

**Minutes of a Meeting of the Colne and District Community Safety Working Group  
held at Colne Town Hall on Thursday 6th July 2023  
Jerry Stanford – in the Chair**

Cllr A Sutcliffe	Lancashire County Council and Pendle Borough Council
Cllr D. Cockburn-Price	Pendle Borough Council & Colne Town Council
Cllr S. Cockburn-Price	Pendle Borough Council & Colne Town Council
Cllr Anthony Chamberlain	Colne Town Council
Cllr M Moffitt	Colne Town Council
Roger Whitehead	Resident, Waterside AG
M Peden	Resident
Aneesa McGladdery	Bid Manager
Kieran McGladdery	Resident
Cllr K Salter	Pendle Borough Council

**1. Welcomes and Apologies**

Jerry Stanford welcomed everyone and thanked them all for their attendance. There were apologies from A Mann, Sgt J Cooper, T Horsley, D Lord, K McNulty

**2. Minutes of last meeting**

The Minutes of 8<sup>th</sup> June were approved as a true record.

**Matters Arising**

**Police Actions:**

An apology was received from PC Lunney to explain that he had been injured and therefore unable to attend.

**Update from PC Schofield on May queries**

**Earl St trespassing youths breaking pallets**

**ID of scrap vehicles**

**ACTION** – Chair to contact relevant NPT members to seek answers.

**MF/SC-P**      Outcome of RJ on Trawden Youths; due to the Police feeling unable to declare this as a crime in spite of criminal damage to Council property and signage, and other offences this has not been permitted to be subject to restorative justice.

### **3. Matters of Concern:**

XXXX – The graffiti damage to the bus shelters has been kindly repaired by professional people, one from Colne, one from Barrowford, free of charge. The surfaces have been painted with an easy remove paint should it reoccur.

XXXX – Litter-picking behind the old Boundary Mill retail site we discovered a cache of used and semi-used nitrous-oxide canisters in what appears to be a meeting area. This was clearly youngster aimed product with additional substance to make it attractive to the younger element.

**Action** – NPT please to investigate; photo forwarded separately to them.

XXXX – Concern at weekly visit to “Bees Knees’ by man with horses, leaving them outside whilst imbibing inside. Assured by others that this causes no problems.

XXXX – Motor-bike noise nuisance persistent. Also prevalent on every Sunday afternoon in the Lakes area. Raise concern if the noise represents using the vehicles not as manufactured thus potentially invalidating insurance and giving the potential to remove them from the user. **Action** – NPT to investigate

XXXX – abandoned car in Trawden; Tim Horley contacted and owner spoken to. To be returned to road fit condition and removed.

XXXX – There is a delay in delivery of the SPIDS, presumably supply-chain difficulties.

Chair advised that he had been approached by the local representative of Bramhall Properties who own North Valley retail Estate, Jonathan Duck, who hoped to attend the meeting in September.

**Action** - Chair to give Aneesa from BID the contact details about the CCTV at the Estate.

#### 4. Crime Statistics & Police Priorities

The crime figures for June were reviewed against those of the previous year by Chair

#### June 2023

Incident	Waterside		Horsfield		Colne Rural		Vivary Bridge		Foulridge		Total		Plus/minus
	2022	2023	2022	2023	2022	2023	2022	2023	2022	2023	2022	2023	
Burglary – Residential	2	0	0	4	0	0	1	2	0	0	3	6	+3
Burglary – Commercial	3	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	3	2	-1
Vehicle Crime	4	2	0	7	1	1	0	3	0	0	5	13	+8
Hate Crime	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	=
Assaults	15	19	19	14	4	4	9	12	0	0	47	49	+2
Theft	9	12	5	8	0	0	14	8	0	0	28	28	=
Criminal Damage	6	3	6	3	0	0	2	3	0	0	15	9	-6
All Recordable Crime	68	68	61	67	14	13	56	50	4	4	203	202	-1
ASB	23	11	24	20	4	3	18	14	3	2	72	50	-22

These are good figures overall, but NPT are asked to note the Horsfield vehicle crime rise in particular.

#### 5. Business Community Safety Group Report

The retail crime group meeting was held to be a success. Conversations are continuing to take retailers beyond the current state of awareness to one of action.

The BID is to get more interaction with other schools to add to that with Park.

#### 6. CYAG Update:

A very successful Open-Day was held at Byron Rd last Saturday with a “men-your-bike” facility, food and drinks, Martial Arts demonstrations and other exciting events. New members were signed-up and old friends welcomed. A similar event will be held in September, after the holidays.

The HAF summer activities have been set up and CYAG are hoping to extend the reach by self-funding more places. The new member of staff has already proved to be a tower of

strength and volunteers from the Colleges will be sought in the Autumn. The normal events continue unabated.

### **Any Other Business**

There was no other business

**Next Meeting – 3<sup>rd</sup> August 2023 at Colne TH, 5-30 pm.**

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## **SPAM REPORTS FROM LCC - Consumer Alerts – June 2022**

### **Beware cold callers offering to jet wash driveways in the Fylde area.**

Cold callers have been delivering flyers and approaching residents in the Fylde area offering to pressure wash and seal drives. Concerns are that the price for the service is excessive, and that no sealant is being applied. Be very wary of responding to flyers, best advice is to find a known local trades person who can carry out the work for you.

Remember for most contracts agreed in your own home you should be given, in writing, details of your 14 day right to cancel.

**Trading Standards advice is to never do business with cold callers. The Safetrader scheme can help you find a trader in your area, contact 0303 333 1111 or go to [www.safetrader.org.uk](http://www.safetrader.org.uk)**

### **Beware 'click to call' online insurer advertisements**

This scam occurs when you are looking up your vehicle insurer's details on your mobile phone after a collision. Misleading 'click to call' advertisement results paid for by dodgy claims management firms can show up and appear to represent the insurer, tricking the victim into tapping the ad and believing they are calling their insurance provider.

The scam claims management firm will work alongside unscrupulous companies that provide costly support services which you may be charged for, when all along you believed you were dealing with your insurance company under your fully comprehensive policy.

Use caution when using a search engine to contact your insurance company after a collision, double check the web address. Carry the number independently in your vehicle in case of an accident. If you believe you have been part of this type of scam, contact your own vehicle insurance company as soon as possible to make them aware.

### **Copycat website for blue badge**

Copycat websites look very like the official website but are offering to carry out the service for you for a fee, usually a much higher fee than you would have to pay using the official route. A resident of Preston recently fell foul of this scam, applying for a blue disability badge via a website they believed was their local council website, paying £49 for the service rather than the official charge of £10.

Always double check the address bar when applying for a government service to make sure you are on the genuine '.gov.uk' website. The address should begin 'https://' which ensures there is encryption in place to protect your personal details. Always check the home screen for the website – some copycat websites even say they are not the official site.

### **Parcel Delivery Fraud**

This long-standing scam is still doing the rounds. Remember, if you receive a text or an email claiming to be your delivery company wanting to reschedule or charge extra fees, be on the alert. Are you expecting a parcel? Keep track of your online orders, the scammers send this email out whether you are expecting a parcel or not, just in case you respond. In some cases victims received an email relating to the tracking of parcel supposedly on its way to you.

The scammers will try to charge an extra fee to reschedule delivery and could also be trying to obtain personal and banking details from you.

**Details of phishing scams can be forwarded to the National Cyber Security Centre at [report@phishing.gov.uk](mailto:report@phishing.gov.uk)  
Contact the Trading Standards Service via the Citizens Advice Consumer Helpline on 0808 223 1133**