meeting had been addressed by Rhiannon Leeds from the Road Speeding Unit; officers had been moved out of accident analysis during the pandemic but are now back in post; details expected in about 3 months.

The only other issue of moment is that Horsfield was the second worst ward in Pendle for accidental dwelling fires.

Date of Next Meeting: 7th July; 4th Aug; 9th Sept; 7th Oct; 4th Nov; 2nd Dec

Subject to agreement

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