

**Safer Neighbourhoods – South Leamington Safer  
Neighbourhoods Panel meeting  
21 January 2008  
Sydni Centre, Leamington Spa**

**Attending**

Cllr Bill Evans (Chair)- Royal Leamington Spa Town Council  
Carolyn Chambers - WCC  
Robert Nash – Clerk, Royal Leamington Spa Town Council  
David Gill – WCC  
G Dunkley – Brunswick Tenants Association  
Dave Finnerty – Warwickshire Fire Service  
M Rull – Warwickshire Fire Service  
Sgt Andy Scruton – Warwickshire Police  
PCRob Garrison – Warwickshire Police  
Cllr Tim Naylor – WCC  
Kath Bannister – WDC  
John Power  
Cllr Barbara Weed – WDC  
Liz Iles - Brunswick Community Safety Local Action Team

Everyone introduced themselves.

**1. Apologies**

Apologies were received from Peter Rotherham, Richard Edwards and John Barrott.

**2. Minutes of the previous meeting 10<sup>th</sup> December 2007**

The previous minutes were agreed.

**3. Matters arising**

The meeting with County Highways (Martin Baxter) which was scheduled for 18 December unfortunately didn't take place as Martin was unable to make it. Martin had previously sent pictures to chair and had visited site and agreed to trial some of the bumps in Clemens Street with tarmac. Parking issues need to be referred to Roger Bennett or Graham Greenwood. Liz feels that lines are needed to the left of the crossing when exiting Gas Street as vehicles are unable to see out due to parked cars. Also Priory Street, Aylesford Street and Radcliff Gardens were identified as problem areas with regards to parking. David Gill agreed to take up this issue with Roger Bennett.

**Action: David Gill.**

#### **4. WCC – Community Safety Unit**

David Gill gave an overview of his and Katie Western's role as Community Safety Project Officers. There are 5 posts within the county. David gave some examples of the project work they will undertake. He is currently working on a project with Youth Services to identify all youth provision across the district. Some funding will be available to make them accessible to everyone. It will also identify problem areas and highlight areas with no provision.

Cllr Naylor suggested approaching the County Youth Team to get younger people on the panel.

#### **5. Safer Neighbourhoods Panels**

Robert Nash reported on consultations with police to bring more public involvement into the panels. It is suggested the meetings will take the format of a surgery, followed by a public meeting to identify priorities, and the panel meeting to decide which priorities to take forward.

A discussion took place around different venues which would allow all areas of the community to become involved.

Cllr Tim Naylor raised concerns that some individuals may seek to have their own issues made a priority when this may not be in line with panel's priorities. He suggested a meeting in spring to trail the model.

Andy requested the public be invited through various meetings chaired by panel members. The need to engage with students and ethnic communities was identified.

The panel agreed to hold an initial public meeting.

#### **6. Agreed priorities progress report**

Sgt Scruton gave an update on the agreed priorities of:

- Criminal Damage
- Anti Social Behaviour
- Speeding

The police have been working closely with Fallow Hill Residents. There were reports of incidents on the canal tow path, which have been resolved. A lot of graffiti has been removed. A decoyed police vehicle has been parked near to the school in Shrubland Street. Work has been carried out by the Community Payback team resulting in Clapham Terrace Park and Calder Walk park being cleaned up.

Incidents of criminal damage occur mostly at the weekends and are sporadic across the area.

Speeding issues: There appears to have been a reduction in speeding on Queensway since speed bumps have been introduced. Gainsborough Drive and Sydenham Dive are still a concern and the police have been monitoring the traffic with the speed gun. Leam Terrace has been identified as hot spot and the police have been monitoring the traffic using speed gun but no offences were recorded.

Cllr Tim Naylor thanked the police for their efforts in Leam Terrace and added that one resident is still complaining about speeding. One more survey will be carried out.

John Power reported that he had seen and a car drive into a tree, seemingly on purpose and wondered if this was a trend which could account for the rise in damage to street furniture. Sgt Scruton is unaware of any problems but will monitor the situation.

Drugs operations have been undertaken in the area and are ongoing. The SNT were featured in the 'Bear Facts' police magazine, having been nominated for national award.

The cycle training is now a two hour course and has been completed by the team.

The £1,137 awarded by the panel for body worn video is not now required as it has been funded by the police. The Police asked if they could use the money allocated for ear pieces and high visibility jackets. This request was considered with other expenditure items.

## **8 Other Policing Issues**

From 28<sup>th</sup> February Sgt Archer will take over as team sergeant, so Andy Scruton will give up the position as acting sergeant. The Panel expressed their appreciation of the contribution Andy has made during his period as acting sergeant. There will also be one PC less on the team from 28<sup>th</sup> February.

Cllr Naylor has written to CI Bailey on behalf of all the councillors to request Andy stayed on team. The Chair has met with Inspector Adrian Davis to discuss ways in improving communication with the panel and with local councillors on matters relating to police deployment.

Kath Bannister asked that panel should make representation regarding Andy being moved from the team as the initial agreement was that resources would remain for two years and there would be stability of personnel etc.

Tim Naylor will ask County representatives on the Police authority to pursue this. Kath asked if panel could also pursue it. The panel agreed to send a letter to the Assistant Chief Constable, Bill Holland – **Action: Chair.**

## **Fire Service**

Dave Finnerty distributed data for Willes area. He reported that he will be working with PCSO's, neighbourhood watch etc to make contact with local community groups. He asked about newsletters to publicise the work they are doing. The panel suggested Bath Place and Children's centres. The Town Council also produce newsletters on a quarterly basis.

## **9. Expenditure**

The Chair reported that there is currently £7,010 is left in this year's budget. The cost of the body worn videos is being met by the Police force. The funding allocated to Brunswick Tenants Association is not permitted due to the rules around capital spend.

David Gill reported on a bid for funding alley gates in Russell Terrace. WCC are in the process of putting together a policy for gating. The fire, police and ambulance need to agree to the gates being put in place.

Kath has received a report from Steve Bayliss for the project which was funded by the panel last year. She will email it to Carolyn for distribution.

**Action: Kath**

The panel agreed to funding of £3000 for the alley gates in Russell Terrace. Carolyn will find out more details of the request for the ear pieces and vests for the police, including the actual costs. **Action: Carolyn**

## **10. Any other business**

None.

## **11. Date of next meeting**

The Chair will email everyone regarding the date and venue for public meeting and further quarterly meetings.