

**LEIGHTON-LINSLADE TOWN COUNCIL**  
**MINUTES OF COMMUNITY SAFETY SUB COMMITTEE**  
**MONDAY, 1 APRIL 2019 AT 7.30 PM**

Present: Councillors            C Chambers  
  A Dodwell  
  T Morris (Chair)  
  R Berry  
  D Bowater

Also in attendance:            M Saccoccio, Town Clerk  
  S Sandiford, Head of Democratic and Central  
  Services

Members of the public:        0  
Members of the press            0

**25/CS    APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies for absence had been received from Councillors C Perham, G Perham and B Spurr.

**26/CS    DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

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 D Bowater declared a personal interest in agenda item 5 (Operation Dodford) due to the request for assistance with security from the Rotary Club of Leighton-Linslade, of which he was a member.

No further declarations were made and no dispensations had been requested.

**27/CS    QUESTIONS FROM THE PUBLIC (3 minutes per person; maximum 15 minutes)**

There were no questions from the public.

**28/CS    MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING**

The Sub-Committee received the draft minutes of the Community Safety Sub-Committee meeting held on 14 January 2019.

**RESOLVED that the minutes of the Community Safety Sub-Committee meeting held on 14 January 2019 be approved as a correct record and**

**signed accordingly.**

29/CS **OPERATION DODFORD**

The Sub-Committee had received a written report regarding crime and antisocial behaviour in advance of the meeting and a verbal summary was given by Sgt L Mitchell.

It was noted that a brief spike in domestic burglaries had occurred, to which police had responded with an Operation Vision campaign which included increased presence and door knocking to offer safety and crime prevention advice. Incidences of other types of burglary and theft from motor vehicles were reduced compared to the previous year, but incidences of shoplifting had increased and Bedfordshire Police had focussed on this, with ongoing contact with local shops and a number of arrests having been made.

Although crime statistics generally showed an increase on the previous year, the committee was advised that the increase was not proportionally higher than in other local areas.

Clarification was sought regarding stalking and public order offences.

It was noted that the last community priority setting meeting had identified the town centre as a key focus. Sgt Mitchell confirmed that the police would continue to address town centre issues as long as these remained a concern.

The committee was given some information regarding commercial theft and concerns were expressed that not all incidences were being reported by shops to the police via the 101 non emergency line.

Antisocial behaviour reports were reduced compared to the same period the previous year but the police continued to focus on issues including street drinking.

The report concluded with a summary of patrols undertaken through the Operation Dodford framework, including incidents of note.

The Sub-Committee thanked PS Liam Mitchell for providing an update.

**RESOLVED to note the information.**

The Sub-Committee was asked to consider two items of expenditure from the Community Safety budget, in respect of security in the High Street for the May Day Fayre and the purchase of three additional radios as well as earpieces for the radios.

**RESOLVED to support the funding of security for the High Street for the 2019 May Day Fayre, the purchase of three radios and the purchase of earpieces for the radios from the Community Safety budget.**

The Sub-Committee received the draft Operation Dodford agreement for the year commencing 1 April 2019 from Bedfordshire Police. It was noted that without this framework agreement, the Town Council would have limited opportunity to request additional policing activity.

**RECOMMENDED to the Policy and Finance Committee to recommend to Council approval of the Operation Dodford framework agreement for the year commencing 1 April 2019.**

**30/CS CCTV & REDEPLOYABLE CAMERAS**

The Sub-Committee received a report of recorded CCTV incidents in Leighton Buzzard during December 2018, January and February 2019.

It was noted that it would be helpful for Bedfordshire Police if the reports could include whether the police had attended an incident and a crime reference number where applicable. This would save significant time in matching the report to the police database. It was agreed to make a request to Central Bedfordshire Council in this respect.

**RESOLVED to note the reports.**

It was noted that one of the Town Council's redeployable cameras had recently been relocated and that officers were due to meet with Central Bedfordshire Council officers shortly to discuss the digital upgrade of the CCTV systems.

**31/CS "WATCH" SCHEMES UPDATE**

The Sub-Committee received a brief verbal update in respect of the 'Watch' schemes within the Parish, in particular regarding parking issues identified by the Street Watch patrols.

**RESOLVED to note the information.**

**32/CS DUNSTABLE TRUCK CONVOY**

The Sub-Committee received and considered a report in respect of the 2019 Truck Convoy. Given the success of the first year of the convoy travelling through the parish in 2018, the Sub-Committee was asked to support a repeat in 2019, which would not only provide an exciting spectacle for residents but help support and celebrate the Armed Forces.

**RESOLVED:**

- (i) That Community Safety monies be made available to pay for policing, should it be found that the activity falls outside the scope of normal policing activities which would otherwise be covered within normal police duties.**
- (ii) That the Town Clerk make the Highways Authority aware that the**

**Town Council would have no objection to the temporary weight restrictions being lifted in order to allow the convoy to pass through the parish.**

- (iii) That a communications plan be created to identify how the organising body had made the parish aware of the event in order to gain support and mitigate against any potential negative publicity.**

**33/CS EXCLUSION OF PUBLIC**

**RESOLVED that, under the Public Bodies (Admissions to Meetings) Act 1960, the public be excluded on the grounds of the confidential nature of the business about to be transacted which involves the likely disclosure of exempt information. The public and press to withdraw from the meeting during consideration of detailed discussion regarding: Operational Policing (if applicable).**

No matters for discussion.

The meeting closed at 8.32 pm.

I HEREBY CONFIRM THAT THE FOREGOING IS A CORRECT AND ACCURATE RECORD OF THE MEETING HELD ON MONDAY, 1 APRIL 2019.

Chair

15 JULY 2019