

**Safer Neighbourhoods – South Leamington Safer  
Neighbourhoods Panel meeting  
7 July 2008  
Campion School and Community College**

**Present:**

Cllr Barbara Weed (Chair)– Royal Leamington Spa Town Council  
Cllr Bill Evans (- Royal Leamington Spa Town Council  
Carolyn Chambers – WCC  
Jenny Murray – WCC  
Nick Gower-Johnson - WCC  
Robert Nash – Clerk, Royal Leamington Spa Town Council  
David Gill – WCC  
Dave Finnerty – Warwickshire Fire Service  
Sgt Andy Scruton – Warwickshire Police  
PC Rob Garrison – Warwickshire Police  
Cllr Tim Naylor – WCC  
Cllr Mike Britland - WDC  
Cllr Mota Singh - WCC  
Liz Clarke – Neighbourhood Watch  
Meg Bond - Residents of Radford Road  
Nick Bond – Residents of Radford Road  
Gordon Fyfe  
Alan Turner  
Richard Beatty  
Liz Iles - Brunswick Community Safety Local Action Team  
Willie McGrenra, Charlotte Street Neighbourhood Watch

**1. Election of Chair**

Councillor Evans welcomed everyone to the meeting. He announced his decision to stand down as Chair and invited proposals for a new Chair.

Cllr Naylor proposed Barbara Weed be elected as Chair. This was seconded and agreed.

The panel thanked Cllr Evans for his work as Chair, with the Town Council and Safer Neighbourhoods.

## 2. Apologies

Cllrs John Barrott, Balvinder Gill and Cllr Richard Edwards

## 3. Open Forum

Radford Road residents raised issues regarding the speed and volume of traffic. They also have concerns regarding cycling on pavements.

## 4. Locality proposals

Nick Gower-Johnson gave a presentation on the proposals of locality working.

Warwick District will have 7 community forums. The roles and remits will be extended to incorporate local issues. South Leamington will share a locality with Whitnash but each will have their own Forum.

Nick reported on the concerns of Leamington Town Council. He is meeting with Town Councils and Safer Neighbourhood panels to explain the proposals and take back concerns.

## 5. Minutes of the Meeting held on 14th April, 2008

The minutes of the previous meeting were agreed.

It was noted that Item 5 should read 'violent crime is down to 100' not 10.

## 6. Matters arising

David Gill reported on the commuter parking issues around Gas Street. The Highways department are to consult with residents on a residents parking scheme.

Liz Iles agreed to liaise with David as she has had previous correspondence with Highways regarding this.

Dave Finnerty asked about the possibility of funding for smoke detectors which has been raised previously. Pete Cutts has passed this issue on to the Chief Executive.

Cllr Naylor requested that John Dubber be notified of the panel's wishes to allocate this money to support the fire safety initiative. **Action: Robert Nash**

## 7. Community Police Team update

Sgt Scruton report that several operations have taken place to target Anti-social behaviour, drugs and speeding. Robberies were down to 1 following a high visibility operation. An operation to tackle speeding in Tachbrook Road, Sydenham Drive, Gainsborough Drive and Queensway. This is on-going and is mainly about educating drivers who are just over the speed limit.

There have been 2 cannabis factories found in Sydenham and on Victoria Business Park.

The possibility of holding an informal surgery in Asda is being looked at. PCSO Jo Graham has given birth to a baby girl.

Residents expressed their thanks to PCSO Nyirongo who has been most helpful.

Under the Student Watch initiative PC Garrison and Cllr Britland have visited the University to build better links.

The police will once again send letters to residents in Kennen Avenue regarding parking on the pavements. Cllr Naylor requested the problem of overhanging shrubbery be looked into as this also restricts pavements.

**Action: Robert Nash**

The police will also look into the issue of vehicles being sold privately in Sydenham Drive/Gainsborough Drive which was raised at the meeting.

Concern was expressed in relation to speeding along Radford Road. As this was a priority, it was agreed that officers prepare a Report on various speed reduction measures, including a possible speed camera and interactive signs.

Action: Police/WCC

## **8. Priorities**

This item was addressed under Item 10 – review of the action plan.

## **9. Budget update**

The Chair reported that there is currently £6,981 unallocated and £7,500 for 2008/09, giving a total of £14,481.

Cllr Naylor requested a report for the next meeting on the costing of a speed camera on Radford Road.

Cllr Naylor referred to the success of the Police “Respect” initiative and requested that £1,000 be allocated to initiatives in Respect week. This was agreed.

Action: Robert

The money allocated to the Geared up project is no longer required as the project is not taking place.

## **10. Action Plan**

David Gill reported that he is currently compiling a draft action plan which he will distribute for discussion/feedback at the next meeting.

Cllr Britland reported the consultation period on the brief for the development of the area around Leamington Station closes at the end of July.

#### **11. Funding applications**

The Youth Service have requested £2,000 from each SNP towards the Marle Hall project. Cllr Naylor proposed this be accepted. This was seconded by Cllr Britland and agreed.

#### **12. Any other business**

- Cycling on pavements – Sgt Scruton reported that cyclists under 16 years of age cannot be prosecuted for cycling on pavements. The police are visiting schools to educate pupils about the dangers of cycling on footpaths.
- Residents reported that the drains in Charlotte Street had not been cleared and were still prone to flooding. Cllr Britland agreed to look into this. **Action: Cllr Britland**

#### **13. Date of next meeting**

The next meeting will be held on 6 October, 2008 venue to be confirmed.