

CALNE COMMUNITY SAFETY FORUM

Draft Minutes of meeting on Thursday 20th September 2018

1. **Apologies:-** John Skinner (Calne Our Place), Mark Cook (PCSO), Adrian House (SW Ambulance), Jason Tudor (JBS), Karen Boswell (CARP) and Jane Vaughan (Wiltshire Council)

Attendees:- Glenis Ansell (Town Mayor & Chair of CCSF), Mike Brandwood (Neighbourhood Watch), Abbie Osbourne (PCSO), Mark Edwards (CTC), Karren Housley (JBS), Peggy Burt (Safe Places), Ross Henning (Wiltshire Council), Kevin O'Daly (Calne RBL), Roger Appleby (CCSF), Gerry Mooney (CTC CCTV), Diane Gooch (Dementia Action Alliance), Stan Woods (Calne Fair Trade RJ Facilitator), Matt Perrott (Wiltshire Council)

2. **Minutes of the last meeting held 19th July 2018 as circulated**

3. **Matters Arising/Updates**

- **“Safe Places”**

Peggy Burt (Chair of Safe Places) was welcomed to the meeting.

- **Lorry Watch**

It was discussed that data is available but action is required. It was agreed that the Forum Chair, Glenis Ansell, will write to the firms and inform them of the regulations and that a £1000 fine could be incurred if not adhered to. Data for 1 month based on Wednesday and Saturday was requested.

- **Hedges and verges (mobility access)**

Evidence has not been received and so the Chair will take photographs.

- **“Pavement” on eastern verge opposite Tesco in Oxford Road**

Currently with the Town Council.

- **CCTV**

Mark Cook, PCSO, has been contacted regarding issues related to anti-social behaviour in the area by King Edward Close. Abbie Osborne (PCSO) confirmed that patrols are often conducted in this area and groups are asked to move on.

- **Footpath John Bentley School New Stockley Lane Estate (Marden Farm)**

Following a meeting instigated by the Forum Chair, it was agreed that the revised route of the footpath from Marden Farm to the bridlepath by John Bentley School will be progressed as quickly as possible. Wiltshire Council have held the money from Redrow Homes for some time now and the agreed works will not exceed the budget or require the use of John Bentley School land. Secretary and/or Chair of CCSF to regularly contact Wiltshire Council as to progress.

At the time of the meeting the route had an unsafe bridge, was blocked by growing crops and the last section was noted as “dangerous.”

4. Emergency Services

a) Ambulance and Calne First Responders

Thomas' Garage have provided a replacement vehicle. WEC are paying for the vehicle tax and the Rotary are paying for the insurance. There are other organisations who may be covering other costs including fitting out the interior for the medical equipment storage that is required. An application for further funding has been submitted to the Calne Area Board.

b) Calne Fire Station

It is know to have been active but no details have been submitted to CCSF.

c) Calne Police

Abbie Osborne (PCSO) noted that PCSOs are very busy at present. There have been some reports of antisocial behaviour and there was an incident recently when 60 youths went through town which may have caused some worry for residents. PCSOs are liaising with Mr Tudor at John Bentley School.

It was raised by Neighbourhood Watch that there have been reports of antisocial behaviour at the Persimmon site.

Mark Edwards noted that Inspector Mark Luffman is presenting at the next Full Council meeting on 25th September and will also answer questions.

The street pastor initiative was discussed. Glenis Ansell, Chair, will attend a meeting and noted that it is a church based organisation and is currently working well in Chippenham.

5. Calne Emergency Plan

Mark Edwards (CTC) confirmed that a draft plan is being devised by the working group chaired by Cllr Rich Jones.

6. CIL, S106 and Calne Community Area Board matters

Concerns have been raised regarding the building of a link road between the two Hills building sites. Planning applications have been approved and concerns relate to how this will work with the Traffic Management Plan. Cllr Hill and Peter Aubrey are addressing the issues with Wiltshire Council and they will inform CTC of their findings.

7. Lockett Way parking problems

Mark Edwards noted that Cllr Rounds is organising a residents meeting in October and will provide feedback on the outcome. CCSF Chair has been involved and suggested a way to alleviate some of the perceived problems.

8. The Pippin – safety barrier suggestion

This issue was initially raised at CATG. Two suggestions have been made; a safety barrier or a mirror so that vehicles can see pedestrians. Mark Edwards (CTC) confirmed that the crossing is due to be repainted. Matt Perrott (Wiltshire Council) will chase this up.

9. Highways – condition of roads and pavements in Calne

Matt Perrott (Wiltshire Council) confirmed that there are resources available this year. The online form, MyWiltshire, can be used to inform the council of specific issues.

Diane Gooch (DAA) organises walks for those living with memory loss and dementia sufferers and discussed the dangers of uneven pavements and walkways which can limit sufferers from getting out. Matt Perrott (Wiltshire Council) suggested that this is logged online with MyWiltshire and offered to attend a walk and help with identifying and dealing with the defects.

10. Lifesaving equipment at Keevil's Weir

PCSO Mark Cook raised with the CCSF Secretary and the landowner's agent the ongoing risks people were running around and in the R. Marden at the Weir and enquired how lifesaving equipment might be provided at the spot as a matter of urgency. There have been drownings there in the past and last summer a female had to be rescued by Calne Firefighters from the mud and required treatment from the Calne First Responder. There is a large warning notice at the Weir.

There are continuing problems of anti-social behaviour (fence cutting, riding of motor bikes, notices destroyed, etc) and litter at and in the fields around the Weir that have led to such losses that the tenant farmer has given notice to end his tenancy early.

In 2014 the land owner invoked the Commons Act 2006 Sect.15 A (1) that means that the public can only cross the fields on Footpaths 11 and 12 and going on any other part of the fields constitute trespass.

Keevil's Weir is not on or near either footpath and the public who go there very clearly do so as trespasses. It was noted that police will continue patrols in the area. It was suggested that CCTV might at some stage be deployed.

11. Date of next meeting – Thursday 22nd November 2018

In Calne Town Council offices.

12. Any Other Business

Abberd Way - There is currently a planning application submitted to build an access road from Sandpit Road into the new housing development. This access road should resolve some of the safety issues that have been raised for the area.

The Chair gave thanks to the CCTV and other volunteers.

The meeting ended at 11.50 am.