

MINUTES of the MEETING of the COMMUNITY SAFETY COMMITTEE held at THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS, THE GROVE, SWANSCOMBE on WEDNESDAY 11 JULY 2018 at 5.00 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 B R Parry

ALSO PRESENT: Martin Harding - ATC/RFO
Sgt Siobhan Rowe - Kent Police
Sian Gransden – PCSO
Rob Young – PCSO
Billy Unsworth - KCC Community Warden

ABSENT: Councillor Mrs M B Kelly

122/18-19. 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.

123/18-19. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE.

An apology for absence was received from Councillors' Mrs A E D Barham, Mrs L Manchester, D J Mote, A S Reach and B E Read.

Apologies were also received from P Boughen (Ebbsfleet Development Corporation), David Edie (Dartford Borough Housing), Tony Henley (Dartford Borough Council CSU) and Sarah Rawlinson (Youth Worker, Diocese of Rochester),

124/18-19. SUBSTITUTES.

There were none.

125/18-19. 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.

126/18-19. ITEMS DEEMED URGENT BY THE CHAIRMAN / MATTERS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES AND THEIR POSITION ON THE AGENDA.

The Assistant Town Clerk confirmed the additional agenda tabled for members adding item 14 to the agenda.

127/18-19. TO CONFIRM AND SIGN THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 18 APRIL 2018.

Recommended: That the Minutes of the Meeting held on 18 April 2018 be confirmed and signed as a true record.

128//18-19. POLICE COMMUNITY SUPPORT OFFICERS (PCSO) REPORT.

Sgt Siobhan Rowe introduced herself to the committee and explained the current staffing arrangements within the CSU at Dartford. Sgt Rowe explained that intelligence was being gathered regarding off road motorbikes within the area and also the promotion of the dedicated intelligence line for the public to leave messages for the police. It was stressed that this line does not replace 999 or 101 when a crime has occurred.

PCSO Gransden explained her role as the dedicated PCSO for Family Management and Anti-Social Behaviour (ASB) for the whole of Dartford. This included tackling low level ASB, liaising with troubled families and issuing acceptable behaviour orders.

PCSO Young gave an overview of current crime levels reported from June 2018 to date, both Swanscombe and Greenhithe had shown a decline in reported crime.

Recommended: That the report be noted and Sgt Rowe and PCSO's Gransden and Young be thanked for their attendance.

129/18-19. KCC COMMUNITY WARDENS REPORT.

KCC Warden Unsworth gave an update on cases he had been involved with in the area, including fly tipping, off road motorbikes, safeguarding, KCAP, bullying and anti-social behaviour.

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

130/18-19. COMMUNITY SAFETY LIAISON.

Councillor Ms L C Howes confirmed that she had recently attended a presentation from Kent Fire & Rescue on tackling missing people and steps to improve search times.

The Chairman informed the meeting that the North West Kent Neighbourhood Watch was improving and this followed the recent conference in Gravesend. It was also reported that a recent Speedwatch session in Ingress Park had resulted in 11 letters being issued for vehicles exceeding the limit. Speedwatch had also gained 2 new volunteers.

Recommended: That the item be noted.

131/18-19. 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.

Sgt Rowe confirmed that crime statistics, although accurate, were misleading to the public as each incident reported could result in several crimes being recorded, and the classifications may not match those that the public would expect.

Recommended: That the item be noted.

132/18-19. ANTI-SOCIAL PARKING – LOCAL SCHOOLS.

Members briefly discussed the issues faced around parking in the area and what areas of support could be offered.

Members felt that an initial approach to each school would be appropriate for a meeting to feed in what issues that particular school faced.

Members requested that the Assistant Town Clerk, in consultation with the Chairman, write to each school in the Town to offer a meeting to gain feedback on some of the issues faced.

Recommended: That the Assistant Town Clerk, in consultation with the Chairman, write to each school to offer a meeting to discuss issues being faced around anti-social parking.

133//18-19. CURRENT UNRESOLVED ISSUES.

Members felt that the issue of anti-social mopeds and motorbikes had been covered within item 6 on the agenda as part of the Police and PCSO's report.

Recommended: That the update on the current unresolved issues be noted.

134/18-19. **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 was transacted

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 6.15 pm.

Signed

Chairman

Date