

MINUTES of the MEETING of the COMMUNITY SAFETY COMMITTEE held at THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS, THE GROVE, SWANSCOMBE on WEDNESDAY 5 DECEMBER 2018 at 7.00 PM

PRESENT:

Councillor P C Harris (Chairman)
Councillor Mrs S P Butterfill
Councillor Ms L M Cross
Councillor P M Harman
Councillor Ms L C Howes
Councillor K M Kelly (substituting for Councillor Mrs M B Kelly)
Councillor B R Parry
Councillor A S Réach

ALSO PRESENT:

Martin Harding - ATC/RFO
Billy Unsworth – Kent County Council (KCC) Community Warden
Rev Andrew Avery - St Mary's Church Greenhithe

ABSENT:

There were none.

321/18-19. ARRANGEMENTS AND CONSTRAINTS REGARDING FILMING OR RECORDING THE MEETING.

The Chairman explained the arrangements and constraints relating to the filming or recording of the meeting.

322/18-19. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE.

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors' Mrs A E D Barham, Mrs M B Kelly, Mrs L Manchester, D J Mote & B E Read.

Apologies were also received from Tony Henley (Dartford Borough Council CSU), Sarah Rawlinson (Youth & Community Engagement Officer, Diocese of Rochester) and Martin Smith (Dartford Borough Council Parking Enforcement).

323/18-19. SUBSTITUTES.

Councillor K M Kelly substituted for Councillor Mrs M B Kelly.

324/18-19. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST IN ITEMS ON THE AGENDA.

There were none.

The Chairman gave the opportunity for the meeting to be adjourned at this point to accept questions from the public.

325/18-19. ITEMS DEEMED URGENT BY THE CHAIRMAN / MATTERS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES AND THEIR POSITION ON THE AGENDA.

There were none.

326/18-19. TO CONFIRM AND SIGN THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 3 OCTOBER 2018.

A member highlighted that the job title contained in the minutes for Sarah Rawlinson should be corrected from *Youth Worker* to *Youth & Community Engagement Officer*.

Recommended: That, subject to the amendment above, the Minutes of the Meeting held on 3 October 2018 be confirmed and signed as a true record.

327/18-19. POLICE COMMUNITY SUPPORT OFFICERS (PCSO) REPORT.

No members of Kent Police were in attendance and no report had been submitted.

Recommended: That the item be noted.

328/18-19. KCC COMMUNITY WARDENS REPORT.

KCC Warden Unsworth gave an update on cases he had been involved with in the area, including drug dealing, neighbour disputes, scams and anti-social behaviour.

Recommended: That the report be noted and KCC Warden Unsworth be thanked for his attendance.

329/18-19. LOCAL GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION (LGA) – COMMUNITY SAFETY COUNCILLORS WORKBOOK.

Further to minute 221/18-19, Exercise 1 was answered and members discussed some of the skills and youth projects being undertaken within the Town.

Exercise 2 was not undertaken as it was not felt to be relevant to discussions.

Recommended: That the information be noted.

330/18-19. COMMUNITY SAFETY LIAISON.

Councillor A S Reach confirmed that a series of break-ins had occurred at fire stations across Kent and that Kent Fire Services were taking every precaution to combat these.

The Chairman advised that he had provided information to Cambria Sea Scouts regarding the community fund being operated by the Ebbsfleet Development Corporation (EDC).

The Chairman confirmed that more regular emails were being received by Neighbourhood Watch Groups regarding intelligence and feedback.

The Chairman informed the Committee that, as a result of recent Speed Watch sessions, over 40 speeding notices had been issued to drivers.

Councillor P M Harman asked whether KCC should be added to the list of groups feeding in on this item for future meetings. Members agreed to add KCC to future agendas.

Recommended:

That the information be noted and that KCC be added to the list for future community safety liaison.

331/18-19. DETAILED ANALYSIS OF CRIME STATISTICS FOR SWANSCOMBE AND GREENHITHE.

Members were provided with the up to date detailed analysis of crime figures for Swanscombe and Greenhithe.

The Chairman confirmed that it appeared that Dartford & Gravesham were number 2 on the list of highest crime rates within Kent and that he was awaiting clarity on this from within Kent Police and would feedback at a later meeting.

Recommended:

That the item be noted.

332/18-19. ANTI-SOCIAL PARKING – LOCAL SCHOOLS.

Further to minutes 132/18-19 and 224/18-19 members were provided with the following information:

- A. Following a meeting between The Chairman, KCC Member P M Harman and the Head Teacher on 8 November 2018 a request from Manor School had been received for use of Swanscombe Park as a 'Park and Stride' location.
- B. Notes from the meeting with the Headmaster from Knockhall School on 15 November 2018.
- C. Slides and notes from the Chairman advising of information passed to the schools for consideration by each school council.

The Chairman and KCC Member P M Harman gave an update on discussions with the 3 target schools within the town. It was confirmed that each school was keen to be involved and agreed that any initiative should be student led with appropriate support.

Members agreed that this initial work was worth continuing and that the Chairman, in partnership with KCC Member P M Harman, liaise with the school councils at each of the three schools to work out tailored plans for each schools parking concerns.

KCC Member P M Harman gave an update on his involvement with the Leaders Working Group at Dartford Borough Council and that discussions were continuing. He confirmed that it was evident from both those meetings, and this work, that no single solution was relevant to all schools.

Members discussed publicity for this ongoing work and agreed to put forward a recommendation to the Town Council meeting on 13 December 2018 that this project continue and to consider informing the press at an appropriate time.

Members also agreed that the request from Manor School for a 'Park and Stride' location within Swanscombe Park be considered within the same item.

Recommended:

1. That the Town Council, at its meeting on 13 December 2018, endorse Councillor P C Harris continued liaison and support with the 3 schools, in partnership with KCC Member P M Harman.
2. That the Town Council consider whether a press release should be issued explaining the work being undertaken at the schools, and if so at what point.
3. That the Town Council, at its meeting on the 13 December 2018, consider the request from Manor Community Primary School to use Swanscombe Park as a 'Park and Stride' location.

333/18-19. FEEDBACK.

Members were provided with an example of feedback issued by Kent Police via there Twitter feed linking in the arrest of 2 men for theft in the Greenhithe area.

Members discussed this and felt that this feedback was positive but it would always be beneficial to receive more feedback.

Recommended: That the information be noted.

334/18-19. UNTAXED VEHICLES.

A recent increase had been noted by the Community Speed Watch of untaxed vehicles on the roads within Swanscombe and Greenhithe.

Recommended: That the information be noted.

335/18-19 KENT POLICE CRIME COMMISSIONER – NEWSLETTER.

Members were provided with the September/October 2018 edition of the Kent Police and Crime Commissioner Newsletter.

Recommended: That the information be noted.

336/18-19 ESTIMATES FOR 2019 – 2020.

As Members are aware, Officers began work on the Annual Estimates for 2019 – 2020 earlier in the year and members were first asked for any suggestions in July (minute 114/18-19), with an agreed deadline of 31 August 2018. The Town Council meeting on 13 December 2018 will need to make a decision on the continuation of current ongoing projects, these will be detailed within the draft Annual Estimates 2019 – 2020.

The draft Annual Estimates 2019 – 2020 will need to be approved and endorsed by the full Council in January 2019 before setting the Council Tax Base for the 2019 – 2020 financial year.

Recommended: That the item be noted.

There were no confidential items for discussion.

There being no further business to transact, the Meeting closed at 8.05 pm.

Signed

Chairman

Date

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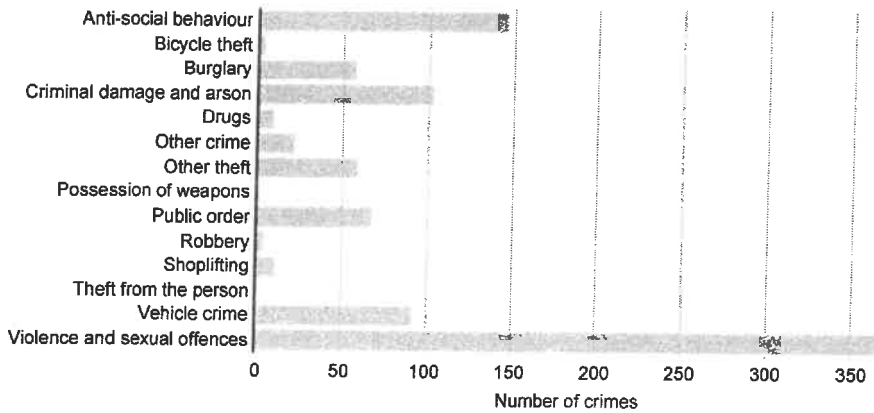
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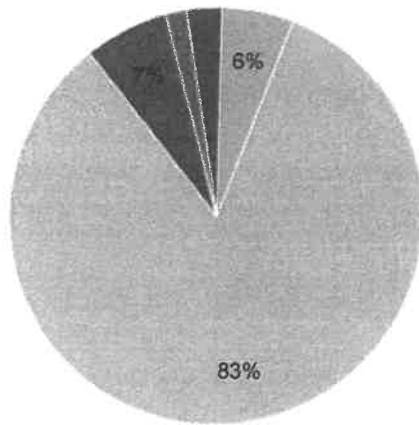
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Comparison of crime types in this area between January 2018 and December 2018



Crime type ↕	Total ↕	Percentage ↕
Anti-social behaviour	147	15.57%
Bicycle theft	3	0.32%
Burglary	57	6.04%
Criminal damage and arson	103	10.91%
Drugs	9	0.95%
Other crime	22	2.33%
Other theft	59	6.25%
Possession of weapons	1	0.11%
Public order	68	7.20%
Robbery	4	0.42%
Shoplifting	11	1.17%
Theft from the person	0	0.00%
Vehicle crime	92	9.75%
Violence and sexual offences	368	38.98%

Comparison of outcomes in this area between January 2018 and December 2018



- Under investigation
- No further action
- Offender dealt with by police
- Offender sent to court
- Offender dealt with at court

Outcome type	Total	Percentage
Under investigation	45	5.65%
Under investigation	24	3.01%
Status update unavailable	21	2.63%
No further action	665	83.44%
Formal action is not in the public interest	0	0.00%
Further investigation is not in the public interest	0	0.00%
Investigation complete; no suspect identified	289	36.26%
Unable to prosecute suspect	376	47.18%
Offender dealt with by police	52	6.52%
Action to be taken by another organisation	41	5.14%
Offender given a drugs possession warning	0	0.00%
Offender given penalty notice	0	0.00%
Offender given a caution	11	1.38%
Local resolution	0	0.00%
Offender sent to court	13	1.63%
Suspect charged	13	1.63%
Suspect charged as part of another case	0	0.00%
Offender dealt with at court	22	2.76%
Court case unable to proceed	2	0.25%
Defendant sent to Crown Court	0	0.00%
Defendant found not guilty	3	0.38%

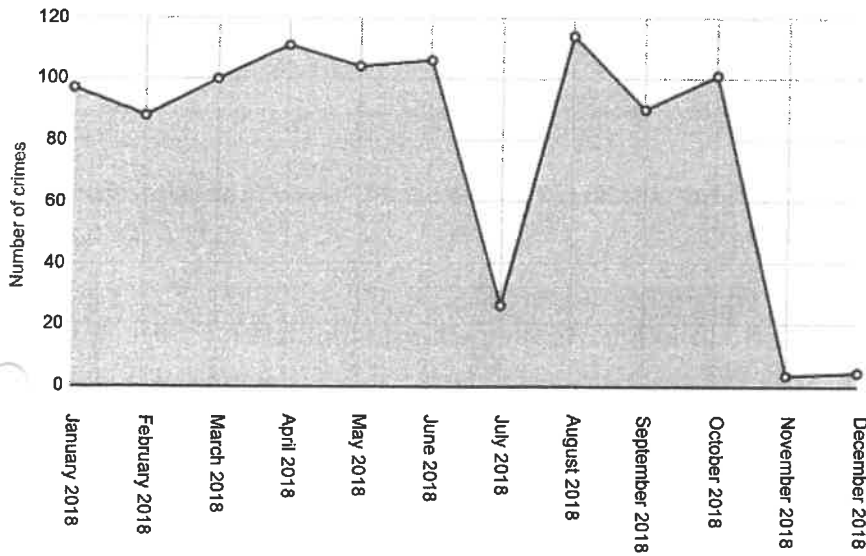
Outcome type	Total	Percentage
Offender given absolute discharge	0	0.00%
Offender given conditional discharge	3	0.38%
Offender ordered to pay compensation	0	0.00%
Offender fined	1	0.13%
Offender deprived of property	0	0.00%
Offender given community sentence	2	0.25%
Offender given suspended prison sentence	2	0.25%
Offender sent to prison	0	0.00%
Offender otherwise dealt with	0	0.00%
Court result unavailable	9	1.13%

Crime levels in this area between January 2018 and December 2018

Showing:

All crime

Update



Month	Total
December 2018	4
November 2018	3
October 2018	101
September 2018	90
August 2018	114
July 2018	26
June 2018	106
May 2018	104
April 2018	111
March 2018	100
February 2018	88
January 2018	97

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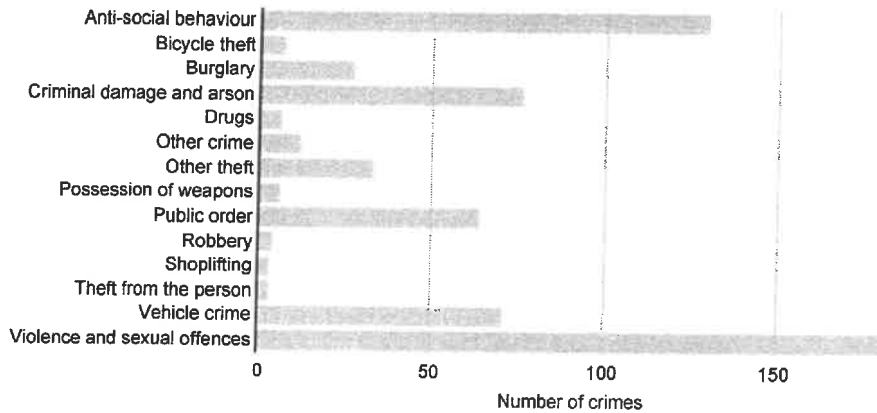
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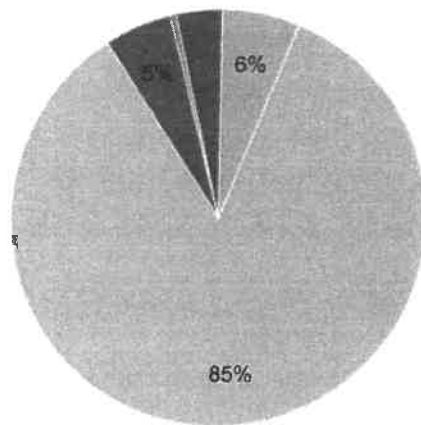
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Comparison of crime types in this area between January 2018 and December 2018



Crime type ⇅	Total ⇅	Percentage ⇅
Anti-social behaviour	130	20.83%
Bicycle theft	7	1.12%
Burglary	27	4.33%
Criminal damage and arson	76	12.18%
Drugs	6	0.96%
Other crime	12	1.92%
Other theft	33	5.29%
Possession of weapons	6	0.96%
Public order	64	10.26%
Robbery	4	0.64%
Shoplifting	3	0.48%
Theft from the person	3	0.48%
Vehicle crime	71	11.38%
Violence and sexual offences	182	29.17%

Comparison of outcomes in this area between January 2018 and December 2018



- Under investigation
- No further action
- Offender dealt with by police
- Offender sent to court
- Offender dealt with at court

Outcome type	Total	Percentage
Under investigation	30	6.07%
Under investigation	13	2.63%
Status update unavailable	17	3.44%
No further action	418	84.62%
Formal action is not in the public interest	0	0.00%
Further investigation is not in the public interest	0	0.00%
Investigation complete; no suspect identified	220	44.53%
Unable to prosecute suspect	198	40.08%
Offender dealt with by police	26	5.26%
Action to be taken by another organisation	20	4.05%
Offender given a drugs possession warning	1	0.20%
Offender given penalty notice	0	0.00%
Offender given a caution	3	0.61%
Local resolution	2	0.40%
Offender sent to court	2	0.40%
Suspect charged	2	0.40%
Suspect charged as part of another case	0	0.00%
Offender dealt with at court	18	3.64%
Court case unable to proceed	2	0.40%
Defendant sent to Crown Court	0	0.00%
Defendant found not guilty	0	0.00%

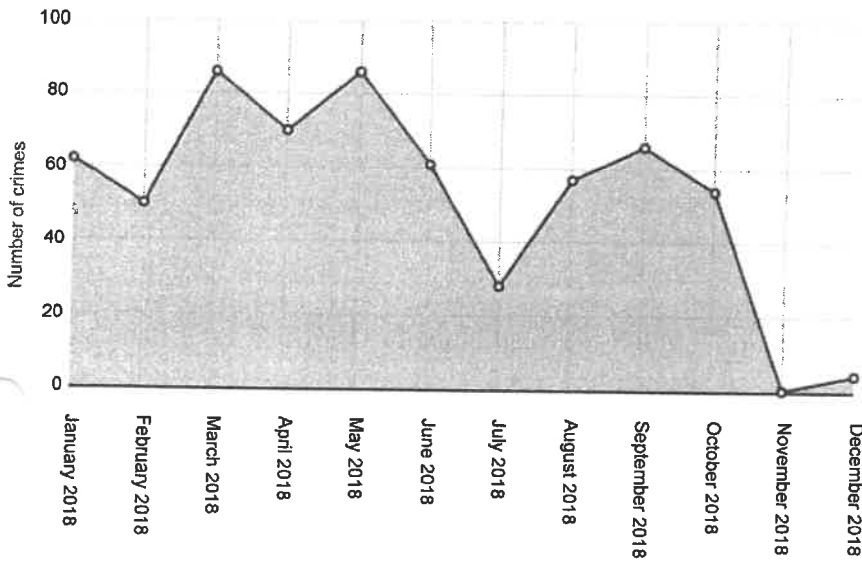
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Offender given conditional discharge	3	0.61%
Offender ordered to pay compensation	0	0.00%
Offender fined	1	0.20%
Offender deprived of property	0	0.00%
Offender given community sentence	2	0.40%
Offender given suspended prison sentence	1	0.20%
Offender sent to prison	3	0.61%
Offender otherwise dealt with	0	0.00%
Court result unavailable	6	1.21%

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All crime

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December 2018	4
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October 2018	54
September 2018	66
August 2018	57
July 2018	28
June 2018	61
May 2018	86
April 2018	70
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February 2018	50
January 2018	62

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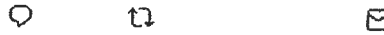
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Police officers arrest 27-year-old in Bean after a suspected stolen car spotted in Dartford.
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We've arrested two men on suspicion of attempting to steal a motorbike in #Greenhithe - read more here -

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The motorbike was reported to have been targeted at around 1am on 21 November 2018 in Greenhithe.
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Traffic has just been released. Lane 3 (of 3) remains closed following a collision. Delays of approximately 30 mins (and increasing) and slow traffic back to J1a (#Dartford). Allow extra time for your journey.



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Two men arrested after attempted theft of motorbike in Greenhithe

23 NOV 2018

Officers on a routine patrol have arrested two men on suspicion of attempting to steal a vehicle.

The men were arrested at around 2.30am in The Brent, Dartford, on 22 November 2018 after officers received a report of two men attempting to steal a motorbike in Greenhithe at around 1am.

During their patrol a vehicle came to the attention of officers and two men both from Gravesend and who were inside the car were detained and searched.

Police searched the vehicle and also found a quantity of drugs and cash. A claw hammer was also found inside the vehicle.

One man aged 21 was arrested on suspicion of being concerned in the supply of class B drugs while an 18-year-old man was arrested on suspicion of possession with intent to supply class B drugs.

He was also arrested for possession of an offensive weapon and both men were arrested on suspicion of attempted theft of a motor vehicle.

The pair have since been released under investigation pending further enquiries.

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