

MINUTES of the MEETING of the COMMUNITY SAFETY COMMITTEE held at THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS, THE GROVE, SWANSCOMBE on WEDNESDAY 10 JULY 2019 at 7.00 PM

PRESENT: Councillor Peter Harris - Chairman
Councillor Emma Ben Moussa
Councillor Sue Butterfill
Councillor Lorna Cross
Councillor Jay Shah

ALSO PRESENT: Martin Harding – Assistant Town Clerk / Responsible Financial Officer
Billy Unsworth (Kent County Council (KCC) Community Warden).
Rob Young – Police Community Support Officer (PCSO)
Sgt Tony Quilter - Kent Police
Sarah Rawlinson (Youth & Community Engagement Officer, Diocese of Rochester)
Sue Hart – CAS Training
Graham Doyle – CAS Training
6 x member of the public

ABSENT: There were none

123/19-20. 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.

124/19-20. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE.

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors' Anita Barham, Peter Harman and Lesley Howes.

An apology was also received from Tony Henley (Dartford Borough Council, Community Safety Unit (CSU)).

125/19-20. SUBSTITUTES.

There were none.

126/19-20. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST IN ITEMS ON THE AGENDA.

There were none.

The Chairman adjourned the meeting at this point to accept questions from the public.

A member of the public enquired about the enforcement of obstructive parking along Craylands Lane, Swanscombe. Sgt Quilter confirmed that this was a matter for the police to deal with and that they would initially contact the registered owners, failing this they would have the vehicle removed.

127/19-20. ITEMS DEEMED URGENT BY THE CHAIRMAN / MATTERS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES AND THEIR POSITION ON THE AGENDA.

There were none.

128/19-20. TO CONFIRM AND SIGN THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 17 APRIL 2019.

Recommended: That the Minutes of the Meeting held on 17 April 2019 be confirmed and signed as a true record.

129/19-20. POLICE COMMUNITY SUPPORT OFFICERS (PCSO) REPORT.

PCSO Rob Young gave a brief overview of the role of a PCSO, including his powers and responsibilities.

Sgt Quilter introduced himself and explained the division of work, and staffing levels, within the Dartford Team.

Members asked for an update on some recent high profile cases including the stabbing at Lovers Lane and the attempted robberies around Greenhithe Station. Sgt Quilter confirmed that both investigations were ongoing but the lack of description and witnesses for the Lovers Lane incident was preventing the police taking any further steps at this time.

Recommended: That the report be noted and both PCSO Young and Sgt Quilter be thanked for their attendance

130/19-20. KCC COMMUNITY WARDENS REPORT.

KCC Warden Unsworth explained the role of a Community Warden and updated on his recent work around fly tipping, dog fouling, scams and anti-social behaviour.

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

131/19-20. ANTI-SOCIAL BEHAVIOUR – SWANSCOMBE AND GREENHITHE.

Members discussed recent incidents of anti-social behaviour that appear to be attributed to the same groups of individuals.

Sgt Quilter updated that measures were currently being taken to prevent further behaviour from one such group but, due to operational issues, he was unable to elaborate further at this point.

Recommended: That the information be noted.

132/19-20. DRUG DEALING – SWANSCOMBE AND GREENHITHE.

Members discussed the feedback from the recent coffee morning with the Police and Crime Commissioner where one of the issues highlighted had been of drug dealing.

Members also discussed the increase in visibility of used nitrous oxide canisters.

Sgt Quilter confirmed that intelligence was key to tackling these issues and reiterated that reports should be submitted to the police via 999, 101, or by using the Dartford police message line or via Crime stoppers. He re-iterated that reports could be made anonymously.

Sgt Quilter clarified that the nitrous oxide canisters were **not** illegal. The only criminality associated with it was the selling of the canisters knowing they were for human consumption or the littering of the used canisters.

Recommended: That the information be noted.

133/19-20. COMMUNITY SAFETY LIAISON.

Youth services / officers – Sarah Rawlinson gave an update that she had been working with a local primary school following an incident that resulted in a child being excluded. She was also undertaking a lot of early intervention work with the youth engagement PCSO from Kent Police.

Sue Hart from CAS Training gave an update on the success of the Town Council funded MCM Youth Club that had opened at the Old Fire Station in April of this year. Sue confirmed that the registration was almost at capacity for the premises and that they were awaiting feedback from their first survey but early indications were that parents were pleased with the impact that attendance had had on their children.

Neighbourhood Watch – Councillor Peter Harris invited any local residents from the Swanscombe area to consider contacting PCSO Young with regards to setting up more Neighbourhood Watch Groups.

Community Speed Watch – Councillor Peter Harris explained his involvement with Community Speed Watch and gave an overview of what a session involved.

Recommended: That the information be noted.

134/19-20. 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.

Recommended: That the item be noted.

135/19-20. THE SCHOOL RUN.

Further to minutes 132/18-19, 224/18-19, 355/18-19 and 588/18-19 Councillor Peter Harris had provided a written report for members.

Councillor Harris explained that the programme was on hold until after the summer holidays and that the next step was for the School Councils to engage with Kent County Council further on suggestions for road improvements.

Members requested that the Town Council contact the KCC Member for Swanscombe and Greenhithe expressing the importance of lollipop people as part of traffic calming measures and would support the request from Craylands School for a lollipop person.

Recommended:

- 1 That the information be noted.
- 2 That the Town Council contact the KCC Member for Swanscombe and Greenhithe to express both the importance of lollipop people and to support the request from Craylands School to have a lollipop person for the school run.

136/19-20. KENT COUNTY COUNCIL (KCC) – 20MPH ZONE TRIAL.

Members discussed the potential for operating a 20mph trial within the Town and highlighted the areas that already operated this speed restriction.

The Assistant Town Clerk / RFO explained the potential financial implications of a scheme.

Members agreed to consider this information further and place this item on the agenda for the next meeting of the Community Safety Committee Meeting for consideration.

Recommended: That this item be placed on the next meeting of the Community Safety Committee for consideration.

137/19-20. DELEGATION TO CONDUCT NORMAL BUSINESS DURING RECESS PERIOD.

Members were requested to delegate authority to the Town Clerk, in accordance with section 101 (1) (a) of the Local Government Act 1972, to conduct the normal business of the Council during the recess period. The Town Clerk would consult with the Chairman and Town Mayor, if appropriate, before any business is transacted. If any emergencies did occur during this time the Executive & Emergency Committee would be convened.

Recommended: That, in accordance with section 101 (1) (a) of the Local Government Act 1972 the Town Clerk be delegated authority to conduct the normal business of the Council during the recess period

There were no confidential items for discussion.

There being no further business to transact, the Meeting closed at 8.55 pm.

Signed _____
Chairman Date

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Parish Council monthly update

Swanscombe and Greenhithe

From July 1st to
July 31st 2019

Information provided by: PCSO Robert Young 60354, Dartford Community Policing Team

Crimes of note:

- 05/07/19 Mounts Road, Greenhithe, Burglary, Under Investigation
- 06/07/19 Keary Road, Swanscombe, Burglary, Under Investigation
- 17/07/19 Swanscombe railway station, Robbery, Police attended, Currently under investigation
- 25/07/19 Broomfield road, Swanscombe, Burglary, currently under investigation

Anti-social behaviour and other incidents of note:

- Many reports of nuisance youths going into the blocks of flats near to Asda, this is being dealt with by the management agency to fix broken doors.
- 12/07/19 Kent Police had many calls regarding nuisance vehicles on Crossways Boulevard, this was a ride out from hundreds of motorists in memory of a young male who dies in a fatal RTC in Dartford. This was a one off incident.
- Nuisance Youths on Ingress park, this is being constantly monitored by local officers.
- Many nuisance vehicle calls through the whole of Swanscombe, this is being monitored by the local officers
- Ongoing drug issues in and around the Broomfield park area and surrounding roads.
- 14/07/19 Ames road, Swanscombe, Disturbance, many calls regarding large group of people leaving a house party. Police attended, no offences, the crowds were dispersed.

Parish Council monthly update

Items of good work:

- 11/07/19 Male stopped by patrols on Swanscombe high street, large amounts of cash and class B drugs found on this person, subsequently arrested.

Updates of previous reported issues:

- Glass bottles being thrown from a property to the tennis courts, appears to have stopped after local officer speaking with alleged offender.
- Numerous patrols of Pentstemon drive and the surrounding roads to reduce vehicle crime.



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From August 1st
to August 31st
2019

Swanscombe and Greenhithe

Information provided by: PCSO Robert Young 60354, Dartford Community Policing Team

Crimes of note:

- 09/08/19 Attempt Burglary, Knockhall road. Currently under investigation.
 - 11/08/19 Attempt theft of motor vehicle, Palladian circus, many patrols attended immediately.
 - 22/08/19 Burglary, Church road, Swanscombe, Currently under investigation.
 - 08/08/19 Concern, male seen with knife, Swanscombe high street, patrols attended immediately.
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Anti-social behaviour and other incidents of note:

- 08/08/2019 Nuisance youths, Burger King, Greenhithe
- 25/08/19 Quadrant court Nuisance youths, parking up to potentially use vehicles in an anti-social manner.
- 04/08/19 4 X Quad bikes on the B255, this was being monitored by officers near this location.
- 08/08/19 Ingress Park Avenue, Pedal cycles being used inappropriately, wheelies being pulled, officers attended.
- Nuisance vehicles are still an issue in the Swanscombe area, there have been increased patrols in the Swanscombe area to combat this.



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Parish Council monthly update

Items of good work:

- Known beggar and nuisance in Swanscombe is in the process of being dealt with and has been moved on out of Swanscombe.
 - Increased foot patrol around the Broomfield park area.
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Updates of previous reported issues:

- Nuisance youths going into flats near Asda Greenhithe appears to have stopped after phone calls to the management agency as we have received no further calls.
- More frequent patrols of Swanscombe by Community policing team.



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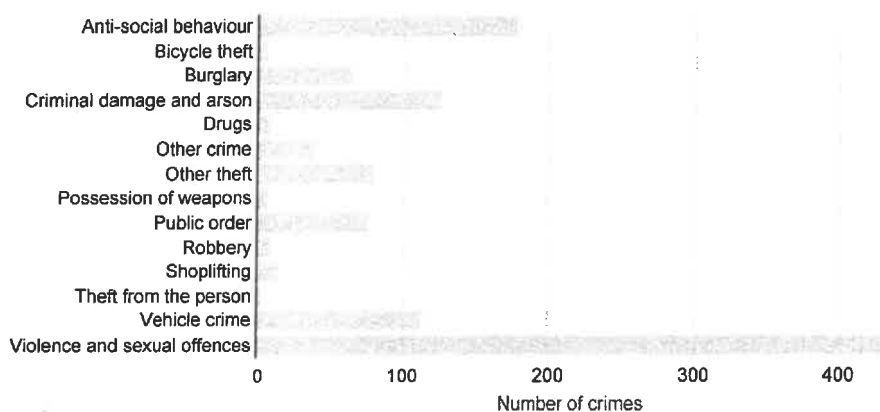
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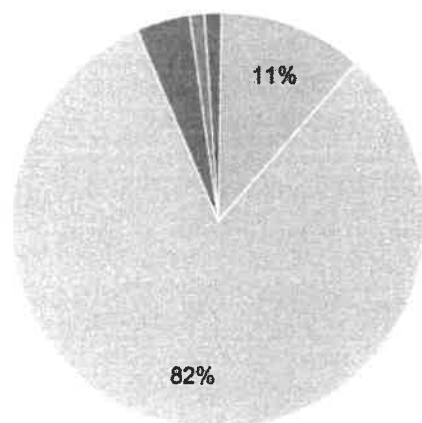
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Comparison of crime types in this area between August 2018 and July 2019



Crime type ↕	Total ↕	Percentage ↕
Anti-social behaviour	178	15.38%
Bicycle theft	6	0.52%
Burglary	65	5.62%
Criminal damage and arson	126	10.89%
Drugs	9	0.78%
Other crime	39	3.37%
Other theft	80	6.91%
Possession of weapons	7	0.61%
Public order	76	6.57%
Robbery	9	0.78%
Shoplifting	15	1.30%
Theft from the person	2	0.17%
Vehicle crime	114	9.85%
Violence and sexual offences	431	37.25%

Comparison of outcomes in this area between August 2018 and July 2019



- 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	111	11.34%
Under investigation	49	5.01%
Status update unavailable	62	6.33%
No further action	803	82.02%
Formal action is not in the public interest	0	0.00%
Further action is not in the public interest	0	0.00%
Further investigation is not in the public interest	17	1.74%
Investigation complete; no suspect identified	351	35.85%
Unable to prosecute suspect	435	44.43%
Offender dealt with by police	41	4.19%
Action to be taken by another organisation	30	3.06%
Offender given a drugs possession warning	2	0.20%
Offender given penalty notice	0	0.00%
Offender given a caution	8	0.82%
Local resolution	1	0.10%
Offender sent to court	11	1.12%
Suspect charged	11	1.12%
Suspect charged as part of another case	0	0.00%
Offender dealt with at court	13	1.33%
Court case unable to proceed	2	0.20%
Defendant sent to Crown Court	0	0.00%

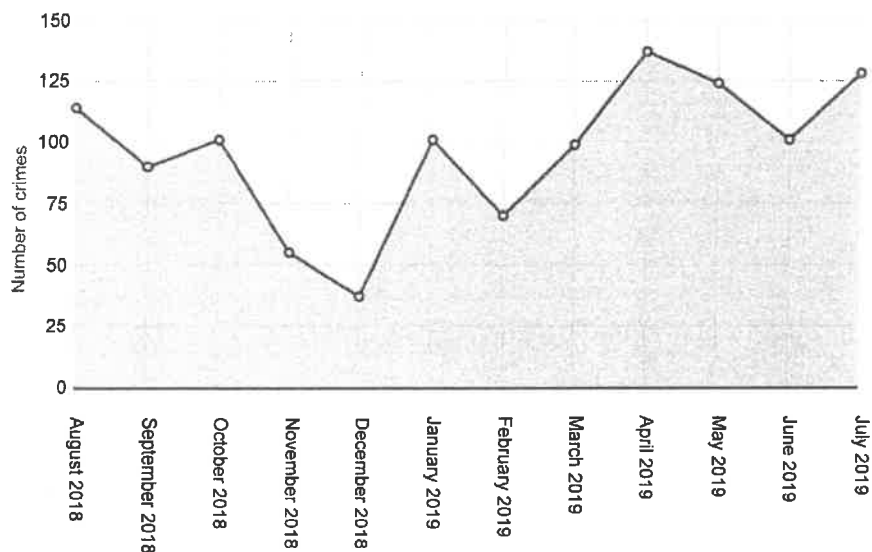
Outcome type	Total	Percentage
Defendant found not guilty	0	0.00%
Offender given absolute discharge	0	0.00%
Offender given conditional discharge	2	0.20%
Offender ordered to pay compensation	0	0.00%
Offender fined	2	0.20%
Offender deprived of property	0	0.00%
Offender given community sentence	0	0.00%
Offender given suspended prison sentence	2	0.20%
Offender sent to prison	0	0.00%
Offender otherwise dealt with	0	0.00%
Court result unavailable	5	0.51%

Crime levels in this area between August 2018 and July 2019

Showing:

All crime

Update



Month ↕	Total ↕
July 2019	128
June 2019	101
May 2019	124
April 2019	137
March 2019	99
February 2019	70
January 2019	101
December 2018	37
November 2018	55
October 2018	101
September 2018	90
August 2018	114

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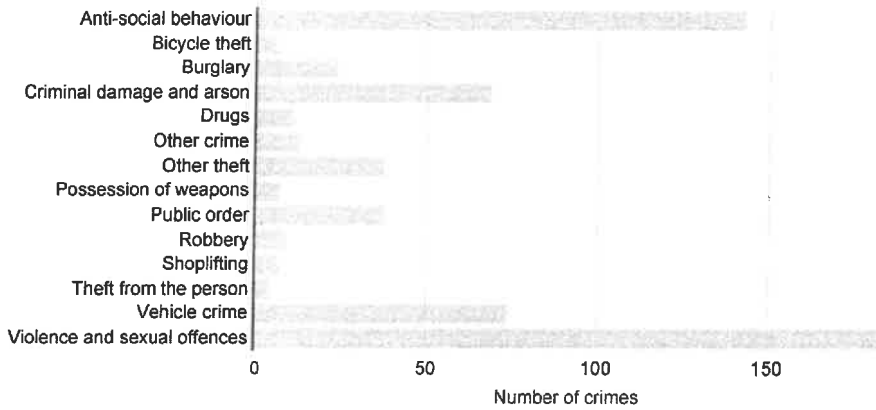
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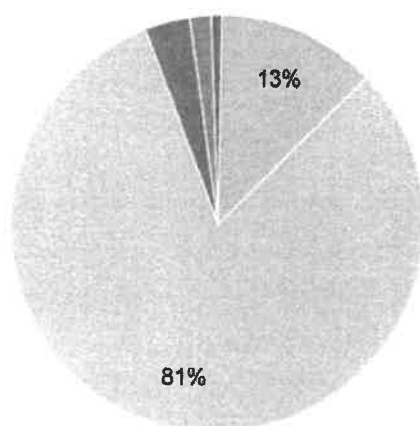
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Comparison of crime types in this area between August 2018 and July 2019



Crime type ↕	Total ↕	Percentage ↕
Anti-social behaviour	143	22.84%
Bicycle theft	6	0.96%
Burglary	24	3.83%
Criminal damage and arson	69	11.02%
Drugs	11	1.76%
Other crime	13	2.08%
Other theft	38	6.07%
Possession of weapons	7	1.12%
Public order	38	6.07%
Robbery	9	1.44%
Shoplifting	7	1.12%
Theft from the person	4	0.64%
Vehicle crime	74	11.82%
Violence and sexual offences	183	29.23%

Comparison of outcomes in this area between August 2018 and July 2019



- 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	61	12.63%
Under investigation	26	5.38%
Status update unavailable	35	7.25%
No further action	393	81.37%
Formal action is not in the public interest	0	0.00%
Further action is not in the public interest	0	0.00%
Further investigation is not in the public interest	5	1.04%
Investigation complete; no suspect identified	213	44.10%
Unable to prosecute suspect	175	36.23%
Offender dealt with by police	17	3.52%
Action to be taken by another organisation	8	1.66%
Offender given a drugs possession warning	2	0.41%
Offender given penalty notice	0	0.00%
Offender given a caution	6	1.24%
Local resolution	1	0.21%
Offender sent to court	8	1.66%
Suspect charged	8	1.66%
Suspect charged as part of another case	0	0.00%
Offender dealt with at court	4	0.83%
Court case unable to proceed	0	0.00%
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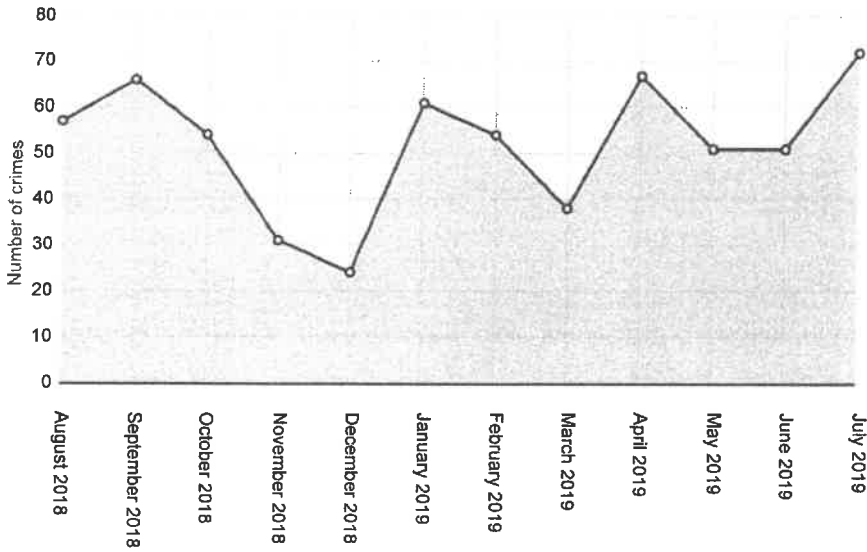
Outcome type	Total	Percentage
Defendant found not guilty	1	0.21%
Offender given absolute discharge	0	0.00%
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Offender ordered to pay compensation	0	0.00%
Offender fined	0	0.00%
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Update



Month ↕	Total ↕
July 2019	72
June 2019	51
May 2019	51
April 2019	67
March 2019	38
February 2019	54
January 2019	61
December 2018	24
November 2018	31
October 2018	54
September 2018	66
August 2018	57

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136/19-20. KENT COUNTY COUNCIL (KCC) – 20MPH ZONE TRIAL.

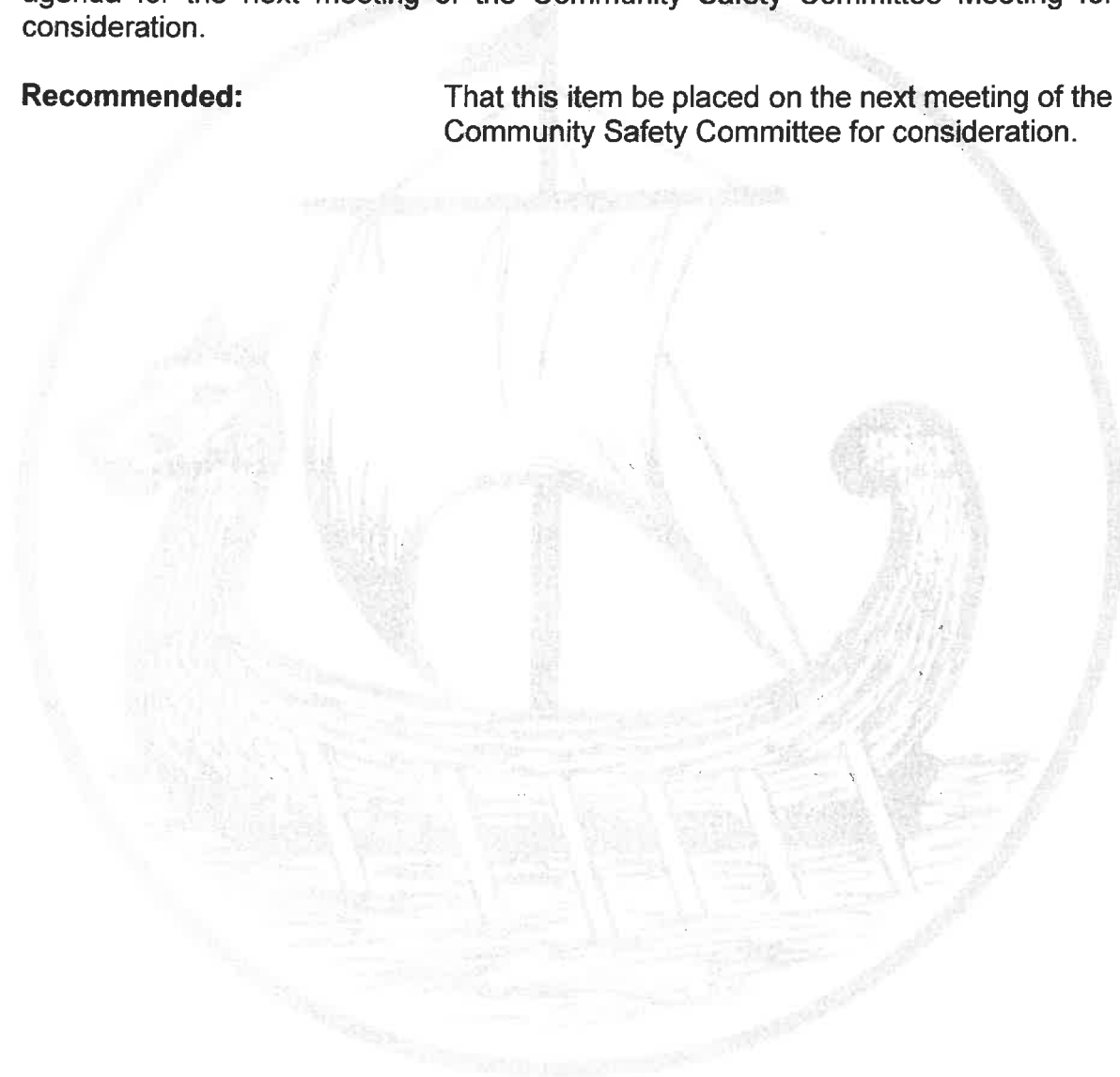
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