

Minutes Anti-Social Behaviour Working Group

Virtual Meeting – Thursday 7th July 2022

Present: Cllr Kay Wesley (Chair), Cllr Amanda Martin, Cllr Denis Murphy, Glen Williams, Stg John Roberts, Hannah Thompson PCSO, Jackie MacArthur (CTC)

1. Apologies: Ruth Burgess (CTC), Cllr Rob Moreton Paul Bestwick (CEC), Cllr Dawn Allen Julia Pelsall Hassell (CEC),

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2.	Notes of 5/5/22	accepted by group		
2a	Welcome	Since the last meeting. Group introduced themselves to PCSO Hannah Thompson who has just joined the Congleton Beat Team		
2b	Action Log a) Ongoing but not on the agenda	Article for Bear Necessities on drug and alcohol abuse _ Jackie – summer Publicising actions that can be taken against ASB offenders – article – John Roberts – for Friday 14 th July. Re-establish a youth event at Bamboogie – with Rob Moreton Jackie and Kay to arrange a visit to the CCTV HQ – August ASB in Salford Place mentioned at last meeting – no reports to Police, no signs of any ASB on the various visits. Police Liaison Officer – not a role that the Police were looking for or aware of in local towns	Jackie John Cllr Rob Moreton Jackie	Closed Closed
3.	Drug and Alcohol Abuse	Looking at April to June the number of Public Order offences has remained the same at 23. Drugs incidents – 28 (April to June 2021) 26 in the same period for 22. 1 possible spiking incident, results not confirmed. PubWatch continuing to remain active. No new sites mentioned for Drugs and Alcohol hot spots	Police	Ongoing

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4.	Anti-Social Behaviour and Young Offenders	<p>ASB down by 40% - from 131 in April to June 2021 to 79 in the same period this year.</p> <p>Important for people to keep reporting incidents to the Police – 101.</p> <p>Letter to be written to parent that asked about a parent meeting re ASB</p> <p>To keep a check as schools break up to be alert to changes in ASB.</p> <p>Police believe that the re-creation of the Congleton Policing Unit is having a positive effect on local area with more action being taken to problem solve.</p> <p>Top locations continue to be around Morrisons and Congleton Park.</p> <p>Aware that wooden risers are being lifted from the Town Wood – possible sign of strength?</p>	<p>CEC/Police</p> <p>Jackie</p>	Ongoing
5.	ASB Week 18th – 24th July	<p>Week of action planned by the police, including working with Daven Primary school on team building exercises, high viz bike patrols in the park, Biddulph Valley Way and around Morrisons. Tru Cam on A34 and taking part in Congleton Pride.</p> <p>CTC to take action to encourage people to report, report, report.</p>		18-24 July
6.	Domestic Violence and Sexual Offences	<p>Sharp rise in Sexual Offences reporting (28 compared to 10 for the same period last year) Amount of 'live' incidents is the same level and the increase is around reporting historical incidents (10) and concerns raised at schools and social media related incidents (11). Note three cases came in via the front desk and concern that this will be lost when the front desk closes.</p> <p>Domestic Violence down from 101 to 96, whilst arrests are up from 17 to 38. Arrest rate increased from 17% to 35% .</p>	John Roberts	
7.	Hate Crime	<p>Three incidents reported – down from 6 same time last year. 2 around sexuality and one mental health. John now the Hate Crime Triage officer.</p> <p>Recreation of policing unit having a positive effect.</p> <p>CTC has copies of the Pride Hate Crime Poster to distribute.</p>		
8.	Police Priorities	<p>Engagement with Pride Group and Congleton Pride Day</p> <p>Patrols in the Morrisons Area</p> <p>Looking at some warrants – more details later</p> <p>Getting more of the Beat team to issues 'yellow cards' where appropriate</p>	Police	

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9.	Update on CCTV	Carried over to next meeting	Jackie Mac	
10.	Speeding and Traffic	PCSO Karen out with Trucam Congleton Police were on ITN with the 'close pass/road policy' Concern about Macclesfield Road and speed of traffic - a need for 30 mph Concern about Jackson Road and the safety of Eaton Bank pupils when leaving school.	John to send a link.	
11.	AOB	Parking at the Bus Station – cars are blocking the road and causing pedestrians to step into the road. Concern about pavement parking in the Crescent, Waggs Road, Silk Road and all around the Tennis club. Disappointed that the Front Desk at Congleton is going to close even though lots of objections - to monitor the impact on the community Noted the Crime Commissioner is hosting a public meeting about speeding on the Link Road at the Town Hall on Friday 15 th July from 5pm – 7pm Note Ayrshire Way Consultation on parking and entrance – group didn't think this was for ASB to comment on – it is for the transport working group or individual councillors.	Jackie to contact CEC John to mention to Beat team Jackie to check with Highways if any action can be taken. John to mention to Beat team. Jackie to send out link	
12.	Date of Next Meeting	Thursday 8 th September 2022 3.30pm – 5pm FACE TO FACE MEETING with zoom option.	Jackie book	