



Pendle Community Safety Partnership Meeting

Minutes from the Microsoft Teams Virtual meeting held on Monday, 17th April 2023, 2.00p.m.

In attendance:

Cllr David Whipp – Chair	Pendle Borough Council
Sarah Astin-Wood	Pendle Borough Council
Tim Horsley	Pendle Borough Council
Jerry Stanford	Colne Community Safety Working Group
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
Claire Bennett	Positive Action in the Community (PAC)
Abdul Kheratkar	Lancashire County Council
Gareth Brooks	Lancashire Police
Angela Lomax	Lancashire County Council
Agnieszka Grabowska	Pendle Borough Council

1. Welcome and apologies

All members were welcomed by the Chair and apologies have been received from Alan Garner, Ahmad Aziz and Cllr Mohammad Aslam.

2. Minutes from last meeting

The minutes from the last meeting were approved, with no further comments.

3. Community safety partnerships review and antisocial behaviour powers – Consultation (for information only)

The consultation contains questions on the relationship between Community Safety Partnerships (CSPs) and Police and Crime Commissioners (PCCs) and the role of CSPs and PCCs in tackling anti-social behaviour (ASB). It also considers ASB powers and whether any amendments to legislation are required. The first part of the CSP Review is this targeted consultation, which focuses on the accountability of CSPs and the role of CSPs and PCCs in

tackling ASB. The consultation considers proposals to make changes to the current requirements of strategic assessments and partnership plans. It also considers whether PCCs should have greater access to assessments and plans published by CSPs to inform their own work and proposals to strengthen the accountability model of CSPs to align their work more closely to PCCs and deliver more effective outcomes for the public.

Proposals:

- Information sharing between CSPs and PCCs;
- Accountability of CSPs;
- CSP and PCC relationship in tackling anti-social behaviour;
- ASB powers;

Members are happy to proceed further with the consultation.

For more information please visit the website: [Community safety partnerships review and antisocial behaviour powers - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](http://www.gov.uk)

4. Domestic Homicide Review (DHR) update

A brief update has been given by Tim Horsley from PBC regarding DHR. Two aspects have been raised: global issues and a partnership review of the problem. The meeting involving the families is set for 18th April to discuss the issues and support how to prevent domestic violence and homicide and improve service responses for all domestic violence and abuse victims and their children by developing a co-ordinated multi-agency approach to ensure that domestic abuse is identified and responded to effectively at the earliest opportunity.

Noted that additional funding is required as the CSP is no longer funded and will not cover the costs. There is a need to look after some sources as the decision is delayed by 12 months. The lack of funding may cause a reduction in activities. The PCC is expected to provide the funding but cannot afford it, therefore the meeting regarding the funding issue will be set up shortly.

5. Serious Violence Duty

An update on the Lancashire approach has been given by Tim Horsley from PBC.

The duty applies to specific organisations such as the police, fire service, justice partners, health and local authorities to collaborate to prevent and tackle serious violence in the local area. Responsibility for authorities to collaborate and communicate regularly, using existing partnerships where possible and to share information and take effective coordinated action in local areas. Pendle collaborates with Pennine CSP, Lancashire Violence Reduction Network and is going to cooperate further. The Lancashire VRN strategy helps us to co-produce and develop responses alongside communities.

Angela Lomax has raised the problems caused by young people (13-17). West Craven area has been pointed with the highest statistic also for young people with weapon possession. The need for stronger cooperation and support within the partnership has been flagged to reduce the numbers. A

particularly strong focus should be placed on cooperation with schools. As to date, we have poor feedback from the schools and the actions need to be more coordinated to achieve results. There is a need to remind all the partnership bodies to comply with the requirements of the Duty to work together to prevent and reduce serious violence in our local areas and, ultimately, to improve community safety and safeguarding.

6. Pendle Community Safety Partnership Plan 2022-25

Update on the priorities:

- Prevention and early intervention (Claire Bennett)
 - Domestic Abuse (Pendle Domestic Abuse Forum)
 - Child Exploitation (Burnley & Pendle Exploitation Awareness Group)
 - Youth Anti-Social Behaviour (Pendle Youth Forum)

Claire Bennet has advised that waiting for the plan to be finalised. In regards to Domestic Abuse, the fund issue has been raised. Looking for training for different agencies to be able to reassess.

- Crime prevention (Tim Horsley)
 - Serious Violence (**see item 5**)
 - Serious Organised Crime (Pendle and Ribble Valley Genga Panel)
 - Anti-Social Behaviour

A brief update on the crime prevention has been given by Tim Horsley from PBC.

7. Updates:

Police MATAC analytical report

For full details please see attached report

Due to Adara Ashley absence from the meeting, a brief update on the report has been given Claire Pearson.

CRIME:

A total of 1,451 crimes were recorded in Pendle in the most recent quarter – January to March 2023. This decreased 10.9%, down 178 offences compared to the previous quarter (October – December 2022). Compared to last year's period (January to March 2022), all crime in Pendle has seen a 19.4%% reduction (down 350 offences).

Robbery offences saw the greatest numerical increase, up to 10 offences compared to the previous quarter (Oct–Dec 22). Compared to the same period last year, there was an increase of 5 offences. It was pointed out that this is a significant problem and the police are dealing with it intensively to reduce the robbery offences.

Vehicle offences are 4.8% (down 4 offences) lower than the previous quarter, with reductions seen in all offence types, except interfering with a motor vehicle (increase of 4 offences). Residential burglaries increased by two compared to the previous quarter (+3%), whilst business and community burglaries recorded a decrease of eight offences (- 21.1%). It was pointed out that, despite the slight decrease, it is nevertheless continuing to be a problem.

DOMESTIC ABUSE:

From January to March 2023, there were 314 domestic abuse-related offences recorded in Pendle (21.6% of all crimes recorded). • This represents a 10.3% reduction from the previous quarter (-36 offences). In comparison, East BCU saw a 7.6% reduction, and Lancashire a 6.5% reduction. It was noted that, despite the decrease, this remains to be monitored and a continued reduction in the number of offences should be achieved.

ANTI-SOCIAL BEHAVIOUR:

From January to March 2023 there were 626 ASB incidents recorded in the Pendle CSP area. This is an 11% decrease (down 77) from the previous quarter where 703 ASB incidents were recorded. Compared to the same period last year this was a 13.8% decrease.

Barnoldswick ward recorded the greatest increase in the volume of ASB compared to the previous quarter (+28 incidents). Compared to the same quarter last year there has been a 50% increase in incidents (41 in Jan – Mar 22 compared to 82 in Jan – Mar 23). o 56.1% of the 82 incidents (46) in Barnoldswick were youth related. o 20 of the 46 youth-related incidents in Barnoldswick ward relate to ongoing issues with an address in West Close Road, which was listed as a repeat location in the last quarter's report.

YOUTH-RELATED ASB:

From January to March 2023, there were 173 ASB incidents that were youth related in Pendle (27.6% of all ASB in the area). This is a 12.2% reduction from the previous quarter where 197 youth-related ASB incidents were recorded (28% of all ASB). Compared to the same period last year this is a 26.7% decrease (down 63 incidents).

Barnoldswick (46) and Vivary Bridge (39) wards recorded the highest numbers of youth-related ASB incidents, accounting for 49.1% of all youth-related ASB in Pendle this quarter.

There has been an increase in ASB in one location in particular (Barnoldswick) but the Police already have a plan in place to prevent this type of offence (including cooperation with local businesses).

Colne Community Safety Area Working Group

Jerry Stanford has advised that the report has been sent out and asked for any questions. The information has been noted by the members and no further issues have been raised.

8. PCC Safer Lancashire Neighbourhoods Funding

For full information please see attached documents

Sarah Astin-Wood from PBC has provided a brief update on PCC Safer Lancashire Neighbourhoods Funding.

The Police and Crime Commissioner (the Commissioner) for Lancashire is committed to making Lancashire a safer place for residents. The Commissioner will provide grants for innovative projects that support one or

more of the priorities outlined in the Police and Crime Plan. The Commissioner will be looking for applications with a particular focus on tackling anti-social behaviour and dangerous driving. Applications between £1,000 and £10,000 are welcomed from Community Safety Partnerships, local community organisations, local charities and Parish and Town Councils.

Detailed information has been sent to the members prior to this meeting. Members have noted the information, no further questions.

9. Communications

Angela Lomax from LCC has added some further updates on anti-social behaviour. Indicated that it is necessary to take particular attention to the selling of alcohol to under-aged individuals (especially in Nelson).

10. Dates of Future Meetings (all 2pm on Teams)

17th July 2023
16th October 2023
15th January 2024

The dates for the future meetings have been agreed by the members.