



Pendle Community Safety Partnership Partnership Meeting

Minutes from the Microsoft Teams Virtual meeting
held on Monday 18th October 2021, 2.00 p.m.

Present:

David Whipp: Chair

Tim Horlsey	Pendle Council
Wayne Forrest	Pendle Council
Nick Harbour	Pendle Council
Councillor Mohammad Aslam	Pendle Council
Jerry Stanford	Colne Community Safety Working Group
Steffani Hull	Office of the Police & Crime Commissioner (Lancashire)
Robert Ruston	Lancashire Police
Adara Ashley	Lancashire Police
Justin Srivastava	Lancashire Police
Gareth Brooks	Lancashire Police
Stuart Banks	Lancashire Police
Claire Bennett	Positive Action in the Community
Gail Barton	Our Lancashire
Abdul Kheratkar	Lancashire County Council
Alan Garner	Lancashire County Council
Martin Jackson	Together Housing

1. Welcome and apologies

The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting.

Apologies for Absence were received from: Lynda Waddington, Andy Ainsworth, Stuart Banks and Lee Harrington.

2. Minutes from last meeting

The minutes of the last Full Community Safety Partnership held on 19th July, 2021 were approved as a correct record.

3. Update on VRN work (*Serious Violence Duty and Trauma-Informed Lancashire Initiative*)

Justin Srivastava and Robert Ruston had prior to the meeting circulated a report outlining a plan for beating crime in the local area. Justin ran through a presentation to talk through the plans and to answer any questions that members may have.

Please see attached report for the full list of areas which will be being implemented

Some of the key areas that will be looked into are as follows:

- Reconnecting the police with the public – making the Police accessible
- Improving the responsiveness of local police to 101 and 999 calls – using league tables Intervening early to keep young people safe and away from violence – recontacting A&E knife injury admissions
- Investing over £45 million in specialist teams in both mainstream schools and Alternative Provision in serious violence hotspots to support young people at risk of involvement in violence to re-engage in education
- Expanding our use of electronic monitoring for serious acquisitive offenders

The main remarks around the report were how the funding can be obtained for all of the key areas outlined. The VPN has requested five years of funding to ensure that the areas highlighted are covered and continue to be combatted. Early intervention into problems such as knife crime (as is currently taking place in Pendle to excellent effect) help to reduce overall costs in the long term.

Members felt that it was important to investigate further in detail what local level services are currently doing to combat similar issues, and how the VPN can step in to assist them. It was suggested that an action plan be devised to which local level services and the VPN can work together on. It was also suggested that a working group be formed to create the action plan.

Members thanked Justin and Robert and noted the report.

Action: Two working groups to be formed – one to review the existing data around violent crime in the local area and one to investigate was to educate people around the issues.

Action: A training and awareness roll out programme to be carried out for Members of this partnership by Justin & Robert's team.

4. Road Safety (inc effectiveness of Average Speed Camera's)

No report has yet been received by the Community Safety Partnership in terms of the effectiveness of the average speed cameras that have been installed across the Borough.

It was noted that speed cameras had gone up on the A682 as previously discussed, so the Police are to be requested to send a report through for findings for the next meeting.

Action: Audrey Drinkwater to be requested to contact Dawn Gough (currently covering for Rhianon Leeds at the Road Safety Partnership) to ask for findings ready for the January 2022 meeting of this partnership.

5. The Government's Beating Crime Plan

Tim Horsley ran through a report in terms of the Government's Beating Crime Plan. (see report for full details).

The headlines from the plan are set out as follows:

- Reconnecting the police with the public – making the Police accessible
- Improving the responsiveness of local police to 101 and 999 calls – using league tables
- Intervening early to keep young people safe and away from violence – recontacting A&E knife injury admissions Headlines
- Investing over £45 million in specialist teams in both mainstream schools and Alternative Provision in serious violence hotspots to support young people at risk of involvement in violence to re-engage in education.
- Expanding our use of electronic monitoring for serious acquisitive offenders Headlines
- Trialling the use of alcohol tags
- Encouraging prison leavers to turn their backs on crime by securing accommodation, employment and substance misuse services
- Expanding the role for Police and Crime Commissioners Headlines
- Empowering the police to take more knives off the streets and to prevent serious violence by permanently relaxing conditions on the use of section 60 stop and search powers
- Serious Violence Duty in Police, Crime, Sentencing and Courts Bill
- Long term drug strategy by the end of 2021 Headlines
- Improving action and support around CCE/CSE; violence against women and girls and modern slavery
- Victims' Bill
- revised Code of Practice for Victims of Crime in England and Wales (Revised Victims' Headlines
- The Victim Funding Strategy will set out commissioning standards and expectations and ensure that victims continue to receive the support they need now and in the future

- Consult on a statutory underpinning for Independent Sexual and Domestic Violence Advocates through the Victims' Bill consultation Headlines
- Support local authorities to prepare and fulfil their relevant functions under the new duty to provide accommodation-based support under the Domestic Abuse Act
- A new national campaign in order to create behaviour change regarding violence against women and girls and, in so doing, raise awareness Headlines
- A comprehensive programme to understand what works in preventing violence against women and girls
- Online Safety Bill to ensure tech companies are playing their part in ridding their platforms of abuse
- A new National Cyber Security Strategy later this year Headlines
- Publish a new strategy for tackling hate crime this autumn
- Extend the use of Football Banning Orders so online abusers can be banned from stadiums

Members thanked Tim for the update and noted the report.

Action: Nick Harbour to re-circulate the report for those who have not yet had a chance to read through it.

6. Pendle Community Safety Partnership Plan 2019-22

Updates from each Task Group, including updated action plans, had been circulated with the agenda.

Brief details from each Task Group are highlighted below:

Keeping Young People and Adults Safe

Claire Bennett had provided a report (see attached) and gave a verbal update on the following key areas:

Feedback on last quarter activity:

- Successful use of the Colne detached youth work model now currently on offer in Brierfield. Wednesday night group meeting at The Garage and on-street engagement on Friday nights.
- Waterside Youth Centre is open again and looking to increase services to young people over the coming weeks.
- Colne Youth Action Group has appointed a paid worker and continues to provide activities for young people, offer restorative justice in association with the Police and negotiate with LCC on taking on Byron Road Youth Centre.
- Funding from the OPCC to address the vulnerability of young people in Colne in particular and other town centres on Friday nights is being allocated to projects

through the Pendle Youth Forum. In-situ's work with young people to develop a film of their views about Colne and their lives is now complete and premiered at an open air event in June. A presentation could be made to the next CSP.

- The remainder of the current funding will be used primarily to consolidate the work in Colne and to initiate the use of the same model adapted to the circumstances in Brierfield. A planning and refresher training session is planned for late July and the first evening session will be held the first week in August. The approach will build on work already being done by Burnley FC in the Community and In-Situ and the local knowledge of key youth workers.
- A further OPCC bid (2020/21 fund) is in development to support this work, embed it in Brierfield as in Colne and then move on to Barnoldswick, Earby and Nelson. A £10,000 bid has already been agreed in principle by the CSP.
- The Transforming Lives Panel continues to case manage an increasing and increasing vulnerable case load.
- East Lancashire Reducing Reoffending Board Action Plan agreed and progressing. Integrated Offender Management referrals in Pendle are being managed through the Pennine Multi Agency Case Conference and the Pendle Multi Agency Partnership under the national Neighbourhood Crime Integrated Offender Management Strategy.

Key areas of focus:

- A bid for further funding for the work with young people in Brierfield, Barnoldswick, Earby and Nelson
- Identifying sources of funding to continue the lead professional funding for Transforming Lives
- Connecting with the Pan-Lancashire Anti Slavery Group and Hope for Justice
- Monitoring the progress of the Lancashire Changing Futures project
- Monitoring the pilot of the Youth Endowment Fund funded Pause 4 Thought programme and supporting its continuation post-evaluation
- Re-opening of Waterside Youth Centre by PAC and supporting CYAG in its bid to re-open Byron Road Youth Centre

The Community Safety Partnership were also asked to endorse the action plan – which they agreed to do.

Claire also mentioned that she would be keen to know what Lancashire County Council's views were of the Youth Service Funding provision. Alan Garner will make enquiries and feed back to Claire directly.

Members thanked Claire for the update.

Action: Alan Garner to enquire at Lancashire County Council for their views on the Youth Service Funding provision.

Tackling the Causes of Crime through Education

Stuart Banks noted the following:

- Presentations are continuing at local schools to highlight the dangers and consequences of knife crime
- No major problems in relation to knife crime in Pendle
- VRN are due to conduct a review of the last three years of violent crime in the local area. Nothing too significant is expected.

Members thanked Stuart for the update.

Action: Wayne, Tim and David to discuss a potential review of the working group outside of the meeting.

Community Engagement

A report had provided a report (see attached) and the Chairman gave a brief verbal update on the following key areas:

Feedback on last quarter activity:

- The CSP brand continues to be developed.
- CSP Facebook page launched January 2021. Currently has 109 followers.
- <https://www.facebook.com/PendleCSP>
- CSP partners are asked to share information on the page.
- Community Safety messages communicated on the Facebook page include: Scams Awareness, Road Safety, Flood Protection, Victim Support, Domestic Abuse – Ask for Ani, Sexual Violence Awareness Week, International Women’s Day, NEST Lancashire.

Key areas of focus:

- Attending the Colne Xmas Lights Switch-On 27th November to highlight the work of the group.

Members noted the update.

7. CSP Funding

Wayne Forrest gave an update around the latest CSP Funding:

- Funding from the OPCC for 2020/21 has gone up to £20,000 from last year's £10,000.
- £3,500 had been previously allocated to Operation Provide
- £4,000 had been previously allocated to continue to fund mediation for the upcoming year

Steffi Hull stated that funding from the Police and Crime Commissioners office would be reviewed in January 2022.

Tim Horsley also mentioned that he would be submitting a bid for £10,000 to go towards some youth provision work.

The Chairman then asked if there were any further areas in terms of the ongoing pandemic that Members felt would benefit from support from the CSP funding pot. New issues could have arisen since the last meeting of this group which may benefit from assistance in terms of the CSP funding resources. No further items were raised.

Action: Tim to prepare the £10,000 bid for the youth provision work.

9. Performance

Police (MATAC analytical report)

Adara Ashley had circulated the MATAC report from the Police. For full details, please see the attached report.

There has been a total of 1,822 crimes recorded in Pendle between July and September 2021. This represents a decrease of 3.8%, down 71 offences when compared to the same period in 2020. It is a 0.9% increase (up 17 offences) when compared to pre-pandemic crime levels for the same period in 2019. By comparison, East recorded a 10.1% increase and Lancashire a 10.8% increase in the number of crimes recorded compared to the same period last year (2020). East saw a 0.9% increase and Lancashire a 0.3% decrease when compared to pre-pandemic levels for the same period in 2019. The following table shows a breakdown of all crime recorded in Pendle between July and September 2021, grouped by crime type, compared to the same period the previous year:

Month/ Crime group	Jul-21	Aug-21	Sep-21	3 month total	As % of all crime	Jul-20	Aug-20	Sep-20	3 month total	Difference	
										Numeric	Percentage
Arson & Criminal Damage	54	78	90	222	12.2%	83	104	71	258	-36	-14.0%
Burglary	24	43	22	89	4.9%	42	53	41	136	-47	-34.6%
Drug Offences	14	15	26	55	3.0%	15	13	9	37	18	48.6%
Miscellaneous Crimes Against Society	18	15	11	44	2.4%	15	12	22	49	-5	-10.2%
Possession of Weapons	5	7	6	18	1.0%	8	3	7	18	0	0.0%
Public Order Offences	56	46	62	164	9.0%	54	68	55	177	-13	-7.3%
Robbery	1	2	4	7	0.4%	8	5	4	17	-10	-58.8%
Sexual Offences	18	19	27	64	3.5%	21	13	23	57	7	12.3%
Theft	83	82	110	275	15.1%	76	116	100	292	-17	-5.8%
Vehicle Offences	21	31	19	71	3.9%	25	17	17	59	12	20.3%
Violence Against the Person	302	223	288	813	44.6%	284	269	240	793	20	2.5%
Grand Total	596	561	665	1,822	100.0%	631	673	589	1,893	-71	-3.8%

All of the crime groups have seen a decrease in the number of crimes recorded except for drug offences, sexual offences, vehicle offences, and violence against the person, which have all seen increases this period compared to the same period last year.

Members noted that Brierfield and the Southfield ward of Nelson were highlighted multiple times in the report and felt that it would be beneficial to get a better understanding of why these two areas were constantly appearing for problem areas.

Members noted the update.

Action: Members to try to pinpoint why so many issues are arising in Brierfield and Southfield.

ASB & Community Protection/ Genga / Serious Organised Crime Panel

Tim Horsley provided a brief update around the figures for ASB, Community Protection and the Genga/ Serious Organised Crime Panel (for full details, please see the attached report):

Genga Panel

Pendle Genga panel met from December 2020 until May 2021 and from June is merged again with Burnley. The Action Plan is currently being updated to reflect current issues and closed cases.

Transforming Lives Panel

All partners report an increase in the number of vulnerable people emerging as a result of Covid 19 and the Lockdowns. This is reflected in the numbers below which have remained

high since the Panel resumed in July 2020; two-fifths of all referrals received since TL started have been received since the Pandemic began.

Mediation

Two cases of the 32 on the list remain outstanding.

Community Protection

Tim ran through the Community Protection statistics (see attached for full details).

Integrated Offender Management

Now included in Tim's report to the CSP.

This process was re-introduced through the Lancashire and East Lancashire Reducing Reoffending Boards in early 2019. It was not until spring 2021 any Pendle based offenders were both referred and accepted.

Members noted the update.

Domestic Abuse Services – PAC and LVS

Claire Bennett ran through the figures from Lancashire Victim Service and PDVA. Please see attached report for full details.

- Lots of longer term engagement is currently required
- More complex needs are coming up more often in recent months.
- A new White Ribbon Advocate Scheme is potentially being rolled out over the coming months

Steffi Hull also stated that the LVS tender was out for recommission and a decision was due by December 2021.

Members noted the update.

Inspire Substance Misuse

No update provided for this meeting.

Lancs Fire & Rescue Service

No update provided for this meeting.

9. Forum Updates

Pendle Domestic Forum/ Domestic Violence Forum

Claire Bennett gave a brief rundown of the latest goings-on from the Pendle Domestic Forum/ Domestic Violence Forum:

- Child Exploitation Strategy Group due to meet in the next few weeks
- Challenging times with agency engagement (since things went remotely) – looking to re-engage agencies in the near future
- PDVI have secured more income streams which is good news. This includes more provision for services including young people's workers.

Action: This partnership to look to encourage working methods similarly to how they were pre-Covid-19 to try to ensure that partnership working can get back to what it once was.

Colne Community Safety Area Working Group – see report for full details.

Jerry Stanford gave a brief rundown of the latest goings-on from the Colne Community Safety Area Working Group:

General Remarks

Group meetings have now returned to the Town Hall with a marked increase in attendance, especially from residents, seeing regular attendances averaging 15.

Areas of Concern:

Youth Misbehaviour – this area was of great concern in August when we had serious issues in Wycollar, Cottontree and Trawden; since schools returned the problems have diminished significantly, helped by expansion in the activities of CYAG.

Drug dealing and using - reports still reach the group of discarded paraphernalia and associated localised illegal activity is a continuing concern to residents.

United Utilities – A number of issues involving this utility led to a letter from the Group to Chief Executive Steve Mogford, who responded in recognising that their work had been less than satisfactory and put the Group in contact with the Network Delivery Manager who has promised full investigation and that lessons will be learned.

Police NPT Changes – The group has been very disappointed to successively lose a number of our highly successful and popular NPT, with PC Matt Lunney moved to Brierfield, PCSO Ailsa Gill to Clitheroe, and more recently our Sergeant Tim Hitchen. It is sad to note that

Tim's relief is also soon to retire, and the on-going rapid turn-rounds and loss of continuity cannot help the resident-police relationship.

Colne Youth Action Group (CYAG) – continues to develop and improve; the Youth Centre on Bryon Rd is to be taken on long-term lease with an option to purchase freehold from LCC after 5 years. An experienced Youth Manager has been employed and is now working, and as outdoor activities are necessarily reduced, grants are being sought to obtain equipment for the Centre for the winter months.

Members noted the update.

Jerry also noted that he is stepping down from his role with the Colne Community Safety Partnership for health reasons. Councillor Mark Chung will now Chair the partnership.

Members asked that their thanks be noted for Jerry's efforts over the years and wish him all the best with his health.

Jerry asked whether this Partnership would like him to continue to attend or whether Councillor Mark Chung should now represent the Colne Community Safety Partnership. The Chairman said this can be discussed outside the meeting.

10. Media Opportunities

Opportunity to promote the stall the CSP will be working at up at the Colne Christmas Lights Switch on event on Saturday 27th November 2021.

11. Date of Next Meeting

The date of the next meeting is due to take place on Monday 17th January 2022 at 14:00 via Teams.