

Minutes Anti-Social Behaviour Working Group

Virtual Meeting – Thursday ^{3rd} March 2022

Present: Cllr Kay Wesley (Chair), Cllr Amanda Martin, Cllr Rob Moreton, Glen Williams, Stg Paul Brunton, (CEC), Paul Bestwick (CEC), Jackie MacArthur (CTC)

- 1. Apologies:** Ruth Burgess (CTC), Cllr Dawn Allen, Cllr Denis Murphy, Julia Pessall Hassell

	Agenda Item	Issue/Action	By Whom	When
2.	Notes of 6/1/22	accepted by group		
3.	Action Log a) Completed b) Ongoing but not on the agenda	Police Crime Commissioner attend CE Committee. CCTV Camera on Lawton Street is confirmed as working Youth Event at Bamboogy – discussions not started Spiking - no incidents in the past 6 weeks. Of those previously tested urine samples came back negative and awaiting blood results	Cllr Rob Moreton Police	Closed
4.	Drug and Alcohol Abuse	Police aware of 8 incidents in the Night-time Economy relating to a disorder Hotspots <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1 Property: Developing Intelligence for warrant Congleton East Note that the smell of Cannabis is not enough for a stop and search, but if Police have good reason to believe that a person has cannabis on them, they can stop and search.	Congleton Police Police	Ongoing

5.	Anti-Social Behaviour and Young Offenders	<p>Currently having an issue with a group of young people in the Town Centre. Total Reported Demand attributable to group:</p> <p>Jan: 9 Feb: 47 Mar: 0 (on March 3) This includes Anti-Social Behaviour, Public Order offence, Assault, and Damage. 43% of the incidents occurred in the former Public Space Protection Order area – leading to a question of can we get the PSPO back in place for Congleton.</p> <p>Majority of other issues were in the vicinity of Congleton Library, Morrisons and the Community Garden. Action taken by Police includes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Additional 4 PCs on foot Thu-Sun’s for the last 2 weeks • Review of every incident to identify nominal/enforcement opportunity • 5 48-hour Dispersal zones implemented • CCTV room briefing pack • Raised ASB alerts in relation to 29 Incidents = 15 people with warnings or invites • 13 Arrests to date & Bail conditions for 12 – not to enter town centre/go out after 5 • Home visits to ensure bail compliance • 12 Reside with Plus Dane – tenancy enforcement • Youth workers briefed and conducting town patrols • Prevention Assemblies at our high schools • Vulnerability Assessment of all 23 youths identified. • Referral to complex youths for 2 • Displacement – Park & Biddulph Beat • Raised to the Multi Agency Group for early consideration of PSPO <p>Cheshire East Anti-Social Behaviour team: Written 39 letters to 15 people relating to 29 incidents.</p> <p>Congleton Shops – set up a SAFE PLACE scheme for vulnerable people to wait if feeling intimidated in town.</p>	<p>Police Report</p> <p>Jackie Mac</p> <p>Jackie Mac / Denis/ CCTV</p>	<p>Feb</p>
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		<p>Keeping a watching brief - may be worth hosting a meeting for concerned parents. Ask that everyone makes the time to report incidents, as this helps to generate more police support to deal with the issues.</p> <p>Involve young people in the SHOUT campaign - and designing materials to reduce ASB</p> <p>Noted with a PSPO under 18s are not usually fined by CEC and it can take around a year to get a PSPO in place.</p>		
6.	Domestic Violence and Sexual Offences	<p>38 Domestic Violence cases – down 12 since last period and the same year on year.</p> <p>7 Sexual Offences cases – up 1 on last time and up 3 Year on Year.</p> <p>Domestic Abuse clinics in Congleton are looking to add a Peer Support Group soon and seeking funding to maintain service in the future.</p>	Kay -to report to next meeting	
7.	Youth Related Issues	Covered in ASB		
8.	Police Priorities	<p>Spiking in the Town Centre</p> <p>ASB in the Town Centre</p> <p>Dealing with people causing harassment to services and support agencies</p> <p>Two people who likely to get behaviour orders for unnecessary repeat demands.</p> <p>Sergeant Paul Brunton leaving in March. John Roberts will replace him but do not yet have a start date.</p>	Police	
9.	Update on CCTV	Jackie and Kay to arrange a visit to CCTV	Jackie Mac	
10.	Hate Crime	<p>Hate Crime 6, increase of 6 on last period and increase of 2 YOY</p> <p>Hotspot: Eaton Bank (3) Academy (12/13 years old, school disciplinary procedures but followed up with Police visits to parents and tolerance themed inputs).</p>		
11.	Speeding and Traffic	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No repeat's locations • TruCam Patrols continue • Intermittent school patrols continue 	For next agenda	

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12.	AOB	<p>Police Front Desk – group discussed implications of consultation on closing the Front Desk of 11 /16 Police Stations – including Congleton’s. Believed it was a false economy and would make it a less satisfactory service and be harder on the current Beat Team. To speak to Chief Officer about getting a Congleton response highlighting why the front desk needs to remain open.</p> <p>What can be done about Modified exhausts? Causing a nuisance around Congleton. 'There are speed cameras which measure noise – but we don’t have these in Congleton. Police can give notice to the vehicle owner. Paul suggested arranging for a Traffic Police specialist to explain further at a future meeting.</p> <p>Electric Scooters - need all the same documents as a car to use the roads and pavements – put the rules out on social media.</p>	<p>JMacA to draft a response for CTC and discuss with DMG</p> <p>JMacA to invite to a future meeting</p> <p>Add to social media list</p>	March
13.	Date of Next Meeting	Thursday 5 th May 2022 3.30pm – 5pm via ZOOM		