

MINUTES of the MEETING of the COMMUNITY SAFETY COMMITTEE held at THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS, THE GROVE, SWANSCOMBE on WEDNESDAY 3 OCTOBER 2018 at 5.00 PM

PRESENT: Councillor P C Harris (Chairman)
Councillor Mrs L Manchester (Vice-Chairman)
Councillor P M Harman
Councillor Ms L C Howes
Councillor D J Mote
Councillor B R Parry
Councillor A S Reach

ALSO PRESENT: Martin Harding - ATC/RFO
Sgt Dan Horsley - Kent Police
Steve Keers – PCSO
Billy Unsworth - KCC Community Warden
Sarah Rawlinson (Youth & Community Engagement Officer, Diocese of Rochester)
Nick Hickmott (Young Addaction)

ABSENT: There were none.

212/18-19. 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.

213/18-19. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE.

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors' Mrs A E D Barham, Mrs S P Butterfill, Ms. L M Cross, Mrs M B Kelly & B E Read.

Apologies were also received from S Gransden (Kent Police), Tony Henley (Dartford Borough Council CSU) and Martin Smith (Dartford Borough Council Parking Enforcement).

214/18-19. SUBSTITUTES.

There were none.

215/18-19. 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.

216/18-19. ITEMS DEEMED URGENT BY THE CHAIRMAN / MATTERS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES AND THEIR POSITION ON THE AGENDA.

There were none.

217/18-19. TO CONFIRM AND SIGN THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 11 JULY 2018.

Recommended: That the Minutes of the Meeting held on 11 July 2018 be confirmed and signed as a true record.

218/18-19. YOUNG ADDACTION PRESENTATION.

Nick Hickmott from Young Addaction gave a brief presentation to members on what help his organisation can give to young people requiring support with substance misuse.

Members asked questions regarding support available to parents and the legality and effects of laughing gas canisters.

Recommended: That the report be noted and Nick Hickmott be thanked for his attendance.

219/18-19. POLICE COMMUNITY SUPPORT OFFICERS (PCSO) REPORT.

Sgt Dan Horsley gave a brief update on current cases and confirmed that work was ongoing to tackle anti-social behaviour using off-road motorbikes within the area. Sgt Horsley reinforced the need for intelligence and the use for of the Dartford CSU message line.

Members discussed the new legislation being considered to give police greater powers to pursue motorbikes and whether Kent Police would adopt this.

Recommended: That the report be noted and Sgt Horsley and PCSO Keers be thanked for their attendance.

220/18-19. KCC COMMUNITY WARDENS REPORT.

KCC Warden Unsworth gave an update on cases he had been involved with in the area, including off road motorbikes, community days, SCAM presentations and tenancy / neighbour disputes.

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

221/18-19. LOCAL GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION (LGA) – COMMUNITY SAFETY COUNCILLORS WORKBOOK.

Members discussed the usefulness of the workbook and agreed to work through questions one and two at the next meeting of this committee.

Recommended: That the document be noted and that questions one and two be placed on the next agenda for this committee for member's consideration.

222/18-19. COMMUNITY SAFETY LIAISON.

Sarah Rawlinson gave a brief overview of her role as Youth Worker for the Diocese of Rochester including projects she is working on to improve online safety and obesity.

The Chairman updated members that the next AGM for Neighbourhood Watch North & West Kent was on the 16 October at 6.30pm in the Management Suite at Bluewater Shopping Centre.

The Chairman also updated members that activities were continuing with Community Speedwatch and the group were hoping to expand the number of roads covered.

Recommended: That the information be noted.

223/18-19. 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.

Members noted the reduction in crime between June and July for both Greenhithe and Swanscombe.

Recommended: That the item be noted.

224/18-19. ANTI-SOCIAL PARKING – LOCAL SCHOOLS.

Further to minute 132/18-19 members discussed the initial information that had been gained from the first meeting with The Craylands School. Members agreed it was important to pursue the other schools within the Town to gain a wider picture.

Recommended: That officers continue to chase the schools who have not responded to arrange initial meeting

There were no confidential items for discussion.

There being no further business to transact, the Meeting closed at 8.30 pm.

Signed _____
Chairman Date