

LEIGHTON-LINSLADE TOWN COUNCIL
MINUTES OF COMMUNITY SAFETY SUB COMMITTEE
MONDAY, 11 JANUARY 2021 AT 7.30 PM

Present: Councillors T Morris (Chair)
 A Dodwell
 F Kharawala (Vice-Chair)
 R Berry
 J Silverstone
 V Harvey
 R Goodchild
 A Gray

Also in attendance: M Saccoccio, Town Clerk
 S Sandiford, Head of Democratic and Central
 Services
 M Jahn, Committee Officer
 Sgt B Craven, Bedfordshire Police
 Cllr G Perham

Members of the public: 3
Members of the press 0

55/CS APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Inspector Gurr.

56/CS DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

(i) 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.

Councillor Dodwell declared an interest as a member of the Bedfordshire Police and Crime Panel.

(ii) No disclosable pecuniary interests were declared and no dispensations were requested.

57/CS QUESTIONS FROM THE PUBLIC

There were no questions from the public.

58/CS MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

(a) The Sub-Committee received the draft minutes of the Community Safety Sub-Committee meeting held on 26 October 2020.

RESOLVED that the minutes of the Community Safety Sub-Committee meeting held on 26 October 2020 be approved as a correct record, to be signed at a later date when safe to do so.

(b) Minute ref 50/CS Young People's Projects – the Sub-Committee were informed that Groundwork would be beginning their sessions for young people and issuing invitations shortly. Members agreed that Groundwork should provide a general progress report on their sessions to the Sub-Committee.

The Town Clerk informed members he had been notified that 16 COVID stewards had been employed to gather and share information with officers at Central Beds Council and the Police regarding flouting of restrictions.

59/CS OPERATION DODFORD

The Sub-Committee had received a written report regarding crime and anti-social behaviour in advance of the meeting and a verbal summary was given regarding activity undertaken in respect of Operation Dodford and incidents of note from October - December 2020.

Sergeant Craven informed members that the Operation Dodford patrols would continue to provide policing of the town centre with emphasis on COVID restrictions, checking parks and supermarkets to enforce no gatherings and social distancing rules. Any groups of young people under 18 years of age flouting guidance would be taken home and an official warning given to their parents. If a second offence occurred, the parents would then be issued with a £100 fine. Members agreed that this enforcement should take priority at present.

RESOLVED to note the information.

60/CS CCTV & REDEPLOYABLE CAMERAS

The Sub-Committee received reports of recorded CCTV incidents in Leighton Buzzard during October, November and December 2020. These reports were publicly available and published monthly on the Central Bedfordshire Council website.

RESOLVED to note the report.

61/CS WATCH SCHEME UPDATES

Councillor Morris informed the Sub-Committee that Streetwatch had resumed last weekend but no updates available at present.

RESOLVED to note the information.

62/CS BUDGET MONITORING

The Sub-Committee received a budget monitoring report for Community Safety revenue budget and earmarked reserve.

A motion was raised to request that any residual balance be retained by the Sub-Committee and rolled over to next year to support community safety initiatives.

RESOLVED to note the budget monitoring report for the Community Safety revenue budget and expenditure from the Community Safety earmarked reserve.

RECOMMENDED to Policy and Finance Committee that any underspend from the 2020-21 Community Safety revenue budget be carried into the Community Safety earmarked reserve at year end.

63/CS EXCLUSION OF THE PUBLIC

There was no requirement to exclude the public.

The meeting closed at 8.25 pm.

I HEREBY CONFIRM THAT THE FOREGOING IS A CORRECT AND ACCURATE RECORD OF THE MEETING HELD ON MONDAY, 11 JANUARY 2021.

Chair

11 APRIL 2021