



Pendle Community Safety Partnership Meeting

Minutes from the Microsoft Teams Virtual meeting
held on Monday, 16th January 2023, 2.00p.m.

Present:

Councillor David Whipp (Chair)

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| Jim Wood | Together Housing |
| Tim Horsley | Pendle Borough Council |
| Alan Garner | LCC Children & Family Wellbeing Service |
| Jerry Stanford | Colne Community Safety Working Group |
| Sarah Astin-Wood | Pendle Borough Council |
| Suzanne Parkinson | Lancashire County Council |
| Beth Willmott | Lancashire Police and Crime Commissioner's Office |
| Claire Pearson | Lancashire Police |
| Ashley Sutcliffe | Borough and County Councillor |
| Trevor Jenkins | Lancashire Fire & Rescue Service |
| Gemma Waterhouse | LCC Children & Family Wellbeing Service |
| Karen Exell | Welcome Spaces |
| Claire Bennett | Positive Action in the Community (PAC) |
| Abdul Kheratkar | Lancashire County Council |
| Gareth Brooks | Lancashire Police |
| Adara Ashley | Lancashire Police |
| Nichola Major | Inspire |
| Kieran McGladdery | Borough Councillor |
| Agnieszka Grabowska | Pendle Borough Council |

1. Welcome and to receive any apologies for absence

Councillor David Whipp welcomed everyone to the meeting, thanked them for their attendance and requested to introduce themselves.

Apologies for absence were received from: Andrew Wright, Imrana Khan, David Walker, Jonathan Barlow, Rose Rouse

2. Minutes from last meeting

The minutes of the last Pendle Community Safety Partnership held on 17th October 2022 were approved as a correct record.

3. Pendle Community Safety Partnership Strategy Plan 2022-25

For full details, please see attached Plan.

Sarah Astin-Wood from Pendle Borough Council has shared the updated Strategy with the data from the partner workshop and community engagement, outlining the priorities identified.

The Chair thanked Sarah for the update and invited members to raise any more comments.

The discussion took place around the Strategy. Jerry Stanford has suggested to change the title of the document to make the Plan more readable.

The Chair commented that the key to success is to focus on prioritising things and working together to get the best results. Furthermore, the Chair suggested that it would be useful to prepare some legal, statutory requirements getting people to work together and concentrate on priorities raised in the document. Claire Bennett suggested the panel discussion to share information with the others. The panel discussion can be a benefit as present different perspectives on a subject from different groups and also is the best way of getting people engaged.

No members had any further comments and updated Strategy has been accepted.

Action:

- **Strategy implementation to the individual groups**
- **Revisit the Plan later this year (2023)**

4. Performance

For full details, please see the attached report.

- Police (MATAC analytical report)

Adara Ashley had circulated the MATAC report from the Police.

Crime:

There has been a total of 1,641 crimes recorded in Pendle in the most recent quarter – October to December 2022.

This is a decrease of 9.6%, down 175 offences when compared to the same period in 2021.

By comparison, East recorded a 16.5% and Lancashire a 13.5% decrease in the number of crimes recorded compared to the same period last year (2021).

Compared to the previous quarter (July to September 2022), all crime in Pendle has seen an 11.5% reduction (down 214 offences).

Possession of weapon. The Chair noted an increase in cases for possession of weapons. Claire Pearson confirmed that statistic looks alarming but suggested additional funding for educational programmes for young people. It has been emphasised that proper education in this area and adequate attention to it can prevent young people from searching and buying weapons.

The Chair confirmed that this matter requires particular attention.

Vehicle offences. Jerry Stanford noted that vehicle offenses have seen the highest numerical increase, compared to last year and this is something that requires some further action. Claire commented the vehicle offences statistic advising that the thieves come from other regions, they commit robberies during the night and particularly from vehicles with valuables inside. The police have already taken some steps to reduce the number of cases, they have appointed a special team to work with Yorkshire Police and there are already some results.

Nevertheless, it is an ongoing problem and there should be an information campaign in the form of leaflets, advertisements for the public on how to prevent car burglaries.

Action: Conduct a public awareness campaign

Theft: Blackmail. The Chair noted the increase of blackmail cases compared to last year and pointed out that this is something that also requires attention.

Claire Pearson commented a new trend has emerged and people are taking pictures of themselves and then sending to the most inappropriate people who use these pictures for blackmail.

The Chair raised the importance of organising an information campaign for the public on the negative consequences of this new trend.

Action: Conduct a public awareness campaign

Domestic Abuse:

From October to December 2022 there were 345 domestic abuse related offences recorded in Pendle (21% of all crimes recorded). This represents a 12% increase from October – December 2021 (+37 offences). Pendle was one of just two CSPs within Lancashire that recorded an increase in domestic abuse related offences compared to last year. Brierfield ward recorded the most domestic abuse related offences this quarter (40), followed by Vivary Bridge (37) and Bradley ward (34).

Jerry Stanford noted an increase in domestic violence particularly in Pendle and Ribble Valley and has pointed out that perhaps the ongoing transformation of the police department is responsible for such high statistics. The Police should be

concentrating on getting to know the area and people, unfortunately constant personnel movements make this impossible.

Claire Pearson suggested that victims of domestic violence should be offered the best possible comprehensive support services. The process of prosecuting and sentencing offenders should be improved.

On the final note Gareth Brooks added that looking at individual criminal cases, they may seem high, but compared to previous years, there has been a significant decrease.

Action: Establish an optimal victim assistance system/ getting the best possible help

Anti-Social Behaviour and Youth ASB:

Adara Ashley provided a brief update around the figures for ASB and related Youth ASB (for full details, please see attached report). The most incidents occurred in November but it has been noted that Halloween and Bonfire Night increase anti-social behaviour among young people.

The Chair asked for any questions/ comments related to this part of the police report. It has been noted an increase of firework related youth ASB incidents during the quarter. The most incidents occurred in November but it has been noted that Halloween and Bonfire Night increase anti-social behaviour among young people.

Claire Bennett pointed out the need of finding out the reasons for these behaviours. Claire suggested some actions needs to be taken in order to resolve the problem. The Chair noted that the reports mainly concern fireworks in parks and arson of properties which indicates more typical anti-social teenagers behaviour.

▪ Domestic Abuse Services – PAC and LVS

Claire Pearson pointed out the need to focus on prevention, information and taking the particular actions.

Beth Willmott suggested that Lancashire Victim Services could supply some information that would be helpful as they lunch domestic abuse campaign.

▪ Fire and Rescue Service

The general update has been given around the latest happenings at Fire and Rescue Services. (Trevor Jenkins)

Supporting vulnerable/ elderly people. It has been suggested that health checks should be carried out at the fire station, especially for the elderly. This would significantly reduce the burden on the health service (GP, NHS). Such a campaign could be organised in Nelson for older people. The advertise could be done over the

radio, then medical consultants could come to the fire station and prepare a health check.

Members approved the concept

Action: organise promotional health check campaign

- **Inspire substance misuse**

Nichola Major gave a brief update in relation to the latest goings-on at Inspire and also suggested as a practice educator is very keen to do some learning awareness. Awareness training teaches people the skills that will enable them to perform their jobs more effectively and provided with the email address for potential training opportunities:

Lisa.Archer@sql.org.uk

- **Pendle Borough Council – Community Protection Update**

Tim Horsley ran through the Community Protection statistic. *Please refer to attached report for full details.*

Members noted the update.

5. Forum Updates

- Burnley & Pendle Exploitation Awareness Group
- Pendle Domestic Abuse Forum
- Claire Bennett gave a brief rundown of the latest goings-on from Burnley & Pendle Exploitation Awareness Group and Pendle Domestic Abuse Forum.

Members noted the update

- Colne Community Safety Area Working Group (Jerry Stanford).

Please refer to two reports circulated with the Agenda.

Members noted the updates

6. Communications

The Chair raised a question what can be suggested by the members to improve mutual communication. Nothing has been agreed due to the fact that a number of members had to leave the meeting.

7. Dates of Future Meeting:

All present agreed to the following dates for meetings during 2023:

17th April 2023 at 2.00pm on Teams

17th July 2023 at 2.00pm on Teams

16th October 2023 at 2.00pm on Teams