

Minutes Anti-Social Behaviour Working Group

Zoom Call – Thursday 8th July 2021

Present: Cllr Kay Wesley (Chair), Cllr Amanda Martin, Cllr Rob Moreton, Cllr Denis Murphy, Glen Williams, Stg Paul Brunton – Cheshire Police, (CEC), Derek Bosons (Cheshire Fire Service), Jackie MacArthur (CTC)

Apologies: Ruth Burgess (CTC), Julia Pestell Hassall, Cllr Dawn Allen

	Agenda Item	Issue/Action	By Whom	When
1.				
2.	Notes of 8th March	agreed by group		
3.	Action Log			
	a) CCTV camera (Denis/Jackie)	Highways has promised installation at Lawton Street by the 29 th July. Still a desire for West Street - CEC to do a site review.	Jackie/Denis re CEC	May
	b) Pub Watch Low Alcohol	Agreed to take this off the agenda	Item CLOSED	May
4.	Drug and Alcohol Abuse	Still an issue on East Ward and some enforcement plans being developed by Police including plus increased patrols. Swan Bank and Sheldon Avenue areas of concern. Police to liaise with Trading Standards	Congleton Police	

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5.	Anti-Social Behaviour	62 incidents in past 6 weeks - decrease of 28 on last time and 45 down Year on Year. Areas of most complaint – Dane in Shaw Pasture, Mere View and Lower Heath Community Park. Turned out to all calls but no-one caught. People intensive. Police to put a business case together for use of a drone. CTC ASB group to support the case. Paul to consult the Drone Sergeant. Request for a check on the legislation around electric scooters – more of them about and can be dangerous. Fire brigade reported no deliberate or non-deliberate fires in past couple of months. Fire Brigade has been pushing campaigns on social media	Paul Brunton / Jackie Mac Paul Brunton	
6.	Domestic Violence and Sexual Offences	65 Domestic Violence cases – up 26 since last period. Up 13 year on year. 3 Sexual Offences cases – up 3 on last time and 1 Year on Year. Domestic Abuse clinics have seen 149 people in last three months – 99 adults and 50 children , in 13 clinics. Mix of physical meetings and virtual meetings. This October the clinics will have been running for a year. Will arrange a report to CE Committee	Kay - end of Sept	
7.	Youth Related Issues	Has been some issues around gatherings in Dane in Shaw and Lower Heath as mentioned item 5.		
8.	Police Priorities	Engagement with retail groups - looking at Town Centre issues. Continue to seek to stop drug dealing Note Odd Rode, Alsager, Sandbach and Congleton will be merging to form one Neighbourhood Policing Unit. Carrying out a Residents Voice Survey - use the link below https://wh1.snapsurveys.com/s.asp?k=162331758266	All to fill in the survey	
9.	Update on CCTV	Group comments – highly value CCTV, Quick response and believe it is preventative. Good co-operation with the police. Not sure how the link with shop and pub watch radios is working – to check.	Jackie to check for the next meeting	
10.	COVID-19	Nothing to report – remove from next agenda	Jackie	
11.	Hate Crime	One incident at a school, being dealt with well by the school	No further action	

