Minutes Anti-Social Behaviour Working Group

Zoom Call – Thursday 4th March 2021

Present: Cllr Kay Wesley (Chair), Cllr Denis Murphy, Cllr Sally Ann Holland, Cllr Amanda Martin, Cllr Rob Moreton, Glen Williams, Stg Paul Brunton – Cheshire Police, David Bestwick (CEC), Jackie MacArthur (CTC) Ruth Burgess (CTC)

Apologies, None

	Agenda Item	Issue/Action	By Whom	When
1	Notes of 7th Jan	Notes went to CE on the 21 st January 2021		
2	Action Log	Reviewed Action Log Outstanding Actions		
		West Street CCTV - carried forward	JMac & DMurphy	
		Bamboogie Youth Event- Keen to process when possible	RMoreton	
		Non-alcoholic beer – cold tap draught beer not currently supplying but keep on the agenda	DMurphy & PubWatch	
		Tetton Court - arrestable injunction issued and being monitored	Police – closed for ASB	
		McDonalds – was more to do with queues – currently only drive through	Police – keep monitoring	
		Tall Ash Avenue – with legal department of Police	Police – closed for ASB	
		Parking at Cloud – COVID related out of area – Police checked no evidence out of area.	Police - closed for ASB	
		Bromley Wood – off road bikes - part of a 12 week Police Operation	Police – next meeting.	
		Silk Mills – blocking of Right of Way and ASB in the area - CEC PROW team confirmed issue of ROW resolved with landowners and residents. ASB to be reported to CEC and Police	Closed subject	
3	Drug & Alcohol Abuse	No hotspots in our repeat demand currently however work extended under	Ongoing Police	
	Hotspot Areas	Operation to tackle drug dealing along Biddulph Valley Way. Some Initial success with 3 arrests, numerous intel generated.		
		Suggested create more interest in Cockshoots so area becomes more public	СТС	

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5.	Anti-Social Behaviour Hotspot Areas	28 reported cases to the Police - reduction of 36 incidents on last period or reduction of 19 Year on Year.		
		 Current ASB Repeat locations West Heath Shopping centre (2) – 4 youths, joint response with school, parents & ASB team 	Police – ongoing	
		 Argos (0) – 1 Male Remains homeless intermittently in the area 	Police/ CEC ongoing	
		Should Speeding come into ASB or Integrated Transport Working Group – speeding is an issue for Congleton and could do with a mechanism to report – Jackie to make suggestion for next group and speak to Speedwatch	Jackie MacA	
7	Domestic Violence and Sexual Offences	50 incidents equal to last period and up 16 YOY Total Sexual Offences: 5, 4 down on last period and 2 down Year on year	Police – Ongoing	
		Issue raised about the death of a 45-year old woman in Congleton on Tuesday 2 nd March. Police investigation. Man arrested and due to appear in court 4 th March. Not a domestic violence case and ongoing Cllr Wesley attended meeting of school heads – interested in work with Cheshire Without Abuse and several heads requested information Need to work with licenced premises when re-open.		
8	Police Priorities	POLICE TEAM: Rural Crime – education around lambing season and rural offences & problem premises and patrols PERSON: Warrant development on West PLACE Op Piloted – Bromley Area	Police – ongoing	
		GROUP Question about dog crime. Police not aware of a big issue in the Congleton area – it appears there has been one dog stolen. Another was found in a hedge.	No Action.	

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9	CCTV Updates	CCTV contract signed and prices frozen for next three years - agreed current		
		cameras are all required. Would still like to see a camera on West Road and		
		Jackie to see if CEC could test a redeployable camera in this area		
		CCTV – for Community Area has arrived and was promised for installation in	JMacA to keep chasing	
		January - contacted Cheshire East Lighting as this is not in place		
10	COVID-19 Updates	54 reports in period, no COVID repeat locations		
		Op Paw – Dedicated COVID Patrols & Patrol Plan	Police – On-going	
		Op Delivering – Patrol Plan for vulnerable sites		
		Note Cloudside Shooting Club is in the Staffordshire Area		
11.	LGBTQ+	All group aware of survey and survey results. Some issues were raised by the		
		LGBTQ+ group about reluctance to report to the police and feeling		
		unwelcome at some churches, clubs and pubs. Meeting with the churches		
		being held. Subject to be discussed at PubWatch. Police to take on board the		
		comments.		
		Agreed Hate Data would be added to the agenda. In the last six weeks nothing		
		from the LGBTQ+ community but one on race and one on disability. Both		
		being dealt with by the police.		
12.	Purple Flag	Purple Flag accreditation shows that an area is a good, safe, welcoming area	Jackie to carry out initial	
		to go out in the evening. Agreed to investigate what steps would be needed	work.	
		for Congleton to get a Purple Flag and then see if there is support in working		
		towards one.		
10	AOB	Group agreed that zoom meeting work well for this group and would like the	Jackie to set up	
		next meeting to be by zoom even if face to face meetings are allowed.		
11	Date of Next Meeting	13 th May 3.30pm – 5pm - via ZOOM	ALL	