

**LEIGHTON-LINSLADE TOWN COUNCIL**

**POLICE LIAISON SUB-COMMITTEE**

**MONDAY 9 OCTOBER 2017 AT 1930 HOURS**

Present : Councillors R Berry  
C Chambers  
A Dodwell  
J M Freeman  
T Morris – in the Chair  
C Perham  
G Perham  
B Spurr

Also in attendance: S Sandiford (Head of Democratic & Central Services)  
M Jahn (Committee Officer)  
Acting Inspector C Gurr (Bedfordshire Police)  
Sgt. L. Bate (Bedfordshire Police)  
PCSO E. Weedon (Bedfordshire Police)  
Cllr C Palmer

Members of the Public: 2  
Members of the Press: 0

**071/PL APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies for absence had been received from Mark Saccoccio, Town Clerk.

**072/PL DECLARATION OF INTERESTS**

Members were asked to declare any interests, including the nature of those interests, which they had in any of the items under consideration at this meeting. No declarations were made and no dispensations had been requested.

**073/PL PUBLIC QUESTIONS**

Two members of the public attended from the Pub Watch Group and asked the Sub-Committee two questions. The first question raised was about the police response times at pub related incidents in the town especially after 10.00 pm. After 10.00 pm the response time depends on the volume of calls and the police attending come from Dunstable or Luton.

The second question concerned the banning list and the inclusion of as many pubs as possible in the scheme to share information between premises. Central Bedfordshire Council should be administering the scheme and providing support to Pub Watch to produce a list of banned people. The model being followed is barred from one pub barred from all at present.

Members of the public were thanked for attending the meeting

**074/PL MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING**

The Sub-Committee received the draft minutes of the Police Liaison Sub-Committee meeting held on 17 July 2017.

**RESOLVED that the minutes of the Police Liaison Sub-Committee meeting held on 17 July 2017 be approved as a correct record and signed accordingly.**

**075/PL BEDFORDSHIRE POLICE REPORT**

The Sub-Committee received a report from Bedfordshire Police on crime and antisocial behaviour for July to September 2017, as compared to the previous year and as a ratio per head of population compared with other local towns. Domestic burglary, other burglary and vehicle crime had increased in the Leighton Buzzard area and the police were working on this at the present time. A Street Meet had been arranged for 12 October where residents were invited to attend and meet police and raise their concerns regarding crime in the local area.

A question was raised regarding how Special Constables would be used and how this information would be recorded and presented to future meetings. The sub-committee was advised this would be looked at and would be addressed by better communication between the police and the special constables.

Police had been working on the incidents of children on bikes riding in a reckless manner and would be visiting families to try and solve this problem. The children would be asked to sign Acceptance Behaviour Contract and if they refused then the parents/carer would be given a Community Protection Warning which could lead to being fined through the courts. Police were also approaching local schools recommending the banning of bikes if they were being ridden in a reckless way.

It was confirmed that the Sub-Committee was satisfied with the format and information provided in the report.

**RESOLVED to note the information.**

**076/PL CLOSED CIRCUIT TELEVISION**

No CCTV information had been received from Central Bedfordshire Council and this would be followed up by the Town Clerk.

**077/PL "WATCH" SCHEMES UPDATE**

The Sub-Committee received an update regarding the various Watch schemes in the area, since the previous meeting of the Sub-Committee. Particular thanks were expressed to the Street Watch volunteers who had undertaken 24 patrols since 17 July 2017.

John Ayling, Street Watch Co-ordinator for Leighton South would be leaving and

the question was raised as to whether this position would need to be filled. The Sub-Committee proposed that Phil Deeley call a meeting of Street Watch and Speed Watch to discuss this further.

The Sub-Committee was advised that the old Speed Watch equipment had been given to Stanbridge to use for their scheme. Also the Sub-Committee agreed to join with Billington Speed Watch to cover their area and assist them in carrying out Speed Watch safely.

**RESOLVED to note the report.**

It was suggested to the Sub-Committee that radios – as used by the Shop Watch scheme members – be purchased for use by the Street Watch patrols. Following discussion, it was agreed that three radios be purchased from the Watch Schemes budget.

**RESOLVED to endorse the purchase of three radios for the Street Watch Scheme at a cost of £39 plus VAT, to be funded from the Watch Schemes budget (4402/410).**

The meeting closed at 20.31 hours.

I HEREBY CONFIRM THAT THE FOREGOING IS A TRUE AND ACCURATE RECORD OF THE MEETING HELD ON 9 OCTOBER 2017.

Chair

8 January 2018