



## **Pendle Community Safety Partnership Partnership Meeting**

Minutes from the Microsoft Teams Virtual meeting  
held on Monday 17<sup>th</sup> January 2022, 2.00 p.m.

### **Present:**

David Whipp: Chair

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| Wayne Forrest               | Pendle Council                         |
| Nick Harbour                | Pendle Council                         |
| Jerry Stanford              | Colne Community Safety Working Group   |
| Tim Hitchen                 | Lancashire Police                      |
| Marie Jackson               | Lancashire Police                      |
| Adara Ashley                | Lancashire Police                      |
| Jim Wood                    | Together Housing                       |
| Sarah Bentley               | Inspire                                |
| Councillor Ashley Sutcliffe | Pendle Council                         |
| Naveed Ahmed                | Whitefield Community Association       |
| Alan Davis                  | Together Housing                       |
| Gillian Lander              | Children and Family Wellbeing Services |

### **1. Welcome and apologies**

The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting.

Apologies for Absence were received from: Mohammad Aslam, Sarah Astin-Wood, Stuart Banks, Claire Bennett, Alan Garner, Tim Horsley, Steffi Hull Darren Mansfield and Danielle Wood.

### **2. Minutes from last meeting**

The minutes of the last Full Community Safety Partnership held on 18<sup>th</sup> October, 2021 were approved as a correct record.

### **3. Road Safety (inc effectiveness of Average Speed Camera's)**

A report had now been received (see attached) by the Community Safety Partnership in terms of the effectiveness of the average speed cameras that have been installed across the Borough. This had been circulated to all Members to read through before the meeting. The Chairman briefly ran through it again before a discussion took place on the findings.

Firstly, Members commented on the difficulty to obtain the report. Audrey Drinkwater of Pendle Borough Council had to submit a Freedom of Information Request to get the details. Members felt that this was an unnecessary procedure for the CSP to have to go through to be able to find out the statistics and suggested they should be more readily available for such a group to have access to.

In terms of the statistics within the report, all were in agreement that the figures showing a reduction in incidents shows that the cameras are working, and that the average speed cameras should be rolled out in other hotspots identified across the Borough – namely at Keighley Road, the A56 from Langroyd to the Borough boundary and on the Padiham bypass to the Borough boundary at Higham.

Jerry Stanford suggested that it would be also beneficial in the monitoring of road safety to be presented with the numbers of RTA's and fatalities within the Borough. Adara Ashley said that now staffing levels were back to normal within the Police analysis team that this should be possible for the next meeting.

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:** That the Police be contacted in terms of the difficulty in obtaining the figures and they are requested to share the information without the need to do a FOI request in future.

**Action:** That the preliminary report is welcomed.

**Action:** That plans are put into place to see that the average speed cameras can be used on Keighley Road, the A56 from Langroyd to the Borough boundary and also on Padiham bypass to the Borough boundary at Higham.

**Action:** That Adara is requested to provide RTA and fatality numbers in all future MATAC reports provided to this partnership.

#### **4. 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 the Chairman 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 has increased services to young people over the coming weeks.
- Colne Youth Action Group has a paid worker and continues to provide activities for young people, offer restorative justice in association with the Police and is finalising negotiations with LCC on taking on Byron Road Youth Centre. It has recently expanded its services into Trawden.
- 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.
- 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 further OPCC bid (2020/21 fund) to support this work, embed it in Brierfield as in Colne and then move on to Barnoldswick, Earby and Nelson has been submitted.
- The Transforming Lives Panel continues to case manage an increasing and increasingly vulnerable case load.

##### **Key areas of focus:**

- Bid submitted 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
- Waterside Youth Centre and CYAG continue to develop services in Colne.
- Focusing on the potential impact of the Domestic Abuse Act 2021 and requirements that come with this.
- Working with the Housing Needs and the RRB to monitor access to accommodation for chaotic households; substance misusers; rough sleepers and offenders leaving prison
- Explore options around the White Ribbon Youth Advocate Programme

Members noted the update.

#### Tackling the Causes of Crime through Education

No update was available for this meeting. It was agreed that a conversation should take place about moving forward in terms of expanding the remit of this group in relation to combatting knife crime in Pendle.

**Action:** Representatives from the CSP and Police to meet outside of this meeting to discuss expanding the remit of the tackling knife crime group.

#### 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:**

- Roller banner and leaflet produced.
- Leaflet has been shared electronically on the CSP Facebook page.
- CSP Facebook page launched January 2021. Currently has 130 followers.
- <https://www.facebook.com/PendleCSP>
- CSP partners are reminded to share information on the page, and to forward details of key campaigns to the CSP Engagement Group for communication to communities across Pendle.
- Community Safety messages communicated on the Facebook page include:
- Road Safety Week, Hate Crime Awareness Week, White Ribbon & 16 Days of Action, Scams Awareness, Crime Prevention Advice, Drink/Drug Driving, Alcohol Awareness Week, Home Fire Safety, Neighbourhood Watch monthly newsletter
- CSP presence at the Colne Xmas Lights Switch-On 27<sup>th</sup> November – CANCELLED DUE TO POOR WEATHER

- Increased Covid numbers has prevented attendance at key community events throughout 2020/21. As the situation improves in the spring/summer we are hopeful of attending more community events
- Due to Covid-19, the Community Champion scheme has been completely suspended, with those volunteers already appointed in other Lancashire parishes being asked to stop all associated activity until further notice.
- It is understood that it's likely the scheme will undergo a formal relaunch some time in 2021, rather than a simple restart in order to better publicise the programme across the county.
- Whitefield Community Association has made no further progress since agreeing to develop a scheme for their area in January 2020, due to the group not meeting due to Covid
- Contact has been made with Colm Flaherty, Secretary, Lancashire Combined Watch Forum, 'The Neighbourhood Watch Association for Lancashire' who has been able to confirm the NW schemes currently running across Pendle – 15. Colm has agreed to share messages from the CSP with scheme co-ordinators to work with us to encourage other areas to set up schemes
- Contact with Pennine Hate Crime Group, Pendle Youth Forum, Pendle CCAN and Pendle Domestic Abuse Forum has continued through virtual meetings.
- Information continues to be shared with volunteers (via BPR CVS) and Town/Parish Councils

An issue was also raised that attendance at recent meetings has been poor and a new Chairman is needed to step in to fill the vacant void for the Community Engagement Task Group.

Members noted the update.

**Action:** Begin to look for a new Chairman for this group and other individuals who can represent different areas of the Borough.

**Action:** This partnership to review in general how these task groups are currently operating and look to identify the priorities of these groups and if they need to change.

## 5. 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

As agreed at the last meeting, a £10,000 bid has been submitted to the Police and Crime Commissioners office to help fund some detached youth work taking place in Colne. This is currently being reviewed and an update will be provided as to whether the application has been successful in due course.

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.

Members noted the update.

## 6. 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 1,837 crimes recorded in Pendle between October and December 2021.

This represents an increase of 4.1%, up 73 offences when compared to the same period in 2020. It is a 1.0% increase (up 19 offences) when compared to pre-pandemic crime levels for the same period in 2019.

By comparison, East recorded a 20.0% increase and Lancashire a 21.4% increase in the number of crimes recorded compared to the same period last year (2020).

East saw a 2.6% increase and Lancashire a 3.4% increase when compared to pre-pandemic levels for the same period in 2019.

| Month/<br>Crime group                | Oct-21     | Nov-21     | Dec-21     | 3 month<br>total | As % of<br>all<br>crime | Oct-20     | Nov-20     | Dec-20     | 3 month<br>total | Difference |             |
|--------------------------------------|------------|------------|------------|------------------|-------------------------|------------|------------|------------|------------------|------------|-------------|
|                                      |            |            |            |                  |                         |            |            |            |                  | Numeric    | Percentage  |
| Arson & Criminal Damage              | 82         | 67         | 75         | 224              | 12.2%                   | 93         | 79         | 52         | 224              | 0          | 0.0%        |
| Burglary                             | 44         | 41         | 20         | 105              | 5.7%                    | 57         | 46         | 56         | 159              | -54        | -34.0%      |
| Drug Offences                        | 20         | 16         | 12         | 48               | 2.6%                    | 16         | 12         | 15         | 43               | 5          | 11.6%       |
| Miscellaneous Crimes Against Society | 22         | 19         | 22         | 63               | 3.4%                    | 12         | 11         | 9          | 32               | 31         | 96.9%       |
| Possession of Weapons                | 4          | 5          | 2          | 11               | 0.6%                    | 12         | 4          | 3          | 19               | -8         | -42.1%      |
| Public Order Offences                | 63         | 45         | 55         | 163              | 8.9%                    | 44         | 44         | 38         | 126              | 37         | 29.4%       |
| Robbery                              | 1          | 1          | 2          | 4                | 0.2%                    | 3          | 1          | 2          | 6                | -2         | -33.3%      |
| Sexual Offences                      | 26         | 24         | 17         | 67               | 3.6%                    | 19         | 19         | 23         | 61               | 6          | 9.8%        |
| Theft                                | 90         | 89         | 87         | 266              | 14.5%                   | 80         | 75         | 91         | 246              | 20         | 8.1%        |
| Vehicle Offences                     | 25         | 22         | 23         | 70               | 3.8%                    | 37         | 29         | 23         | 89               | -19        | -21.3%      |
| Violence Against the Person          | 270        | 280        | 266        | 816              | 44.4%                   | 228        | 282        | 249        | 759              | 57         | 7.5%        |
| <b>Grand Total</b>                   | <b>647</b> | <b>609</b> | <b>581</b> | <b>1,837</b>     | <b>100.0%</b>           | <b>601</b> | <b>602</b> | <b>561</b> | <b>1,764</b>     | <b>73</b>  | <b>4.1%</b> |

Members again 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.

Marie Jackson suggested that a detailed review of the Southfield Ward should be undertaken and look at the specific type of crimes which are occurring in the Ward. Once these have been identified, it will be easier to take steps towards working on an early intervention programme which may help to reduce these statistics.

Members noted the update.

**Action:** Marie Jackson to report back at the next meeting in terms of activities at Southfield and how best the CSP can look to contribute towards bringing these figures down.

### **ASB & Community Protection/ Genga / Serious Organised Crime Panel**

The Chairman 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 is now meeting on a Pennine Lancashire footprint. 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 33 on the list remain outstanding.

#### **Community Protection**

The chairman 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**

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

Members noted the update.

### **Inspire Substance Misuse**

Sarah Bentley gave a brief verbal update in relation to the latest going's on at Inspire:

- A number of staffing issues have now been addressed. Four new staff have been interviewed and are due to start. Temporary agency staff had up until recently been covering some of the workload.
- Service users are now back to meeting face-to-face as well as online.
- Group work is also continuing both face to face and online.
- Referrals are on the up.
- Nikki Major is now the new District Manager for the organisation.

Members noted the update.

### **Lancs Fire & Rescue Service**

No update provided for this meeting.

### **Children and Family Wellbeing Services**

Gillian Lander gave a brief verbal update in relation to the latest going's on at the Children and Family Wellbeing Services:

- Staffing levels now increased with the appointment of two full time youth workers and two further support workers for youth provision. Four part time support workers now also on the books.
- A number of new youth groups have recently been set up, including Colourful Voices.
- Funding potentially becoming available for a further two detached workers in the next few weeks.

Members noted the update.



**Action:** Gillian to forward information leaflet around services provided to Nick to circulate to Members, as well as the information for the two detached worker roles.

## **7. Forum Updates**

### Pendle Domestic Forum/ Domestic Violence Forum

Claire Bennett who usually provides an update on these forums had provided apologies for the meeting, and therefore a verbal update could not be given this time.

### 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**

The Group has met only twice since the last full meeting.

#### **Areas of Concern:**

**Youth Misbehaviour** – there have been fewer reports of misbehaviour over the Christmas period though there seems to be a core few youths who are consistently straying into border-criminality throwing stones at passing motorists as an example. Work is on-going with the NPT to identify and get these few to integrate with CYAG activities, and to engage with the parents, with some success.

**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** – Whilst the main FW supply problems in the Castle Road area continue, sadly UU have reported that priorities have directed available funding elsewhere from the current budget, so patching of new bursts will continue. We are assured that the renewal of the line is still in the plans for the new 2022/23 budget.

**Colne Youth Action Group (CYAG)** – continues to develop and improve; the Youth Centre on Bryon Rd takeover has been delayed following vandalism and break-ins. Efforts are on-going to attain funding for general repair and improvement and it is hoped to have an opening soon. Winter activities have continued and some successful holiday clubs and panto attendances.

**General Crime** – the recent numbers have shown a discouraging rise.

**CSP Action Plan – Road-Shows** – sadly the road show at the Christmas Market was called off at the last minute due to the storm, having gathered significant support from group and organisations. TFG are looking at the Easter Market as the possible next opportunity.

Jerry also raised the issue of a lack of response from the Police in terms of the roadshow that was supposed to take place in December, and also their failure to attend the most recent Colne CSP meetings. Marie asked that Jerry go directly to her in future if other contacts fail to reply to any future requests.

Members noted the update.

## **8. Media Opportunities**

No opportunities raised during the meeting.

Anyone with anything between now and the April meeting are advised to contact Sarah Astin-Wood for approval and the relevant organisations can be contacted to promote.

## **9. Date of Next Meeting**

To be confirmed.