

**Minutes of the Safer and Supportive Communities Group Trowbridge, held on 5<sup>th</sup> Jan 2017 at 2pm, at the Civic Centre**

**Present**

Cllr Bob Brice (Chair TTC), Lance Allan (TTC), Mary Cullen (WC CEM), Cllr John Knight, Cllr Dennis Drewett, Julia Doel (SWAS) David Wilmot (SWAS), Mark Hough (Wiltshire Police) Andy Green (DWFS), Rev Barrie Dearlove (Breakthrough)

Apologies- Claire Thomas (AS), Tom Ward (WC), Derek Adams (CERS)

**Update on PSPO-** Mark Hough confirmed that the PSPO would go live on 12<sup>th</sup> Jan to ban drinking of alcohol in public places in Trowbridge Park and other areas as shown on map.

The police will be advising people in the lead up to this time and explaining the PSPO.

The PSPO will enable the police to deal with drinkers and dispose of alcohol more effectively as it takes away the discretion of the DPPO.

**Safe Places-** MC Cullen informed the meeting that she will be starting to revisit Safe Places in Trowbridge with Tim Mason on 12<sup>th</sup> Jan, with the aim of ensuring businesses are still active and encouraging their continued involvement in the scheme. This will also be an opportunity to promote Dementia Friends sessions, to do an audit of businesses with defibrillators, to remind of Fire Safety advice and build local relationships.

**JSA feedback-** MC reported on the outcomes of the JSA 'Our Community Matters' conference held in Trowbridge on 5<sup>th</sup> December and attended by up to 90 local people.

The key priorities that emerged in relation to community safety were

Alcohol and drugs, Anti Social Behaviour and Highway Safety

An idea that emerged from the event was the Police and community working together in partnership more effectively to combat dangerous driving, speeding and anti social driving behaviour such as racing. MH highlighted the importance of the community reporting anti social driving behaviour and dangerous driving using the 101 number. The police need registration numbers in order to follow these up.

A suggestion was a drug, alcohol and anti social behaviour hotline or an online reporting system similar to the area board issues system. ***MH will investigate potential IT options around this.***

**Recent crime issues –** MH reported that following a recent spate of burglaries in Trowbridge, the Police have had a good few weeks and have made significant progress in dealing with offenders. Problems have arisen with a specific group of young people, resulting in an outbreak of low level crime. Some offenders have been referred to the youth justice team and offences have dropped off at present.

DD has had reports of on street drug dealing. ***DD to pass details to MH.***

**Dementia Friendly Trowbridge-** MC updated on the dementia care conference held in the Civic Centre on 23<sup>rd</sup> Nov and progress towards Dementia Friendly Trowbridge. Over 300

Dementia Friends have now been made and Trowbridge has registered as a Dementia Action Alliance. Organisations can sign up by pledging three actions. MC can provide forms as necessary. Future plans include recruiting further dementia champions, organising more Dementia Friends sessions and working to deliver a memory café and other support services.

### **A.O.B**

**SWAS-** JD and DW from SWAS provided an overview of their different areas of operation which cover provision of defibrillators and community first responders.

The defibrillator scheme supports communities to provide defibrillators, offering a four year scheme which supplies the cabinet for inside or outside use, defibrillator, consumables, replacements, equipment updates and training at a cost of £2160 for four years. Secondary schemes cost £1200 for the term.

SWAS is encouraging organisations with defibrillators to register them with SWAS so it is known where they are.

The Heartsafe Community encourages enough defibrillators and enough people to be able to use them in a town or area, with a defibrillator provided every 400 meters.

It was known that there are currently defibrillators in Trowbridge at the Civic Centre, the Shires, County Hall, Castle Place, shopping centre, Clarendon School and possibly more.

**First Responders-**DW gave an overview of the First Responder scheme which is a team of trained paramedics who attend 999 calls when ambulances are busy to be a first response. He clarified that these schemes have not typically been introduced in areas such as Trowbridge where there was an ambulance station. However a trial had taken place in Chippenham with good results so the scheme may be extended. He will do an analysis of call outs and response times in Trowbridge to bring to next meeting to discuss whether a local scheme is needed. **Action DW**

**Breakthrough-** BD provided an overview of the work of breakthrough in Trowbridge, supporting homeless people as well as seeing an increasing use of their services by other people. The service saw an increase in numbers over the Christmas period with up to 60 people attending lunch. Breakthrough has made good links with the housing options service and receives regular visits from the team. They have also been linked in with other services and partnerships as appropriate. BD expressed some concerns about service users being apparently housed locally in unsuitable premises. **MH will investigate.**

**Wilts and Dorset Fire Service-** AG advised the meeting of plans to attend the Fore St market once a month with a fire engine to raise awareness of fire safety. It was disused and agreed that this was an excellent idea. **SWAS and Police will liaise with him to co-ordinate a joint venture.**

### **Date next meeting**

The date of the next meeting will be 6<sup>th</sup> April at 2pm at the Civic Centre.