

Safer Neighbourhoods – North Leamington Area Panel
Monday 28 January 2008
Leamington Town Hall
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Attending

Cllr David Greenwood (Chair) – Royal Leamington Spa Town Council
Carolyn Chambers – WCC
Robert Nash - Royal Leamington Spa Town Council
Kate Evans – Neighbourhood Watch
Cllr Sarah Boad – WCC
Cllr Alan Boad – WDC
Cllr Cymone de Lara-Bond - WDC
Cllr Eithne Goode – WCC
Cllr Simon Wheeler - Royal Leamington Spa Town Council
Cllr Chris Davis - WCC
Cllr Roger Copping – WDC
Cllr Dave Wreford-Bush - Royal Leamington Spa Town Council
Insp Adrian Davis – Warwickshire Police
Sgt Paul Greewal – Warwickshire Police
Cllr Janice Dean – WDC
Gladys Gibbs – Tagbusters, The Chain
Tina Gibbs - Tagbusters, The Chain
David Francis
Mary Hewins – Lillington Community Action Forum
Tom Dobedoe – Neighbourhood Watch
Katie Western - WCC

1. Apologies

Cllr Robert Cunliffe and Janet Wilson.

Everyone introduced themselves

2. Minutes of the meeting held on 26 November 2007

The minutes were amended and agreed.

3. Matters arising

- Item 5 - it was queried the panel had agreed to spend the remainder of the budget on lighting
- Item 5 – clarification was given that it was Cllr Alan Boad who received a request for a dispersal zone.
- Robert Nash agreed to ask Pete Cuttts about the graffiti packs and where they can be obtained from. **Action: Robert Nash**
- Tagbusters have not received the letter promised by the panel. Robert agreed to re-send it. **Action: Robert Nash**

- Tavistock garages are being cleaned up. Owners have signed a disclaimer.
- There is a lot of graffiti on the bridge and tunnel to Covent Garden car park.
- Positive feedback has been received from residents about the temporary flashing speed signs. The police have carried out speed checks close to the signs and there have been several offences.
- The police are carrying out other activities to try to resolve issues in the dispersal zone. Sgt Greewal reported his team's assessment of the area suggests a dispersal zone is not necessary at the moment.

4. Warwickshire Community Safety Unit – Katie Western

Katie briefed the panel on her role within the Community Safety Team. More information can be obtained from the website:

www.warwickshire.gov.uk/communitysafetyunit.

Katie's email address is: katiwestern@warwickshire.gov.uk

5. Safer Neighbourhood Panels; Involving the Community

Robert Nash gave a report to the panel regarding the involvement of public at SNP meetings, which varies throughout the County.

The Chair asked the panel for their views on changing the meetings to involve the public. Following a discussion, the panel agreed to hold a public meeting early in the next financial year.

Kate Evans asked the panel to agree to Kate Bailey discussing the Safer Neighbourhoods with the Youth Parliament at North Leamington School, with a view to engaging with young people. The panel agreed.

6. Agreed Priorities – Progress Report

Sgt Greewal reported on the priorities agreed at the last meeting; anti-social behaviour (Crown Way), criminal damage (Wathen Road) and speed. An operation has been set up until the end of February to allocate resources to address these issues. This also includes theft from vehicles which became a police priority after the last PACT meeting. So far 2 people have been arrested and 1 is on a curfew. There is a dedicated mobile phone number for residents to contact the SNT direct.

In January 15-20 vehicles were randomly damaged in Lillington.

7. Projects suitable for undertaking by the Community Payback Team.

The Chair briefed the panel on the work of the Community Payback Team and asked for suggestions for projects to be sent to Dave Adams at the Probation service. His contact details are:

dave.adams@warwickshire.probation.gsi.gov.uk (Tel: 01926 682217)

8. Other Policing Issues

Sgt Greewal reported that police shift patterns are changing with the introduction of the '150 Forward' review. This will include more late shifts and will assist in tackling some of the issues.

The reactive teams now have 5 shifts to give increased cover at peak times. Leaflet drops have been carried out in relation to criminal damage to encourage residents to report problems. Sgt Greewal is attending a meeting with residents on Tuesday 29 January specifically about the problems in Beauchamp Avenue.

Eithne reported problems with skips in Wathen Road, in that bricks etc are being used to throw at properties in the area. Adrian suggested the skip company be approached to ask about the possibility of covering them at night.

Kate reported that following a robbery at a shop in Rugby road, Milverton the shopkeeper had asked her to thank the police. The police reported that property was recovered.

Sgt Greewal reported that the team had work hard and found and apprehended the offender who threw tins of paint from a block of flats before Christmas. The offender has been sentenced to 2 years.

It was agreed to send a letter from the panel to the police concerned, particularly Darren Lund. **Action: Robert Nash**

9. Expenditure

Currently there is a balance of £4430 in the budget. However, the £1800 awarded for body worn video equipment is no longer required as they have been funded from another source.

Katie Western updated the panel on the progress of the alley gates in Wathen Road. It is unlikely that all the County Council's policies and procedures will be in place by the end of the financial year and therefore it is not possible to commit funding to it.

Sgt Greewal gave a report on DSL alarms for victims of domestic violence and asked for funding from the panel. The cost of the alarms is £1,100 each. Cllr Sarah Boad proposed this be agreed, it was seconded by David Wreford-Bush and agreed.

This gives a balance of £6,130.

Robert reported that there is still £3,000 available from the Town Council, with only £320 so far spent.

Eithne reported on the 'geared up' project which takes young people at risk of offending to a project in Coventry one night a week to learn skills such as mechanics. Eithne will speak to Sgt Paul Calver for more information and report back to the panel. **Action: Eithne Goode.**

Tom reported on the street lighting audit. Areas for concern are The Holt, the Dell and Rugby Road Shops.

Cllr Sarah Boad believes that WCC were undertaking the work at the Holt, and Rugby Road. She will check and let the Chair know. **Action: Sarah Boad.**

Mary reported they are still waiting for a light in Crown Way. Cllr Alan Boad agreed to chase this up. **Action: Cllr Alan Boad**

Tom suggested painting the edge of the steps in Chestnut Square as lighting is quite poor. He suggested the Community Payback Team may carry out the work, and will contact them. **Action: Tom Dobedoe**

Kate will talk to Bill Gifford regarding lighting at the Dell, with a view to possibly funding it from next year's budget.

The panel agreed that if it was not necessary to fund the lighting then another DSL alarm would be funded.

10. Any Other Business

There were no items for discussion.

11. Date of Next Meeting

The next meeting of the Safer Neighbourhoods Panel will be held at **7.30 pm** on **Monday 28 April**, Lillington Free Church, Cubbington Road, Leamington Spa.