

FILEY COMMUNITY AND POLICE GROUP REPORT

TITLE OF GROUP: Filey CAP Group

DATE OF MEETING: 3 December 2014

VENUE: Council Offices, 52A Queen Street, Filey

REPORT OF MEETING:

PRESENT

Members who signed the attendance Proforma:

Mel Playforth (Chairman), Sgt Chris Gosling, Cllr J Meek, Cllr J Casey, Cllr Eileen Vickers (Osgodby PC), Cllr K Dews (Muston PC), Gerald Ingham, Nicholas Dove, Aileen Newbury, Avril Gregory, J White and Sharon Pogson (Clerk).

The chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting.

APOLOGIES

Cllr Sam Cross, John Sharp, Julie Viles, Brenda, John and Margaret Kerrison, Eric Clarkson, Laura Clarkson, Isobel Martin and Ken Leathley.

REPORT OF LAST MEETING

The report of the meeting held 17 September 2014 was accepted as a true record of the proceedings.

MATTERS ARISING FROM THE REPORT

The Chairman informed members that since the last CAP meeting in September two meetings had been arranged to discuss obtaining a further CCTV camera in Mitford Street. Both of these meetings had been cancelled but the Chairman would continue to pursue the matter.

SPEAKER – INSPECTOR ANDY SHORT

The chairman welcomed Inspector Short to the meeting. Inspector Short is based at Eastfield Police Station and is responsible for the Eastfield, Filey and Hertford area. Inspector Short informed members that although further staffing budget cuts across North Yorkshire are planned, particularly to civilian staff, Filey Police Station staff will be unaffected but if there were any further cuts to front line staff it would be difficult to cope with. The area covered is large and particularly busy, the parks being the biggest issue which bring in holiday makers to this area. As with any large increase in population there is the potential for an increase in crime rates.

Inspector Short mentioned that he had recently moved to the area and praised Sgt Gosling and his team at Filey whom he considered to be the most passionate of Police Officers. Your local policing team are there to listen to your concerns and act upon the issues that matter and members of the group were invited to ask any questions, some of which included:

Cllr Meek enquired if crime rates would increase when the proposed turning off of street lights happened. Inspector Short mentioned that there had been no increase in crime in other areas who had undergone this scheme but if the Police could provide figures of an increase in crime in a particular area, these could be forwarded to NYCC for consideration. The Police have already made some comments about street lights been switched off in housing estate areas and have had a positive outcome.

Aileen Newbury mentioned that street lighting had been reduced previously and as far as she is aware, the crime rate did rise.

The Chairman thanked Inspector Short for attending the meeting.

POLICE REPORT/CRIME FIGURES

Sgt Gosling welcomed everyone to the meeting and informed the group that the Police now have a revised method of recording crime. Previously, staff had responded to a report of a crime and then later recorded the incident, now the recording is done as soon as a report is received. Crimes of burglary used to be recorded under a single heading, (it was impossible to tell if this affected a home or an outdoor shed) and are now listed as 'Burglary in a Dwelling' or 'Burglary Other'. Detections have been deleted from the figures as they are complex, as there are now various ways of dealing with a crime committed. Sgt Gosling mentioned that there had been a large increase of violence in Filey compared to the same period last year. The Police seldom obtain a conviction from a Domestic Violence report as one of the partners is unwilling to press charges. The one recorded Robbery in Filey which involved a necklace stolen during a fight and was caught on CCTV camera, was later determined not to be a Robbery but a Theft. There had been a smell of cannabis in the Hope Street/Murray Street area for some time and the Police had struggled to detect where it was coming from. A warrant was obtained for Hungry Toms and 104 cannabis plants were found (each plant giving a yield of £1,000), the offender was arrested and has been given bail conditions.

DVLA and the Police are both able to tell whether a vehicle is taxed, insured and has a M.O.T. By stopping the supply of paper tax discs the DVLA have more money to put into detection and now have the facility to clamp vehicles if they are not taxed.

The figure for Burglary in the Hertford Ward had increased. As a result of some good investigative work, the Police had arrested 2 youths and recovered 12 TV's. Diesel is continuing to be stolen even though it is now stained.

In Muston a window had been smashed and a man wearing a crash helmet and carrying a hammer had been caught and admitted entering a house.

Sgt Gosling invited members of the group to ask any questions or to make any comments and Cllr Eileen Vickers (Osgodby PC) was pleased to say that the PCSO, who works in the Osgodby and Eastfield area, attends all Parish meetings in addition to meetings held at Eastfield Library and keeps the public informed as to what is happening at the time.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS

The Chairman informed the group that he had received a warning about a company called Parcel Delivery Service. A card is left at an address and states that they tried to deliver a parcel asking you to ring a telephone number which is a recorded message and costs £315 for the phone call. If members are in receipt of a card from PDS, please report this to Royal Mail Fraud on 0207 2396655.

DATE AND TIME OF THE NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be held on Wednesday, 25 February 2015 at 7.00 pm in the Council Chamber, Council Offices, 52a Queen Street, Filey.

Mel Playforth (Chairman)
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