

## Minutes Anti-Social Behaviour Working Group

### Virtual Meeting – Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> November 2022

**Present:** Cllr Kay Wesley (Chair), Cllr Amanda Martin, Glen Williams, Stg John Roberts, Cllr Denis Murphy, Jackie MacArthur (CTC), Julia Pelsall Hassell (CEC),

**Apologies:** Ruth Burgess (CTC), Cllr Rob Moreton, Paul Bestwick (CEC), Cllr Dawn Allen,

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1.	<b>Notes of 8/9/22</b>	accepted by group																										
2b	<b>Action Log</b> a) Ongoing but not on the agenda	Article for Bear Necessities on alcohol _ Jackie – Spring Market Street Parking – action due to be taken by CEC to paint the road marking and add signs. Enforcement can then begin - by next meeting.	Jackie CEC Council	September Christmas Closed																								
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3	<b>Drug and Alcohol</b>	<p><b><u>Drug Offences:-</u></b>            In 2021 <b>22</b> Drug incidents were recorded with 19 of these incidents closed for intelligence. During same period in 2022 there were <b>46</b> Drug incidents reported with 36 incidents recorded for intelligence. Noted the increase in people reporting Drug Driving offences.</p> <p>No reports of 'Monkey Dust' use in Congleton, although aware of cases in Staffordshire.</p> <p>Report of a Spiking incident in town being investigated.</p>	Encourage people to keep reporting and giving potential intelligence.	
4.	<b>Domestic Abuse and Domestic Incidents</b>	<p>Figures for August to October 2021 – 113 incidents, 13 arrests            Figures for August to October 2022 – 128 incidents , 38 arrests            Congleton Police working hard for victims. PCC received £1.5 m for women and girls services in Cheshire. Specially trained officer to deal with issues, with perpetrators and intervention. Taking a holistic approach. Good work across Congleton with MyCheshire without Abuse.</p>		
5.	<b>Sexual Offences</b>	22 recorded, 5 of which from CHS – celebrating good work with CHS to help young people to realise what is and isn't acceptable behaviour.		
6.	<b>Hate Crime</b>	<p>None reported – but there is a concern about this. Police asked for support in making sure people know how to report a Hate Crime.            Concern that people may think they won't be taken seriously. Need for people to be able to feel safe.</p>	CTC to look at ways to promote ways to report Hate Crime.	
7	<b>ASB</b>	<p>Figures for August to October 2021 90 reports            Figures for August to October 2022 – 55 reports            No alerts since August from CEC ASB team. Glen no reports from Bromley area. Hot spots the same – Astbury Mere.            Growing concern about e-scooters and e-bikes.            Continuing with education and awareness around key issues for young people.</p>	Congleton Police.	

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8.	<b>Community Safety Charter</b>	Paper went to CE Committee and was approved. CTC has signed the Community Safety Charter. Need to work on engaging with the Community Neighbourhood Watch co-ordinators and potential co-ordinators. Applying for funding from the Proceeds of Crime to strengthen Neighbourhood Watch teams and work together on reducing crime and fear of crime and enabling people to become active bystanders in the face of harassment and ASB. Deadline mid November and need to attend a meeting on the 29 <sup>th</sup> November. £10,000 available for the former Congleton Borough.	JMacA and KW	Nov/ December
9.	<b>AOB</b>	Question asked about funding PCSOs – CTC will be making a decision at Finance and then Council. CTC not aware of other Town Councils funding a PCSO and budgets are getting tight. However also firmly believe Congleton needs 3 PCSOs. Out of all the CEC Wards, 2 of the 5 biggest are Congleton and we do not believe the PCC formula provides sufficient PCSO cover for the 3 <sup>rd</sup> largest town in Cheshire East. Decision will be made by CTC re funding early December and the Police will be informed. If CTC not funding, CTC will still want to campaign for 3 PCSOs in Congleton. Many of the CE wards are only one member. Congleton's wards are three member wards – which gives an idea of the scale of people living in the patch.  New PCSO – to bring Congleton quota up to 3 – will start on the 28 <sup>th</sup> November – Carol Holmes.	JMacA / KW	Dec
<b>2.</b>	<b>Date of Next Meeting</b>	TBC - January 2022 3.30pm – 5pm via zoom	Jackie book and send out	