

**Minutes of a Meeting of the Colne and District Community Safety Working Group
held at Colne Town Hall on Thursday 2nd March 2023
Jerry Stanford – in the Chair**

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
Roger Whitehead	Resident, Waterside AG
Cllr B Hodgson	Trawden Parish Council
Tim Horsley	Pendle Borough Council

1. Welcomes and Apologies

Jerry Stanford welcomed everyone and thanked them all for their attendance. Apologies recorded from A. Sutcliffe, Sgt J Cooper, K McNulty and Aneesa McGladdery.

2. Minutes of last meeting

Year headings in the crime figures have been corrected. The minutes of the meeting held on 2nd February 2023 were then approved.

3. Matters Arising

Police Actions:

Greenfield Rd - No immediate response.

Action Advised no obvious sighting of vehicles on the road. PC Lydiatt told problem in carpark. Further response awaited. Photos of vehicles submitted on 22nd February on site now gone.

Increased crime figures last month in Foulridge :

Action PC Schofield advised simple spike in figures with no linking factors; have now returned to low numbers.

Other Actions:

Alice – dog-fouling report outcome

No report.

Tim – Back Hawley Street, car with flat tyre abandoned?

Vehicle believed removed. Further report about drug dealing in area and fly-tipping. Discussion about covert cameras being placed on house-owners wall.

Action: S C-P to discuss at PBC.

Action: Chair to ask A Mann to supply house-owners contact details to S C-P.

Ash – cars obstructing pavement in Brunswick Drive

No report.

4. Matters of Concern:

D Lord reported that an electric cable was laid along a street from a garage in Thomas St to a caravan and it was suspected that the caravan is being lived in. She has reported it to Planning.

Some trees have been damaged and work is required on the pond in the land near the Persimmon Estate; this is being undertaken by PBC.

At the Monthly Wednesday Disco held at the Town Hall for persons with disabilities, they have been plagued by youths of around 11/12 years old causing troubles both in and out of the building.

Action- NPT to please patrol, preferable covertly, last Wednesday of the month between 6-30 and 8pm to attempt to apprehend.

B Hodgson Reported that LCC Highways are to visit Lanehouse/Hollin Hall Trawden to consider installing double yellow lines at the pinch-points.

D Cockburn-Price – reported the SPID purchase is to go ahead by the end of this month under the auspices of Cone Town Council, spending a proportion of the allocated monies with the remainder to be reallocated elsewhere.

S Cockburn-Price - reported that the older residents on Thirlmere Avenue and Coniston Grove are being persecuted by youths disturbing their peace and damaging property. No identification has been possible, but the suspicion is that they are from the new houses on the Rough. Similar youth ASAB has occurred in Foulridge but CCTV images are available. S C-P has asked for this footage and will raise it through CYAG with Park School to identify the offenders. It is possible that a clique at the school have devised this as a fun thing to do in their respective communities.

Action – S C-P to acquire images and pursue. **NPT** – to patrol after school-out.

There has again been trouble during the Trawden Youth Club on Wednesday evening by interlopers causing mayhem which necessitated a 999 call. Offenders have been identified and action is being taken.

Report that young persons in the Winewall area were accosted by persons in a dark blue car, demanding a fight and showing an 8" hunting style knife. This was resolved without affray.

PS It is confirmed the incident was reported to Lancashire Police and is now in their knowledge base.

T Horsley – reported that the caravan causing troubles at the Ambulance Hall site has had a Public Protection Order imposed.

5. Crime Statistics & Police Priorities

The crime figures for February

The crime figures for February together with figures for the corresponding period in 2022: were overviewed by Chair.

All Crime	149	146
Arson and Criminal Damage	17	21
Burglary	11	10
Robbery	1	1
Public Order Offences	14	16
Sexual Offences	5	4
Theft Offences	17	27
Vehicle Offences	9	4
Violent Offences	58	56

Chair advised that the spike in theft figures was acknowledged and can be explained; action has been effected.

6. BID Report

There was no report

7. CYAG Update:

Roof leaks have now been repaired, downpipes cleared and the lighting exchanged for LED fittings to reduce electricity costs in the Byron Road Centre. A professional kitchen is being designed and will be commissioned soon.

Karen restarts her employment on 3rd April. CYAG uniforms have now been supplied and job descriptions for full and part-time support-staff are prepared.

A new drama club is soon to begin at the Byron Rd Centre, and the other clubs continue with good attendance.

Chair asked if youth recruitment could be supported with an A5 pamphlet incorporating an application form and information about the organisation. This is to be considered.

8. Any Other Business

Chair advised the impending elections meant that there is no Area Committee Meeting in April but contrary to previous information there will be a meeting on 30th March. The next meeting after that would be the 9th May. If there was any urgent matter that arises in the meantime, he asked that residents email or telephone him for it to be actioned, attaching any suitable evidence available.

There was no further business.

Next Meeting – 30th March 2023 at Colne TH.

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