

CALNE COMMUNITY SAFETY FORUM

Draft Minutes of meeting on Thursday 22nd November 2018

1. **Apologies:-** Matt Perrott (Wiltshire Council), Karen Boswell (CARP), Cllr Ross Henning (Wiltshire Council), Mike Brandwood (Neighbourhood Watch)

Attendees:- Glenis Ansell (Town Mayor & Chair of CCSF), Roger Appleby (CCSF), Mark Cook (PCSO), Kevin O'Daly (Calne RBL), Garry Jones (Calne CFR), Peggy Burt (Safe Places), Shirley Harper-O'Neill (Friends of Abberd Brook), Gerry Mooney (CCTV), Diane Gooch (Dementia Action Alliance), John Skinner (Calne Our Place), Mark Edwards (CTC), Natasha Griffin (CTC)

2. **Minutes of the last meeting held 20th September 2018 as circulated**

No comments.

3. **Matters Arising/Updates**

- **“Safe Places”**

Peggy Burt noted that there is a lack of knowledge about Safe Places. Cllr Ansell, suggested a publicity campaign should be undertaken to raise awareness. Information can be added to Facebook, Calne Connection and notice boards in Calne, Calne Area Board and the Town Council. Diane Gooch will promote Safe Places within DAA. Gerry Mooney suggested advertising “Safe Places” on Ear Tunes Radio.

- **Lorry Watch**

Jerry Mooney provided Cllr Ansell with a list detailing information of the vehicles that have driven through the town restricted area. Cllr Ansell will contact Wiltshire Council as it appears that there is enough information to launch a lorry awareness scheme.

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

This item will be placed on the next agenda as there is no further work being undertaken at the moment.

- **CCTV**

Gerry Mooney noted that camera 8 is currently being repaired and a replacement temporary camera is in place.

Two new volunteers have been approved and all other volunteers are in date with vetting requirements. Two further applications are going through and there are currently 21 permanent volunteers in place.

Calne Our Place would like cameras to be added at St Mary's Church, a grade I listed building, so that it can be open for visitors without the need for supervision. Cllr Ansell noted that Calne is now part of the Ambassador Scheme and is a noted point on the route along the Great West Way, London to Bristol, so we may have more tourists going through the town.

With respect to the addition of cameras, PC Mark Cook noted that cameras at the Recreation Club and William's Way would be supported.

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

Noted that contact has been made with the Area Board Footpath and Cycle path working group. Wiltshire Council officers have responded stating that at present this footpath “enhancement” cannot be progressed. Responses have not yet been received from the landowner or JBS. There is the suggestion that this footpath would be of greater use if it could be upgraded to a cyclepath and it is possible that additional funds may then be available. Cllr Ansell will write to the contact at Wiltshire Council about the footpath and will also contact Cllr Trotman at the Area Board.

- **Keevils Weir**

Noted the risk to life at the weir and instances of anti-social behaviour. The public can only use the footpaths as the remainder of the land is private. It was suggested that the river could be diverted around the weir allowing fish etc to go up river and reducing the temptation to some of going into the dangerous part of the River Marden.

Luckett Way parking issues

Resident meetings have taken place where the suggestion was made to add white lines on the road corners to restrict parking. A further meeting occurred when the addition of yellow lines was put forward. This item to be closed on the CCSF agenda

- **Calne Emergency Plan**

CEP said to be nearly completed

In her role as Town Mayor, Cllr Ansell, noted that while visiting one of Calne’s twin towns she had visited their local police station and fire station. Following this, the Town Mayor thought it a good idea to link with Calne Fire Station and organise a visit.

4. Emergency Services

a) Ambulance and Calne First Responders

Garry Jones (Calne CFR) noted that they receive 20 to 30 calls a month. Funding for the First Responders new vehicle has been provided by The Area Board, WEC, Calne Rotary Club and Castrol for the supply of fuel, electrical requirements, tax, insurance and servicing.

b) Calne Fire Station

There is not a representative at present.

c) Calne Police Area

PC Cook noted the recent incident when a young person was stabbed in Calne. This is an ongoing investigation and so details could not be discussed. It remains unclear as to circumstances surrounding the incident; however, arrests have taken place. This is an isolated incident.

PC Cook intends to continue to engage with schools and will work with John Bentley School in the new year adopting a multi-agency approach.

There have been some incidents of anti-social behaviour by the William Street shops and so the area has had additional patrolling.

Residents must ensure that vehicles are locked valuables are removed.

Thanks were given to Gerry and CCTV team as they were able to flag that an elderly gentleman was being exploited for money. This is now being investigated; a meeting has taken place at the care home and safeguarding measures are being implemented.

Regular shoplifting has been occurring at Co-op where in some cases the shelves have been cleared of meat or other items. The CCTV van was parked outside as a deterrent but the perpetrators then began covering their faces. Initially security was not being provided by the Co-op and police increased their presence in the area. A long term strategy is needed for persistent shoplifters, such as a police order, that will restrict them from entering certain shops.

Gerry noted that responses are not always received during Calne CCTV radio checks. A presentation was offered to all local retailers on how to use the handset as not all are aware. However, this was not attended by all representatives. Gerry then visited the local shops to explain the handset use.

There is currently no information as to when Calne Police Station will close.

5. Neighbourhood Watch

Progress is being made in Calne.

Cllr Ansell noted that a briefing lead by the Ascension Trust about the next steps of the Street Pastor Scheme will take place on November 27th 2018.

6. CIL, S106 and Calne Community Area Board matters

Cllr Ansell noted that the current prime concern relates to the proposed development in the centre of town. Residents attended the recent Town Development and Planning meeting and raised concerns and objections to the planning application. The members of the TD&P Committee noted their objection to the application.

7. Highways – condition of roads and pavements

As arranged at the last meeting Matt Perrott walked with Diane Gooch and the dementia group. During the walk some issues were flagged and it was suggested that Matt attend another walk with the group. Diane Gooch noted that Matt was very helpful and will complete a report.

The pedestrian crossing outside Sainsbury’s was repainted but it has been reported once again as the crossing is still not clear to drivers.

8. Date of next meeting Wednesday 16th January 2019, Harris Room, Calne Library beginning at 9.30 am

The date of the next meeting was noted.

9. Dates of meetings for the remainder of 2019

The meeting dates listed below were noted and the start time of 9:30am.

- 20th March 2019
- 15th May 2019
- 10th July 2019
- 18th September 2019
- 20th November 2019

10. Any other business

Calne Our Place have issued a poster advertising the launch of the Great West Way that will take place in the Town Hall on the 5th December at 2pm.

Shirley Harper-O’Neill noted that Friends of Abberd Brook have organised a youth club and 12-14 teenagers have attended. Funding is available until April 2019.

Roger Appleby noted that as per the Data Protection Directive the old attendance lists will be shredded. Previous CCSF minutes to be kept for 2 years.

There has been a report of a moped being used in Castlefields and it was suggested that a link could be made with the Calne Bike Meet group to go through health and safety aspects. It was further suggested that a presentation could be given at John Bentley School on issues relating to moped/ motorcycles.
