

**Minutes of a Meeting of the Colne and District Community Safety Working Group
held at Colne Town Hall on Thursday 7th Oct 2021
Jerry Stanford – in the Chair**

Cllr Kevin McNulty	Colne Town Council
Cllr Ash Sutcliffe	LCC, Pendle Borough Council & Colne Town Council
Sgt Tim Hitchen	NPT
Tim Horsley	Pendle Borough Council
Cllr D Cockburn-Price	Pendle Borough Council & Colne Town Council
Cllr S Cockburn-Price	Pendle Borough Council & Colne Town Council
Cllr Alice Mann	Pendle Town Council
Mary Peden	Resident Newmarket St
Yvonne May	Resident Primet Heights
Pat Maloney	Resident Bunkers Hill
Thomas Williams	Resident Peel Rd

1. Welcomes and Apologies

The Chairman welcomed everybody to the meeting, taking the opportunity to thank Tim Hitchen for his time as the NPT Sergeant and especially the support for this Group, as he moves to a different role In Lancashire Police Service.
Apologies received from D Lord,

2. Minutes of last meeting

The minutes of the meeting held on 9th Sep 2021 were approved as a true and correct record.

3. Matters Arising

Police Actions:

Illegal car-parking at Laneshaw Bridge

Tim commented that parking where there is a solid line or double solid line is illegal and that NPT will take action if it is seen. In the past warning notices have been given and local addresses posted to warn residents, but the effects do not last. He felt sure that action will be taken in the future.

Car parked on pavement top Cleveland St

This is an issue for LCC because of potential damage to the pavement but will need evidence of such damage before action can be taken. Parking on pavements is only an offence in Greater London. Action Chair to contact LCC

Chair Actions:

Pigeon Nuisance at Library forecourt:

This has been reported to PBC and action has been taken to try and detect the person feeding the birds. BID has been contacted regarding the possibility of using a falcon or hawk but no response received.

Posters are available from Chair if anyone can arrange to have them displayed. Action – poster to Alice Mann.

Cllrs D & S Cockburn-Price - Update in Speed Indicator Devices (SIDS)

Payment is under process, and the supplier is vague about whether they will fit the existing sited panels. The equipment includes a Bluetooth facility to download data and laptops are under order to receive the data. Police are happy to plan the siting rotation and the various lengthsman will be trained to undertake the moving of the devices from one position to the next designated one.

4. Matters of Concern:

Tom Williams - Concern about continuing anti-social behaviour in Peel Rd which has been formally advised to the Together Housing via their relevant form, but this has not been acted upon by them. Pat conformed that this was a long-standing issue with Together Housing and suggested that they were not interested in resolving resident complaints. **Action – Chair to write to Together Housing.**

Pat Maloney - A Toyota van that carries a registration number linked to another vehicle is continuing to be driven in the area, in spite of details having been reported to Police 6 months ago. **Action Tim Hitchen to raise this with the relevant Police team.**

Ash Sutcliffe – Continuing harassment by a specific vehicle owner parking in Knotts Lane area (back street) in such a manner as to prevent other resident access to their own property; the vehicle is believed to be untaxed. The person causing the nuisance is moving soon and Police are aware of this issue; there is another side to the situation. **Action - T Horsley**

Alice Mann – Further complaints about the long-term parking of an advertising hoarding on a vehicle in Burnley Rd. **Action Tim Hitchen to advise NPT**

Pigeon detritus under the main road bridge by Colne Station is making the pavement particularly dangerous under-foot. **Action Chair to contact Michelle Walker, PBC**

Mary Peden – The stones in the wall that were pushed back into place on Newmarket St by the Council staff, have worked out again and are posing a risk to pedestrians. **Action Ash Sutcliffe**

Mark Chung – In spite of the report from LCC that street lighting would return to a higher brightness when the evenings became dark, it is evident that this is not happening and that the level of lighting in Castle Rd and Hereford Road area is sufficiently dim in the evenings as to raise the exposure level for pedestrians in these areas especially women, who are particularly conscious of the risk of violence from men following the Sabina Nessa and Sarah Everard cases. **Action Chair to contact LCC.**

5. Crime Statistics & Police Priorities

The crime figures for Sept:

The crime figures for September together with figures for the same period in 2020: were overviewed by Sgt T Hitchen

	Waterside		Horsfield		Colne Rural		Vivary Bridge		Foulridge		Total		Plus/minus
	2020	2021	2020	2021	2020	2021	2020	2021	2020	2021	2020	2021	
Burglary – Residential	3	1	1	1	1	0	2	0	0	0	7	2	-5
Burglary – Commercial	7	0	0	0	1	1	0	1	1	0	9	2	-7
Vehicle Crime	1	6	8	11	0	0	3	2	0	0	12	19	+7
Hate Crime	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	-2
Assaults	8	10	14	7	1	6	12	11	2	0	37	34	-3
Theft	16	7	10	11	1	0	8	12	1	0	36	30	-6
Criminal Damage	2	6	9	6	0	2	4	2	0	0	15	16	+1
All Crime	66	76	78	58	13	14	67	49	4	2	228	199	-29
ASB	50	21	36	28	10	6	36	11	1	1	133	67	-66

Sgt Hitchen explained the misleading nature of the vehicle crime figures, leading to a very satisfactory set of outcomes.

6. CYAG Update:

Sarah Cockburn-Price updated the Group on the CYAG Charity – negotiations with LCC have now been satisfactorily concluded for the Byron Rd Youth Centre with a 30 year Lease with an option to purchase outright after 5 years. A Youth Officer has been employed and has a great deal of experience both as a Teacher and a Youth Worker. She has started work. A bid has been placed with ASDA for funds to purchase various games facilities to go in the Centre. Outdoor activities have been stepped back as the Winter draws in but rotational weekly activities will be taking place in the Parishes. We have obtained 2000 daffodil bulbs to plant in the Centre grounds, a afternoon has been arranged in November to achieve this and funding has also been granted to plant hedging and shrubs on the remaining perimeter of Byron Rd and Rutland St. The Group congratulated Sarah and her team for the excellent progress being made.

7. Any Other Business

Chair - Cllr Mark Chung has offered to shadow the Chair with a view to taking over if the Group agree. This was agreed unanimously and Mark will assume responsibility from the next Meeting. Jerry will continue to attend and support him. Group thanked Jerry for his ten year service as Chair.

27th November Christmas Fair – the stall has been booked and subject to PBC accounts paying then we will be all set to go for the CSP Roadshow. It is expected to be a 0930 set-up with 1000 start; confirmation that Gail Barton from Our Lancashire will be attending, and it expected that a Police, Fire and possibly Inspire presence will happen during the day. Lots of organisations will be providing leaflets and we will be encouraging residents to attend the Working Group meetings and to set up Neighbourhood Watches in their localities. A spreadsheet will be circulated nearer the time for group members to select slots when they could attend to help on the stand.

There was no further business.

Next Meeting – 4th November; at Colne TH.

Please note that attendance is limited to 20 persons until the pandemic situation eases so will members please let Mark know if they are intending to be there.

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