

FILEY COMMUNITY AND POLICE GROUP REPORT

TITLE OF GROUP: Filey CAP Group
DATE OF MEETING: 23 March 2016
VENUE: Council Offices, 52A Queen Street, Filey

REPORT OF MEETING:

PRESENT

Members who signed the attendance Proforma:

Mel Playforth (Chairman), Sgt Chris Gosling, PCSO Vicky Leeson, Cllr Jeff Meek (FTC), Cllr John Casey (FTC), Cllr Michelle Donohue-Moncrieff (Hunmanby PC), Jo Hutchinson (NHW) Boro/Cty Cllr Sam Cross, Cllr Brian Hallgate (Cayton PC), Peter Southward (Cayton PC), Isobel Martin and Sharon Pogson (Clerk).

The chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting.

APOLOGIES

Ken Leathley, Eileen Vickers, Gerald Ingham, John Sharp and Tony Willis

REPORT OF LAST MEETING

The report of the meeting 18 November 2015 was accepted as a true record of the proceedings.

MATTERS ARISING FROM THE REPORT

The Chairman informed the group that there had not been any further meetings regarding CCTV cameras due to the lack of any available funding. Cllr Casey mentioned that one of the groups of Filey Town Council had agreed to make a contribution towards a camera for Filey but further funds were still required.

SPEAKER – SANDRA REES, SCARBOROUGH BOROUGH COUNCIL COMMUNITY SAFETY AND SAFEGUARDING MANAGER

The Chairman welcomed Sandra to the meeting who gave an insight of her role. During the last 18 months a multi-agency task team has been developed to help prevent crime, tackle anti-social behaviour, protect vulnerable people and to reduce reoffending. Referrals can be made from members of the public on behalf of the community on **telephone number Scarborough 383646**. Tasking meetings, which the Police and other agencies attend (eg Housing/Fire/Ambulance/Mediation/drugs workers/mental health teams/Social services) are held every Tuesday and issues covering Filey, Eastfield and Whitby are considered. If the group are made aware of an ongoing anti-social issue they would write to the individual or group to encourage them to stop their actions or, if they are satisfied on reasonable grounds that the conduct is having a detrimental effect on the quality of life of those in the community then they may issue a Community Protection Notice (CPN) which is used in connection with low levels of anti-social behaviour. The next stage would be to apply for an Injunction to stop the behaviour.

A lot of the work is engaging with the community, talking to people on the streets, knocking on doors and generally finding out what is going on and the team manage situations on a daily basis. If mediation is required, the team can bring in the necessary organisation. The team will be working evenings and weekends after the Easter holiday. Sandra asked if members of the group had any questions or wished to make any comment.

Sgt Gosling mentioned that prior to the formation of the team, any mediation required was outsourced but now things happened much quicker.

The Chairman suggested that it may be a good idea to include Neighbourhood Watch Co-Ordinations for reporting purposes. Sandra is more than happy to work with this group.

A member of the public enquired about the effect an Injunction served would have. Sgt Gosling replied that the Injunction puts restrictions on the individual/group to stop them doing something and also includes positive requirements.

The Chairman thanked Sandra for her informative and interesting presentation

POLICE REPORT/CRIME FIGURES

As a result of cuts across the force the Police Stations of Filey, Eastfield, Pickering, Malton and Whitby are to be open only in the mornings from 9.30 am to 1.00 pm Monday to Friday. One member of staff at Filey Police station is taking Redundancy/Retirement. There is to be no change to the number of Police officers or PCSO's. Due to the reduction of front office staff, reports are now to be compiled by the Police Officers and PCSO's who are to revise the format of the reports. Within the new report will be a Newsletter page which will include contact information eg Dog Warden and other Agencies and this could be displayed on public noticeboards.

The Police and Crime Commissioner and Chief Constable for North Yorkshire Police have established a Rural Policing Task Force to help prevent rural crime, respond to incidents, engage with rural communities and to focus on investigation into rural crime. This new team will be launched on 1 April 2016.

Sgt Gosling read out the Crime Figures for the three Wards (copy attached). Filey's figures were 7% less than the same period last year, the Hertford Ward was 16% lower and the crime figures for Cayton/Osgody were reduced by 3%. The figure for criminal damage in Filey had increased from the previous year and it was thought that this was mainly down to youths. Staff and Ward Managers have spent a lot of time working with youths and criminal damage has now reduced. Filey Town Council and the Police are working together on a project to provide a Skate Park, due to the lack of facilities for youths in Filey, as the Scout association has closed and the Youth Centre has reduced its hours to 2 per week. There had been some damage to property in the area but more people are now coming forward with information. There had been a few assaults in the pubs, which as part of the Pub Watch scheme, incurs a ban for a year. Hunmanby is now taking part in Pub Watch and Crossgates and Seamer are considering being part of the scheme.

In Hunmanby criminal damage was 33% higher than the same period last year but was still only 8 cases in a year. One of the residents had been evicted from a property in Hunmanby and a lot of trouble in the area has stopped since. Training of staff working in the Holiday Parks is continuing and is now having the effect of crime being reduced and a knock on effect is that star ratings have increased as well as guest numbers. There had been 32 crimes across the whole year at

Primrose Valley Park which is quite a low figure considering that the park has approximately 1,500 caravans with 6-8 occupancy rate. PCSO Tony Bate is not needed in the holiday parks all week now and will spend half of his time in Filey.

In the Osgodby and Cayton area criminal damage had increased by 35% from the same period last year, this increase could again be as a result of the change in procedure of recording incidents. The figure for violence had increased and this was in part due to youths assaulting teachers at a school on Plaxton Park, Cayton Low Road. There had been a few cases of sheds and garages being burgled at Osgodby in November of last year, the culprit is now currently on bail.

Sgt Gosling reminded the group that one of the reasons for the meeting is for the Police to obtain information from the public and invited members to voice any concerns or to ask any questions, some of which included:

Cllr Michelle Donohue-Moncrief had written a letter of complaint to North Yorkshire County Council regarding horses that are tied to grass verges on the roadside (land owned by them). The County Council have not responded to this enquiry and Cllr Donohue-Moncrief refused to accept that there is no provision in law to deal with this nuisance. Cllr Donohue-Moncrief further informed the meeting that York City Council had now employed a Horse Bailiff to deal with this problem. Sgt Gosling responded that he would ask North Yorkshire County to cut the grass verges at the side of roads short to discourage horse grazing.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS

The Chairman asked Neighbourhood Watch Co-Ordinator, Jo Hutchinson, how the scheme was progressing. Jo responded that she is still holding regular meetings and had recently recruited a Street Co-Ordinator for Seamer. At one time there was over 100 Organisers in Filey but unfortunately a number had resigned due to ill health. Every 6 weeks Jo attends meetings at Scarborough Police Station. The Chairman commended Jo for doing a good job with the Neighbourhood Watch scheme.

DATE AND TIME OF THE NEXT MEETING

The next meeting which will be the **Annual General Meeting** is to be held on Wednesday, **6 July 2016** at 7.00 pm in the Council Chamber, Council Offices, 52a Queen Street, Filey.