

FILEY COMMUNITY AND POLICE GROUP REPORT

TITLE OF GROUP: Filey CAP Group
DATE OF MEETING: 25 February 2015
VENUE: Council Offices, 52A Queen Street, Filey

REPORT OF MEETING:

PRESENT

Members who signed the attendance Proforma:

Mel Playforth (Chairman), Sgt Chris Gosling, PSCO Toney Bates, Cllr J Meek, Cllr J Casey, Cllr Eileen Vickers (Osgodby PC), Cllr K Dews (Muston PC), Cllr Sam Cross, Gerald Ingham, Nicholas Dove, Aileen Newbury, Avril Gregory, J White, Peter Southward, David Cook, Isobel Martin, John Sharp, Brenda Kerrison, John Kerrison, Margaret Kerrison, and Sharon Pogson (Clerk).

The chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting.

APOLOGIES

Jo Hutchinson, Ken Leathley, Laura and Eric Clarkson.

REPORT OF LAST MEETING

The report of the meeting held 3 December 2014 was accepted as a true record of the proceedings.

MATTERS ARISING FROM THE REPORT

There were no matters arising.

SPEAKER – PAUL DOWSLAND, NORTH YORKSHIRE POLICE FINANCIAL INVESTIGATOR

The chairman welcomed Paul to the meeting who gave an interesting insight into his role within the Financial Investigation Unit. The Unit was formed in 2003 following the introduction of the Proceeds of Crime Act (POCA) in 2002 and includes 22 staff across the force. The aim of the Act is to deprive offenders of the proceeds of their crime through confiscation and by cash forfeiture. Cash forfeiture is a civil procedure where cash is seized from a criminal if used in unlawful conduct and does not require the suspect to be charged or convicted of a crime. Under POCA cash includes notes or coins of any currency, bankers draft, bonds and shares, postal orders and any kind of cheque including traveller's cheques. Any cash seized may not be detained for any longer than 48 hours without an order from a Magistrates Court. Confiscation requires a conviction first and the unit assesses the financial benefit of the crime. On average the unit recovers £1 million pounds per year from the results of crime. The unit is also involved with fraud and scamming investigations. Action Fraud is the UK's national reporting centre for fraud and internet crime where you can report fraud if you have been scammed, defrauded or experienced cybercrime (telephone 0300 123 2040). In addition to recovering cash from criminal activities the unit also assists other major enquires involved with finance, for example, Murder and Missing Persons where traces can be obtained through bank accounts and other financial records.

The chairman thanked Paul for attending the meeting and invited members of the group to ask any questions or make any comments. Aileen Newbury wished to say that the proceeds of crime have been used for many worthwhile community projects for example Filey's Urban Art Wall.

POLICE REPORT/CRIME FIGURES

Sgt Gosling welcomed everyone to the meeting and informed the group that yet again the overall reported crime figures were higher than the same period last year due to the method of recording. Previously, if a victim declined to make a complaint, the incident did not form part of the crime figures. Violence across the area had increased, there had been a fight outside the Three Tuns Hotel in Filey involving 5 people and 4 of those chose not to make a complaint. Similarly there had been a couple of fights outside The Buccaneer

and no complaint was made. These reports even though the victims declined to make a complaint were still crimed and formed part of the areas crime figures.

Sgt Gosling mentioned that the quality of the new CCTV on the Methodist Church was superb and had been used several times in Filey. The Police were informed initially that not much was happening with the disturbance outside the Three Tuns but after reviewing the CCTV footage, a woman admitted kicking and fighting and was subsequently reported to Pub Watch. There had been a burglary and two incidents of theft around the Queen Street area of Filey. These had been committed by the same person, the family refused to prosecute, and the offender was given bail conditions and banned from entering Filey. These conditions were breached and the offender is now in prison until his court appearance. Sgt Gosling mentioned that since this offender has been in prison the theft figures for Filey are now down dramatically.

Burglary figures for Hunmanby were high. Eighteen caravans had been broken into and electrical items stolen on the Holiday Parks, two weeks later they were burgled again and two offenders from Bridlington were arrested. The Chairman mentioned that the caravans used to be cleared and emptied at the end of the season but the owners do not always do this now. Caravans on holiday parks had proved quite lucrative for burglars and they Parks are now erecting a fence around the area. Film equipment had been stolen from a field in Muston which was being used for time lapse photography. In Flixton there had been damage to hedges and plants on a farm, the farmer believed poachers to be responsible.

Sgt Gosling informed the group that the PCSO's are to undertake a 2 week accredited course on crime prevention. PCSO Tony Bates, as well as working in Filey, has a new role as Parks Liaison which involves working with the owners of the caravans to reduce crime on the parks. PCSO Jason Johnson has been involved in crime prevention plans for businesses. Sgt Gosling will shortly be stopping shift work and working days in his role as a 'Problem Solving Sergeant'.

Sgt Gosling invited members of the group to ask any questions or to make any comments and Cllr Eileen Vickers (Osgodby PC) mentioned that at a recent meeting the Parish Councillors enquired about the possibility of further community speed checks. Sgt Gosling responded that he would make arrangements for officers to work with the Councillors.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS

The Chairman informed the group that Carol Wood had made contact with him regarding a further CCTV camera in Filey. Sgt Gosling confirmed that another camera was much needed in Mitford Street especially for the night time economy.

DATE AND TIME OF THE NEXT MEETING

The next meeting, which will be The Annual General Meeting, will be held on Wednesday, 1 July 2015 at 7.00 pm in the Council Chamber, Council Offices, 52a Queen Street, Filey.