

**Minutes of a Meeting of the Colne and District Community Safety Working Group
held at Colne Town Hall on Thursday 3rd November 2022
Jerry Stanford – in the Chair**

Cllr A. Sutcliffe	LCC & Pendle Borough Council
Cllr D. Cockburn-Price	Pendle Borough Council & Colne Town Council
Cllr S. Cockburn-Price	Pendle Borough Council & Colne Town Council
Cllr D. Lord	Pendle Borough Council
Cllr A. Mann	Colne Town Council & Waterside Action Group
Mary Peden	N Colne
Two Residents	South Colne
Rachel Dyer	N Colne
PC Scott Thomson	Neighbourhood Police Team
PCSO Keely Evans	Neighbourhood Police Team

1. Welcomes and Apologies

Jerry Stanford took the chair with the agreement of the group and welcomed everyone, thanking them for their attendance. Apologies recorded from K. McNulty, T. Horsley (Pendle Borough Council's Localities and Policy Unit), Sgt J Cooper,

2. Minutes of last meeting

The minutes of the meeting held on 13th October 2022 were approved as a true and correct record.

3. Matters Arising

Police Actions:

Floodlights Colne Police Station – Issue passed to Police Facilities Unit for rectification.
Problems in Blucher St – Scott explained that fires being set by youngsters had been dealt with jointly by Police and Fire Service, the latter having visited the offenders and given warnings and descriptions of the ramifications of such actions. Parents had been involved. Local residents explained that the issues were much broader and involved youngsters waging a continuous campaign of hate crime on a XXXXX, attempts to destroy property, threats to persons in the area. They stated that they and the XXXXX family were in fear of being identified and therefore had felt unable to report these issues because the resulting presence of Police at their door signified the source of complaint. Scott said that without an official complaint registered by phone, on-line or in writing they could not register the crime and take proper action other than fortuitously catching the miscreants in the act. Chair suggested Crimestoppers as an anonymous way of reporting, or by contacting himself on the telephone to refer it to the NPT member on duty. Chair also raised the other issue from this area reported at the last meeting, involving a young potentially vulnerable man living alone XXXXX who has visitors calling at all hours of day and night, and suggested that the NPT consider the possibility of a cuckooing situation. It is believed that the renter is the man's mother who lives elsewhere.

ACTIONS NPT to address police matters; Tim Horsley to investigate appropriate issues.

4. Matters of Concern:

Dorothy Lord: A north Colne family had been in touch to report that they had a 12-year-old son out of control; he was gated and broke out of the kitchen window before midnight and was followed by his Father as far as Alkincoates Park where he lost him. They reported

dialling 101 and then waiting on the phone for over an hour without an answer. The boy returned at 6am. Chair stressed that using 999 in such a situation to utilise the ASB vehicle is appropriate. **Action** NPT to try and identify the young son living XXXXX. Cllr Lord for details.

A firework was discharged at an elderly man near McDonalds, from which he was traumatised. Scott reported that this had had a Police response, the young people concerned had been identified and corrective action taken. PCSO Keeley explained that she was visiting the local schools with an education package warning them of the dangers of misuse of fireworks and likely repercussions on themselves.

David Cockburn-Price – Continuing problems with speeding, especially in Laneshaw Bridge A6068; Scott confirmed that he was regularly using the hand-held speed-gun in relevant hotspots across Pendle and with considerable success. There is also a series of educational pack ages being delivered by PCSOs to local schools to try and reduce the likelihood of them indulging in speed antics when old enough to drive by warning of the dangers to themselves and others.

David also advised that at last there was some progress with the introduction of SPIDS following actions by LCC.

Alice Mann – Problem with children knocking on doors has worsened in that they are now hitting, kicking or throwing themselves at doors then running away. This occurs in Burnley Rd at school-out time and then occurs in the Blucher St area in the early evening. Scott said that patrols would be used to try and detect this activity at the appropriate time. **Action -** CYAG to patrol area to try and link the youths to CYAG.

Ash Sutcliffe – Following a junction accident Talbot St LCC were alerted regarding the obliterated white lines and these were redrawn the following day.

Further issues with Derby St Clifton junction compounded by workings at the mill, formerly Foulds Lifts, where a company are undertaking car and van work; this is resulting in unregistered, untaxed and unroadworthy vehicles being left on the Highway, in some cases for months, and attracting youngsters who are progressively further wrecking these vehicles and committing a nuisance. XXXXX lives in this area and reports that the life quality of residents is being seriously compromised by the indiscriminate use of the road as a depository for wrecked vehicles and the predations of the youngsters in the evenings.

(Action for Trading Standards, NPT, PBC Planning and PBC Works – details redacted)
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Caravan residing on spare ground adjacent to the old Ambulance Hall – **(Action for PBC and NPT – details redacted)** XXXXX

5. Crime Statistics & Police Priorities

The crime figures for October

The crime figures for September together with figures for the corresponding period in 2021: were overviewed by PC Scott Thomson

	Waterside		Horsfield		Colne Rural		Vivary Bridge		Foulridge		Total		Plus/minus
	2021	2022	2021	2022	2021	2022	2021	2022	2021	2022	2021	2022	
Burglary – Residential	5	2	0	3	0	1	0	1	0	0	5	7	+2
Burglary – Commercial	0	2	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	2	1	2	+1
Vehicle Crime	6	5	1	5	0	0	3	3	0	1	10	14	+4
Hate Crime	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	-1
Assaults	23	10	7	9	5	1	9	4	3	2	47	26	-21
Theft	7	8	22	9	1	1	4	13	0	0	34	31	-3
Criminal Damage	4	6	4	6	0	1	1	6	0	0	9	21	+12
All Recordable Crime	75	80	64	65	12	16	33	61	7	14	191	236	+45
ASB	20	27	62	31	8	2	29	29	1	2	120	91	-29

Scott explained that the high increase in all-crime was essentially magnified by multiple reporting of the same incidents. Otherwise, no significant actions to add to NPT priorities.

6. BID Report

No attendee

7. CYAG Update:

Open Day went ahead and was very successful; a number of people offered to become volunteers but fewer have responded to the subsequent email confirmation.

The ancient heating system has failed and efforts are being made to seek solutions; the electricity meter indicates significant usage when there is apparently no equipment being used. Also being further investigated. The roof continues to leak and difficulties experienced in getting professional support.

The Woodland Oasis event went well, and a visit is planned to The Wizard of Oz.

The youth club in Trawden is doing well with new ideas for activities a constant feature.

The Toddlers group on a Thursday run by Park School during the holidays is going well.

A club for older teens is planned with an emphasis on green activities and useful learning experiences.

Use of the LCC grant for £3000 winter food is being planned.

8. Any Other Business

Monday 17th October 2022

Brief Review – Jerry Stanford Dep Chairman

The PCSP Strategy 2023 - is being worked on and will be produced next year,

Crime figures:

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.

Violence Against the Person offences continue to be the primary crime group, accounting for just under 45% of all crime in the Pendle area.

Domestic Abuse:

From July to September 2021, there were 331 domestic abuse related offences recorded in Pendle. This is the same number of domestic abuse related offences which were recorded last year in Pendle.

- Assault without Injury (100), Assault with Injury (47), Stalking (4) and Malicious Communications (39) continue to be the main type of domestic abuse offences, accounting for 68.9% of all domestic abuse related offences in Pendle.
- 19.9% (66/331) of domestic abuse offences were alcohol related.
- 35.6% (118) of victims of domestic abuse offences in Pendle were aged between 25-34.
- 69.2% (229/331) of victims of domestic abuse were female and 24.7% were male (82). (Gender not recorded for 20 offences).

Anti-Social Behaviour:

From July to September 2021, there were 990 ASB incidents recorded. This is a 31.7% decrease from the same period last year where 1,450 ASB incidents were recorded. However, compared to the same period in 2019 (pre-pandemic), ASB levels have seen a 29.2% increase (up by 224) with 766 incidents recorded compared to 990 in 2021.

Youth ASB

From July to September, there were 208 (21.0%) ASB incidents that were youth related. This is a 29.3% decrease from last year where 294 youth related ASB incidents were recorded.

- Across East as a whole, 22.1% of all ASB recorded was youth related.
- Peak wards include Horsfield (38), Vivary Bridge (22) and Craven (20) wards, accounting for 38.5% of all youth related ASB in Pendle.

Nothing else of note for this group.

Secretarial Support - The group still seeks secretarial help in recording minutes and other minor admin tasks. Anyone who knows someone who might be interested should contact Jerry or Mark (contacts below).

There was no further business.

Next Meeting – 1st Dec; at Colne TH.

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