

KENILWORTH SAFER NEIGHBOURHOODS AREA (KSNA)
MINUTES OF THE MEETING ON 15th JANUARY 2008
6.30 pm AT THE COUNCIL OFFICES, SOUTHBANK ROAD.

Present

Cllr Pauline Edwards (Chair)–	Kenilworth Town & Warwick District Councils
Carolyn Chambers	– Warwickshire County Council
Joe Baconnet	– Town Centre Manager
Norman Vincett	– Kenilworth Town & Warwick District Councils
Cllr John Whitehouse	– WCC
Cllr. Spencer Harrison	– Kenilworth Town Council
Cllr Daphne Harrison	– Kenilworth Town Council
Sgt. Ben Smith	– Warwickshire Police
Insp Richard Woodcock	– Warwickshire Police
Verona Newbold	– Kenilworth School
Richard Morris	– Neighbourhood Watch
David Gill	– WCC
Katie Western	– WCC

1. The Chair welcomed everyone and wished them a Happy New Year.

2. Apologies

Apologies were received from Cllrs Alan Cockburn, Felicity Bunker, Michael Coker and John Durling and Chris Langton.

The Chair introduced Katie Western, Community Support Project Officer.

3. Minutes of the meeting of 16 October

The minutes of 16 October were agreed.

4. Matters arising from the meeting on 16 October

- John Whitehouse asked if a Youth Representative had been found to replace Lizzie. Verona has tried via the Youth Council but finding it difficult as it's exam time. The Chair suggested approaching the Youth Centre.
- Norman reported that a working group at WDC has drawn up a policy for graffiti removal which will go to Council in approximately 6 weeks. It is hoped to be able to dovetail this policy into a policy to help Kenilworth residents in tackling graffiti.
- Joe reported he had attended a meeting of the Street Pride group which was attended by Paul Garrison the Street Scene officer for WDC and representatives of Virgin Media and BT. He will circulate the minutes of this meeting to the panel.

- The Chair expressed concern that the work of Street Pride may be overlapping with work of the Safer Neighbourhood Panel. Joe explained their remit is mainly the appearance of the streets, however the Street Scenes officer needs to be aware of this and liaise across the groups.
- Page 2 of the minutes (action plan), refers to Burgess Lane. This should read Birches Lane and was amended accordingly.
- Joe reported that there are now enough commercial radios and he is liaising with Ben Smith to distribute them and give advice and training.

Matters arising from the public meeting on 11 November

- The Chair reported the meeting had been very successful and attended by large numbers of people and the displays were also excellent. The Chair thanked Verona for all her work in sorting out the venue, preparing and distributing poster, leaflets etc.
- Insp Woodcock reported that the meeting was also attended by the Warwick SNT members. He thanked the Chair on behalf of the panel.
- The results of the questionnaire from the meeting were distributed. Results from teenagers were comments from Kenilworth School. Verona has written to students and teachers to thank them and will feedback the minutes of the meeting to them.
- Insp Woodcock reported that distraction burglaries are predominantly carried out against older people and occur in the afternoons. There is nothing to suggest young people are responsible. Operation Liberal is a nationwide operation currently tackling this problem.
- Teenagers have identified that they want more to do. The Chair suggested looking into the possibility of providing bike jumps. Joe reported there is a large jump area in Leicester Street in Leamington which is well used, and that the new Car Park cleansing contract from April will clear any bricks etc left out by skateboarders. The Chair suggested the panel forms a working group to look into the provision of bike jumps.
- The panel agreed to hold annual public meetings

5. The Way Forward for 2008

Members of the panel made the following comments/suggestions:

- Norman - Continue with the graffiti strategy
- Work with the police with regards to riding bikes on pavements and car parking on pavements
 - Address young people's issues with regards to bike jumps and the Youth Centre, by talking to the youths and working with partner agencies.
 - Address issues of criminal damage/vandalism/rubbish/drinking
- John - John is the Chair of the new management committee at the Youth Centre and suggested they work together with the panel. The community can get involved with speeding issues using the speedgun etc. There are few or no cycling lanes.

Pauline reported that WCC have responded to the issue of flashing speed signs, There are signs available through the Speed Aware campaign. However, additional signs are not feasible and there is no budget available to meet costs.

John - The 2 new permanent signs on New Street and Coventry Road are as a result of an application to a small funding budget through Committee. John suggested possibly putting a bid forward to Committee.

David - Has asked all the Chairs of the Safer Neighbourhood Panels to write to the CDRP to request the rationale for funding money to be spent on capital.

A discussion took place around speeding issues and the Chair suggested a working group be formed to identify where they think the hotspots are, work with the police to confirm this and implement reduction measures.

It was agreed the working group consist of: Norman, John Whitehouse, John Levett, Richard Morris, Stewart and Katie.

Cllr Whitehouse will be attending a seminar on traffic issues and will talk to Philippa Young who will be there. He will also ask for a WCC officer to support the group.

John also reported the Youth Centre management committee will meet on a quarterly basis, the first meeting being on 18 March. There will be an informal meeting prior to this and he will raise the issues here so it can be added to the agenda.

Richard suggested allocating funding to the Youth Centre for resources etc to allow the court to be open more.

David reported that he is currently working on a project to map out what activities are available for young people in Warwick District. A survey is being undertaken to find out what provision/activities/resources etc are available in the area.

Verona suggested this information be used to build on the possibility of what can be provided in Kenilworth.

Joe is meeting with Sainsbury's next week and will discuss intentions for the Budgen's site.

The panel agreed Daphne, Norman, Verona, David and Pauline will attend the Youth Centre management committee meeting.

Joe agreed to speak to Dave Anderson, Rose Winship and Pete Moore at WDC regarding the possibility of bike jumps. **Action: Joe**

A discussion took place around graffiti. Katie agreed to contact a town which has a graffiti wall for feedback. **Action: Katie**

Daphne raised concerns of paper girls/boys riding bikes without lights. Pauline agreed to raise this at the Safety meeting next week.

Action: Pauline

John asked the panel to confirm their agreement of the Action Plan. **This was agreed.**

David agreed to write a new action plan with Katie following an initial meeting with Ben Smith, Pete Cutts, Julian Hill and Pauline Edwards.

Verona reported that a new Headteacher, Hayden Abbott will be in place in April. She also asked the panel to let her have suggested questions for the school survey. Richard suggested working in partnership with Kenilworth Weekly News to carry out the publicity and offer a prize in partnership with Woolworths in a bid to get a high return of surveys.

6. Any other Business

Richard reported that a meeting had taken place with Chief Insp Tim Bailey on 3rd December at Leamington Police Station to discuss bringing more consistency to Safer Neighbourhood panels and how to engage the public more.

Richard also reported that all changes under the Police 150 forward programme will take place on 21 January. Sgt Ben Smith is leaving and Stewart Bosworth will be returning. The panel expressed thanks to Ben.

Carolyn agreed to contact Julie Wedgbury with regards to publicity for the next meeting. **Action: Carolyn**

Priorities were agreed as:

- 1. Speeding**
- 2. Youth Activities**
- 3. Criminal damage and vandalism**

7. Date of next meeting

The next meeting will be held on **7th April at 6.30 at the Youth Centre.**