

**Minutes of Meeting**  
**Community Safety Working Group**  
**Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> November 2025 3 pm – 4.30 pm**

**Present:** Cllr Kay Wesley (Chair), Rachel McCarthy, Cllr Sally Holland, Cllr Liz Wardlaw

Cllr Susan Mead, Julia Pestell-Hassall,

1. **Apologies for Absence:** Cllr Robert Brittain, Cathy Dean, Sgt Karl Tatlock, Linda Webber, Laura Woodrow-Hirst, Richard Walton, Stuart Hobson, Cllr Glen Williams.
2. **Notes of the meeting** of 4<sup>th</sup> September 2025 were accepted as correct.
3. **Action Log**
  - **ANPR Update**

We are still waiting for a response from Richard Christopherson regarding actions from the meeting from many months ago, we will ask for a meeting update asap. **RMc**
  - Invite Dane Housing to the next meeting **ACTION RMc**
  - Ask Stuart to attend the next meeting regarding CCTV **ACTION RMc**
  - Ask Cathy to arrange rota for the CCTV room for councillors to attend
  - **Code of Conduct review**

Discussed at length, the principal being that we need to make Congleton town centre better for businesses and visitors, we have looked at other councils and one shopping centre policy, which shows a much easier, symbol poster image of what's acceptable and what's not. We will work on this to draft a poster applicable to Congleton and review it again.
4. **Police update on Crime (Sgt Karl Tatlock)**

**Report received,** Karl is unwell, so he could not attend.
5. **Police Priorities for Congleton Beat Team – N/A Karl not available**
6. **CEC ASB Team –**

Congleton very quiet, Sandbach and Alsager have quite a lot more going on.

Reports from councillors regarding drug activity on Moody Street, can we move the mobile unit to this area?

We have a graffiti artist in the Mossley area, specifically on Park Lane. Perhaps we should raise awareness on social media about the penalties for this, including criminal damage, as well as graffiti on Canal Street.

Dale Crescent parking issues, ideas of planters on the corner and Woolston Avenue, Doug made aware of this, but the area is tight and we may not be able to facilitate this.

Friendship garden – Bromley Road. A huge firework display was held, and police were informed. This year, police were aware of a huge number of unauthorised firework displays that took place. Next year, social media posts on the dangers of unauthorised displays.

Cash point drug users hanging about when people withdraw cash, we need to be aware of this.

**7. Street Pastors Update**

Linda could not attend and has been poorly recently. – report to follow.

**8. Shopwatch**

Very quiet which is good.

**9. AOB – Road Safety, Canal Street many wing mirrors knocked off, can police monitor many of the barbers in town for any suspicious activity.**

**Date of Next Meeting - Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> January 3 pm**