

Anti-Social Behaviour Working Group
Spence Suite 3.30pm
Minutes of the Meeting 9th January 2020

Present:

Cllr Kay Wesley (Chair)
Cllr Denis Murphy (DM))
Tyler Cartwright – Youth Council (TC)
Julia Pestell Hassell CEC (JPH)
Kelly Johnston – (Cheshire Police)

Cllr Amanda Martin (AM)
Glen Williams- (GW)
Jackie MacArthur (JMacA)
Stg Paul Brunton (PB)

1. **Apologies** –, Ruth Burgess, Cllr Rob Moreton (RM) Cllr Sally Ann Holland (SAH)
2. **Notes of the meeting on the 24th October 2019** accepted as a true record
3. **Matters arising:**
 - Moody Hall - requests from the team for it to be re-secured – but it's being ripped off. Believe someone was living on the top floor. To keep an eye on. JMacA ask for an update from CEC
 - 101 issues – the new online version now up and running as an alternative to the phone. An issue raised about the boxes being closed and limited and not obvious how to pass on certain information that people want to pass intel on suspicious behaviour. Paul and Kelly to pass on concerns.
4. **PSPO** – Police were notified that someone was pulling plants within the PSPO area– Police attended but no-one there and no plants having been pulled out.

Homeless Issue – police keeping a watch on the area. All the people that occasionally chose to sleep in this area have beds to go to.
5. **Youth Issues and places to meet** - Cllr Rob Moreton and Tyler from the youth committee invited to visit Bamboogie as a possible venue for one-off youth events. Rob to report back on this and other venues.
Cllr Kay Wesley finding out about a scheme in Longton where young people are able to use an empty shop unit.
6. **CCTV Updates**

CEC CCTV manager will look to install a temporary CCTV camera in West Street so we can compare the benefits of West Street as location as well as Barn Road. Sight line – survey to be carried out CEC.
Police are aware of CCTV cameras for lots premises.

Manager of the CCTV HQ to be invited to next ASB meeting

7. Drug and Alcohol Hotspots

Thomas Street/ Cooper Street and Hilary Avenue – dealing from vehicles

8. Anti-Social Behaviour Hotspots

Since the 30th November – 11 incidents of ASB across the whole of Congleton and wider area. This compares to 22 the year before.

Streetscape has reported little in the way of Graffiti or needles/drug paraphernalia

Theft from motor vehicles happening all over Congleton – remains a priority. Some try all doors on vehicles along a road. Works vehicles are being broken into. Thefts from high value vehicles for a catalytic converter.

Lots of rubbish along the canal by the station, graffiti,

Julia to speak to Probation Service, Glen to speak to the Canal and Rivers Trust.

9. AOB

Street-a -week happening on the 24th February -whole Beat Team – Monday evening
Chance for the ASB team to volunteer – Police to send information to the group.

Inspector Kelly Johnstone introduced herself –previously worked in Knutsford and has a good working knowledge of Congleton. Has replaced Inspector Penny Jones, who has retired.

Police have been on a big recruitment drive. 44 new police joined Cheshire in January. More intakes in March, June and November. PCSOs will also be recruited.

Inspector Kelly Johnstone to send contact details to Jackie Mac to circulate to the group.

Chris Williams DCI- carrying out a review around vulnerable people. Lots of efforts put into safeguarding vulnerable young people. More focus also needs to be placed on vulnerable older people. Denis Murphy finding out more details from Cheshire East and Inspector Kelly Johnstone to find out more details from the Police – add to the next agenda.

Pub Watch -group agreed it would be a good idea to invite Mick Short, the new Chairman of Pub Watch as a guest to the next meeting.

DATES OF NEXT MEETINGS:

Thursday 5th March - 3.30pm – 5pm