

NORTH LEAMINGTON SAFER NEIGHBOURHOODS PANEL

Minutes of meeting held on Wednesday 25th February 2009 at Leamington Town Hall

Present: Robert Cunliffe (Chair) Leamington Town Council
Liz Young, Warwick District Council
Alison Simmons, Warwick District Council
Cllr Eithne Goode, Warwickshire County Council
Cllr Chris Davis, Warwickshire County Council
David Greenwood, Leamington Town Council
Cllr Alan Boad, Warwick District Council
PC David Valente, Warwickshire Police
Tom Dobedoe, Neighbourhood Watch
Alan Turner, Neighbourhood Watch
Paul Ledden, Warwickshire County Council
Cllr Janice Dean, Warwick District Council
Tina Gibbs, The Chain
Gladys Gibbs, The Chain
Kushal Birla, Warwickshire County Council
Nick Gower-Johnson, Warwickshire County Council
Mary Hewins, Lillington CAF

Apologies: Kate Evans, Neighbourhood Watch
Cllr Sarah Boad, Warwickshire County Council
Cllr Cymone De Lara Bond, Warwick District Council

- 1. Minutes of last meeting on 1st December 2008 approved.**
- 2. Matters arising**

Sgt Ronni Koshi is taking over from Sgt Darren Webster

Geared Up Project - £3,160 allocated from SNP budget with Steve Bayliss meeting balance. Sarah Lithgow, Steve Sample and Pam Trott still establishing process of identifying youngsters.

A report on the new Graffiti Policy is to be submitted to the next WCC Cabinet. Paul to report back to next meeting.

Action: Paul Ledden

Paul has taken on the issue of the Gating Order to do with Wathen Road/Kier Close and again will give an update at the next meeting. He explained that it was an extremely complex matter and that Coventry City Council, which has a dedicated Gating Officer, has only ever granted one gating order request.

Action: Paul Ledden

CCTV – Cllr Illingworth has produced a positive report on the use of CCTV, recommending to WCC Full Council, its continued use in Warwick District.

3. NLSNP Action Plan Update

Paul Ledden provided the group with updates on the action plan which had been previously approved at the December meeting.

It was acknowledged that there had been a lot of progress made on the majority of actions however there was concern about the length of the action plan and the number of priorities and as to how focused, manageable and measurable it was.

After much discussion it was agreed that a sub group of the Panel would meet to attempt to hone down and simplify the action plan and arrive at 3 headline community safety priorities. This would allow for a further 2 generic priorities to be added to the plan that would emerge from the first community forum meeting.

The sub group would also need to factor in the outcomes of the public meeting held back in October – this is covered in more detail under Point 4 of these minutes.

Action: Liz Young

Paul also circulated the new **Serious Vehicle Crime Action Plan** for information.

The question was asked about the nature and frequency of police reporting of performance against priority targets. It was pointed out that these were SNP priorities not just the Police's. Nick Gower-Johnson informed the panel that the police had introduced a regular reporting process to the community forums county-wide using a set user friendly template. This also provided the forums with the opportunity to challenge and question.

It's also about publicising achievements as well!!

It was agreed that simple, basic information was required that the public can understand. Nick GJ will provide the reporting template used by North Warwickshire to Paul Ledden.

Action: Nick Gower Johnson

4. Community Safety Issues

4.1 Parking

This has become a major issue around the Kenilworth Road junction with Lillington Avenue with dangerous parking by residents being the main concern. The PCSOs had carried out a windscreen leaflet campaign to raise awareness.

It was suggested that there needed to be a consistent policy with 'verge' parking and line marking.

PC Dave Valente would give a progress report at the next meeting.

Action: PC Dave Valente

4.2 Cycling

This was a key issue that came out of the October public meeting and covered the following:-

- Specific measures required to improve cycling facilities/routes etc.
- More education for youngsters i.e. cycling proficiency/road safety
- Safety around schools

Paul suggested doing a scoping exercise into extent of accidents caused by/involving cyclists to determine fact against perception. All agreed.

Action: Paul Ledden

Liz Young read a summary of the Milverton Electoral Divisional Panel's views on the outcomes of the October Public Meeting which backed up the priorities of Parking and Cycling.

4.3 Criminal damage and ASB

These continue to be priorities for the police and theft from vehicles in particular is increasing with Clarendon Ward being particularly affected.

The police are planning a high profile campaign involving new signage, leaflet drops and window stickers in the hotspot areas to get the message across about not leaving valuables in cars.

5. Budget

The Chair informed the Panel that to date £7,550 had been spent out of the SNP budget with a balance remaining of £9,949.

The Panel agreed to allocate £2025 to the Theft from Vehicles campaign to purchase the signs.

Monies can be carried forward into the new financial year and will be referred to as the community forum budget and can therefore be used to fund the priorities identified by the forum, both generic and community safety.

Warwick District Council has also allocated £4k per forum for 09/10.

Once the 5 headline priorities have been agreed following the first community forum meeting in June then the budget can be allocated accordingly.

6. Development of the North Leamington Community Forum

A few comments were made on the draft terms of reference circulated and clarification was sought from Nick on issues to do with membership and format of meetings. It was agreed that the sub group would meet to address the following:-

- Amend terms of reference based on Panel's comments and circulate for final agreement
- Hone down the action plan as previously discussed and look at mechanisms for delivery
- Agree a timetable for subsequent community forum meetings
- Agree topics/themes for these meetings and make planning arrangements
- Arrange feedback to residents as to activities of Panel

Action: Liz Young

7. Date of next meeting

This was the final meeting as a SNP. The first community forum will take place in June (date to be confirmed). In the meantime the sub group or planning group will be having a number of meetings and keeping the wider group informed of progress via email.

(Sub Group invitees: - Paul Ledden, Liz Young, Robert Cunliffe, Janice Dean, Alan Boad, Nick Gower Johnson, Alan Turner, Tom Dobedoe, Dave Valente)