

_Minutes Anti-Social Behaviour Working Group

Zoom Call - Thursday 28th May 2020

Present: Cllr Kay Wesley (Chair), Cllr Amanda Martin, Cllr Rob Moreton, Cllr Denis Murphy, Cllr Sally Holland, Glen Williams

Jackie MacArthur (CTC). Ruth Burgess (CTC)

Apologies: Julia Pestell Hassell, Cheshire East

Note Sergeant Paul Brunton kept trying but was not able to get into the meeting, however sent some information to the meeting

Item	Issue	Action	By Whom	When
2	To receive notes of 5 th March 2020	These were agreed via email and presented to the 12 th March Community and Environment Committee	Jackie Mac	March
3	Outstanding Items	<p>CCTV for West Street – Stuart from CEC has not been able to have the meeting with Cllr Murphy - On Hold Recommending to CTC to ear-mark funding from Crime reduction fund 2019/20 to cover a permanent CCTV for Congleton for 20/21</p> <p>Bamboogie Youth Event – due to happen April 9th. Not able to happen due to COVID-19. To rearrange</p> <p>Table Tennis centre</p> <p>Non Alcoholic beer on tap – to mention to PubWatch</p> <p>Moody Hall – vandalism and damage – CEC has visited. On CE committee agenda for next week Last report to Police was 26/05 – young male taking</p>	<p>Stuart Hobson to meet Denis Murphy</p> <p>Cllr Moreton</p> <p>Cllr Wesley</p> <p>Cllr Murphy/JMacA</p>	<p>When possible</p> <p>When appropriate</p> <p>When appropriate</p> <p>When pubwatch meets</p> <p>4th June 2020</p>

		<p>photos. No reports prior since mid 2019. Still receiving general attention from PCSO patrols. Power is supply still on?</p> <p>Trains and abusive passengers on the late train home</p>	<p>Cllr Wesley/J MacA</p> <p>JMacA</p>	Before next meeting
5	Update on Public Space Protection Order	<p>The Order for the Town Centre will run out in April 2021. CEC will need to extend, delete or amend the order. Would like the views of the group. Add to the next agenda.</p> <p>Of note, current homelessness issues within the PSPO still don't include any breaches.</p>	JMacA to add to next agenda	Discuss in July
6	Drug and Alcohol Abuse Hot Spot	<p>Police congratulated on closing three cannabis factories, (Cross Street, Dane Street and Millford House, West Street) but concern raised that these have been set up in Congleton. Police investigation underway. Local intelligence vital to finding and stopping such activities. Agreed to carry out further research on understanding the auction market.</p> <p>Thank you for your support.</p> <p>Auctioneers/estate agents are not obliged to share data with the Police. We may apply for it as part of investigation. There are simpler routes though providing the owner/occupier is paying council tax or has submitted planning ect. Documented ownership is a frustration of current investigations into 3 Cannabis farms.</p> <p>3 Cannabis Farms since Jan:</p> <p>Old Picturehouse Cross Street – new grow undergoing construction with around 100 small plants. Property likely used due to large roller shutter proving van access. Locating following direct intel.</p> <p>Dane Street (next to MOT Garage) – sophisticated set up. Around 1000 plants at various stages of growth. Vietnamese 'gardener' found within.</p>	JMacA	Before next meeting

		<p>Modern Day Slavery Investigation begun. Located following local intel/beat team recy.</p> <p>Millford House on West Street – Abandoned or in the process of being moved. Messy set up with around 300 plants. Located due to proactive PCSOing.</p> <p>Its standard to practise to make all farms safe (electrics/boarding up ect) prior to closure.</p> <p>All are still live Investigations, including a subsequent arson at Millford House. There are some links between the sites. All located quickly due to community Intel.</p> <p>Some increase in Cannabis cultivation sites across the country since lockdown.</p>		
7	<p>Anti-Social Behaviour</p> <p>Hotspot Areas</p> <p>Complaints about motorbike and quad bike use in public open spaces such as Bromley wood</p>	<p>Massive drop in reported Crime/ASB during lockdown. All except Domestic Violence and COVID related incidents. Macclesfield Police division receiving around 50% less reports. Expect it to return to pre lockdown levels.</p> <p>Pro Active work started in anticipation at several locations:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tetton Court – 1 eviction, 1 eviction notice, 2 Covid 19 Advisory notices. • Meadow Mill court – 2 Arrests (1 custodial), 3 Covid 19 Advisory notices. • Bromley Woods/Dane-In-shaw Pastures/BVW • Priestly fields/St Peters Church – 1 Arrest Possession with Intent 	Ongoing	Report to next meeting

		Numerous plain clothes and uniformed patrols in and around. No bikes seized to date. Op Scrambler requested (Traffic patrols with off road bikes). Intel gap re storage locations. Beat Team Priority for ASB.		
8	AOB	<p>Domestic Violence – understand that calls to Domestic Abuse National helplines has increased 10-fold during lock down. However locally Police call outs for Domestic Violence less than last year</p> <p>Lockdown Period 23/03-23/05 2020 61 confirmed DV incidents. Same period 2019 88 Confirmed DV incidents.</p> <p>Group wished to find out more about the figures and how this changes with the relaxation of lock down</p> <p>Add Violence and Sexual Offences as a regular item to this agenda</p> <p>COVID – MOVING FORWARD</p> <p>188 COVID related Incidents reported for the period 23/03-23/05.</p> <p>Top 2 locations are private dwellings and 1 has been evicted.</p> <p>Top 3 – Astbury Mere – Daily Patrols there</p> <p>Patrol plan continues for all green spaces/supermarkets/petrol stations and other vulnerable premises.</p> <p>Force stance remains incremental Engage, Explain, Enforce</p> <p>To explore with the police the idea of using some of the localised community neighbourhood support for neighbours to carry on supporting each other and possibly creating networks of Neighbourhood Watch</p> <p>We will collate any groups that we are aware of</p>	<p>Cllr Wesley to speak to Police.</p> <p>JMacA</p> <p>Paul Brunton/JMacA</p> <p>Paul Brunton /JMacA</p>	<p>For next meeting</p> <p>June 2020</p> <p>June 2020</p>

	<p>Work with Police and others to push Summer messages of Stay Alert to Crime – particularly opportunistic crime through open windows and doors.</p> <p>Check with Police about support to help enforce 20mph speed limits – need for more community speedwatch teams or is it possible to change locations for existing teams</p> <p>Op Automotive begun. Response/Beat Teams TRUCAM sites and stops at least twice a day for 2 weeks.</p> <p>Rough Sleepers – watching brief. Aware that one is sometimes back at Argos and was reports of another Male in the doorway of British Heart Foundation on 24/25/26 May but this now seems to be resolved.</p>	<p>Cllr Murphy /JMacA</p> <p>Watching brief</p>	<p>June 2020</p>
Dates of Next Meetings	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Thursday 16th July 3.30 – 5pm • Thursday 22nd October 3.30pm – 5pm • Thursday 10th December 3.30pm – 5pm • Thursday 18th February 3.30pm – 5pm 	<p>JMac to send out calendar invite and book rooms</p>	<p>Once minutes agreed</p>