

Minutes Anti-Social Behaviour Working Group

Virtual Meeting – Thursday 8th September 2022

Present: Cllr Kay Wesley (Chair), Cllr Amanda Martin, Glen Williams, Stg John Roberts, Jackie MacArthur (CTC), Stuart Hobson (CCTV) Jim Sharp (CCTV)

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

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2.	Notes of 7/7/22	accepted by group		
2b	Action Log a) Ongoing but not on the agenda	Article for Bear Necessities on drug and alcohol abuse _ Jackie – autumn Publicising actions that can be taken against ASB offenders Done Re-establish a youth event at Bamboogie – with Rob Moreton Jackie and Kay to arrange a visit to the CCTV HQ – Done Police Week of Action – successful – feedback received Parking outside of Morrisons – not been an issue when Police have checked will ask wardens to check too	Jackie n/a Cllr Rob Moreton n/a n/a With Wardens	September Closed Nov Closed Closed Nov
3.	CCTV Update	Stuart and Jim from the CEC CCTV HQ attended the meeting and talked the team through the Q1 stats. Noted Congleton has one of the most active night-time economies in Cheshire East, and for the size of the town and the amount of people out the stats in the Q1 are what is to be expected. In the first 1 st quarter there were 60 requests for observations, 25 violent incidents, 21 requests for a review of an incident and 19 cases of ASB recorded. The peak times for incidents was 4am on a Friday and Saturday and early morning and evening .		Ongoing

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		<p>A new permanent camera for West Street is in the procurement plan for CEC and this should be delivered by the end of the year.</p> <p>Following a site visit by CCTV it was suggested that that main CCTV Camera in Lawton Street is redeployed to a location outside of Purple Pakora – this will then have good views of the Community Garden and the Community Garden redeployable camera could be located in the market area.</p>	<p>CEC CCTV team</p> <p>CEC CCTV team</p>	<p>Dec</p> <p>Dec</p>
4.	Community Safety Charter	<p>Cllr Kay Wesley talked the team through a presentation on the Community Safety Charter. This is administered via Neighbourhood Watch and has a wealth of free resource materials. Its all about making people feel safer in their communities and taking a zero tolerance approach to ASB and helping to equip local champions. There is no fee to pledge and people can pledge as individuals. The Working Group thought it would be good for the Town Council to pledge. A paper will go to the next CE committee recommending that the Council makes the pledge</p>	JMacA and KW	Sept
5.	<p>Police Report</p> <p>Drug and Alcohol Abuse</p>	<p>The figures for total number of crimes reported compare June to August 2022 with June to August 2021. A copy of the Police Report can be found on the ASB working group page. Number of reports increased from 1189 to 1272.</p> <p>Continue to work with PubWatch Drug intel on several addresses in Congleton.</p>		
6.	Anti-Social Behaviour and Young Offenders	<p>ASB decreased from 94 incidents June – august 2021 to 83 in 2022. Astbury Mere, Market Area and George Avenue were the locations with the most calls.</p> <p>Important that people continue to report. ASB incidents graded 1-4 In past three months there have been 13 Grade 1 calls, 33 grade 2, 17 grade 3 and 41 grade 4. ASB calls. Grade 1 is dealt with immediately, Grade 2 within an hour, grade 3 in 24 hours and grade 4 is not actioned.</p>	<p>CEC/Police</p> <p>Jackie</p>	Ongoing

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		Discussion on reporting crimes – and observation in the room that in many cases an incident number is not given – Stg John Roberts to take this back	John Roberts	November
7.	Domestic Violence and Sexual Offences	<p>25 reports compared to 15 last year. Believe there is greater confidence in reporting which is a positive.</p> <p>Domestic Violence down from 133 to 117, whilst arrests are up from 16 to 37.</p> <p>Domestic Abuse Clinics are continuing at the Old Saw Mill on a Thursday afternoon.</p> <p>Noted there were 100 stop and searches carried out in Congleton from June to August resulting in 42 arrests.</p>		
	Residents Voice	Police were pleased to see that in the Congleton area 202 people responded – compared to 27 in Chester and 55 in Crewe. Main issues coming out of the Resident Voice for our area was concerns around Parking, Drugs and Anti Social Behaviour.		
8.	Speeding and Traffic	Concerns raised about speeding on Canal Road and West Heath Parking around the Crescent	John to send a link.	
9.	AOB	Issue with electric scooters and off road bikes – encourage people to report it – if feeling harassed, alarmed or threatened by people driving in an unsafe manner. Police can confiscate bikes if person and vehicle can be clearly identifiable.		
10.	Date of Next Meeting	Thursday 3 rd November 2022 3.30pm – 5pm via zoom	Jackie book	