

Minutes Anti-Social Behaviour Working Group

Zoom Call – Thursday 13th May 2021

Present: Cllr Kay Wesley (Chair), Cllr Dawn Allen, Cllr Amanda Martin, Cllr Rob Moreton, Glen Williams, Stg Paul Brunton – Cheshire Police, Julia Pestell Hassall (CEC), James Groves (Cheshire Fire Service), Jackie MacArthur (CTC)

Apologies: Cllr Denis Murphy (joined for last item), Ruth Burgess (CTC)

	Agenda Item	Issue/Action	By Whom	When
1	Notes of 24th March	Notes went to CE on the 11 th of March 2021 – agreed by group		
2.	Elect Chair and Vice Chair	Chair to be contested. Agreed to move the item to the end of the meeting and deal with business first	Discussed as item 9	End of meeting
3.	Review Membership for current year	All non-council members confirmed wish to stay on. James Groves from Cheshire Fire to join the group. No other suggestions for regular members given.	JMacA Add James to group email	May 1
4.	Action Log			
	a) CCTV camera (Denis/Jackie)	Highways has promised installation at Lawton Street. West Street still to get CEC to do a site review.	Jackie/Denis re CEC	May
	b) Bamboogie Event (Rob Moreton)	Bamboogie up for sale and Michelle has left – so closing this item and add when new owners.	Item CLOSED	
	c) Alcohol free beer (Denis/ Jackie)	Pub Watch meeting late May so to mention to the group	Jackie/Denis	May
	d) Bromley Farm off road bikes	No issues with bikes. Drug activity continues to be monitored by Police	Item on bikes CLOSED	
	e) West Heath Shopping Centre	All young people associated now have referrals to ASB team and schools	Item CLOSED	

5.	<p>Police Update Note all figures are for the 6 weeks before the meeting.</p>	<p>Drugs and Alcohol Work extended under Op Piloted PLACE to tackle Dealing on Biddulph Valley Way and Bromley Farm Estate. Further Arrest/House search</p> <p>Total: ASB Incidents: 90 increase of 62 incidents on last period and reduction of 85 Year on Year (YoY) Current ASB Repeat locations Bridestones Shopping Centre incl Morrisons, Queen’s Head and Dane-in-Shaw pastures.</p> <p>Total DV Incidents: 39 reduction of 10 on last period and reduction of 9 YoY Total Sexual Offences: 3, 2 down on last period and 1 up YoY</p> <p>Congleton Priorities</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • TEAM: COVID and Licensing, green space patrol plan, joint visits conducted 14/04 more planned for 17/05, assistance around rules as well as enforcement of breaches. Additional 6 Officers provided for easing of national restrictions as well as Beat Patrols. • PERSON: Problem Solving Package Domestic Abuse, ASB and Crime • PLACE: Op Piloted – Bromley <p>Total COVID Related Incidents: 27 Repeat location (2) Astbury Mere – 1 incident closed: 1 incident 4 fines given. Op Paw and Op Delivering continue</p> <p>Hate Crimes 4 Incidents (3 Public Order Acts Crimes, 1 Incident)</p> <p>NOTE new Inspector – Jim Adams rather than Kelly Johnston. New Police Crime Commissions John Dwyer - Cllr Dawn Allen and Cllr Kay Wesley have already made contact on behalf of Congleton</p>		
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6.	Fire Brigade Update	<p>Coming into the summer season can see an increase in deliberate and secondary fires. In April five incidents of deliberate fires in Congleton – Dane in Shaw, Congleton Park, Dale Crescent area. Working with Streetscape to keep areas clear of rubbish that young people may use to create fires. Education on the dangers.</p> <p>Also dealing with Fires that are a nuisance, but not a crime – e.g., bonfires or setting fire to waste that should not be burned on own land.</p> <p>No current issues at Moody Hall – but if the building is accessible then should report to CEC Vacant and Void team</p>	<p>Ongoing Police</p> <p>CTC</p>	
7.	Purple Flag	<p>The Group viewed a presentation on Purple Flag accreditation – a scheme designed to help promote towns as having a safe, successful and diverse evening economy. ASB and crime is one aspect of this multi-layered award and if the Town Council wished to promote and work towards this scheme it would need a multi-discipline town team to work on the campaign.</p> <p>The group suggested that in terms of budget and officer time now is not the right time to promote this scheme – but the fundamental principles in the criteria for Purple Flag are good and something that Congleton should aim to adopt whether or not it ends up going forward for the scheme in the future.</p>	No action for now but could be a scheme to put to the Council later.	
7	AOB	<p>Police carrying out a Week of Action on Speeding - from 17th May. Gawsworth/Chelford/Odd Rode – TruCam/Traffic Stops</p> <p>Question raised re Antrobus Street space – no further issues reported, PCSO Hooper conducted regular patrols and reports all in order over time.</p>	Police	
8.	Date of Next Meeting	Thursday 8 th July 3.30pm – 5pm via ZOOM – if needed 3-4 could meet in the Spencer and other join via Zoom	Let Jackie know if you wish to come into the Town Hall otherwise all zoom	
9.	Election of Chair and Vice Chair	After some debate and a vote Cllr Kay Wesley was elected as Chair and Cllr Amanda Martin as Vice Chair.	Jackie Update info on Web	May