

LEIGHTON-LINSLADE TOWN COUNCIL

COMMUNITY SAFETY SUB-COMMITTEE

MONDAY 15 OCTOBER 2018 AT 1930 HOURS

Present : Councillors R Berry
T Morris
C Perham
A Dodwell

Also in attendance: M Saccocio, Town Clerk
S Sandiford (Head of Democratic & Central
Services)
Sgt. L. Mitchell (Bedfordshire Police)

Members of the Public: 0

10/CS APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

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

11/CS 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.

12/CS QUESTIONS FROM THE PUBLIC

There were no questions from the public.

13/CS MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

The Sub-Committee received the draft minutes of the Community Safety Sub-Committee meeting held on 16 July 2018.

RESOLVED that the minutes of the Community Safety Sub-Committee meeting held on 16 July 2018 be approved as a correct record and signed accordingly.

14/CS BEDFORDSHIRE POLICE REPORT

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 Mitchell. It was noted that a new crime recording computer system made it difficult to accurately compare statistics.

Brief information was given in respect of crimes over the last three months. In particular, it was noted that the apparent increase in public order crimes was

most likely due to the improvements in reporting and recording and that the police were aware of concerns within the community about commercial burglaries and break-ins to commercial vehicles.

A query was put forward regarding actions to address drug related crime, as this had been raised as a priority locally. Work in this area was largely intelligence based, as well as patrols, and a number of warrants were in the pipeline.

Discussion took place regarding antisocial behaviour. There had been a variety of incidents and locations with no clear trend. It was noted however that antisocial behaviour within the town centre had decreased compared to the previous year. Action to address street drinking was continuing and was a long process.

It was noted that the market day patrols attracted positive comment from members of the public.

RESOLVED to note the information.

15/CS CCTV & RE-DEPLOYABLE CAMERAS

The Sub-Committee received a report of recorded CCTV incidents in Leighton Buzzard during July and August 2018. It was noted that the number of arrests stated in the report was based solely on the information captured by the CCTV and did not reflect any action taken by the police following the captured incidents or where the incidents formed part of a wider investigation.

It was noted that Central Bedfordshire Council was in the process of upgrading to a digital system and that there would be a cost implication for the Town Council to eventually replace its existing cameras with newer digital models.

It was agreed that Sgt Mitchell would advise the Town Council if it was felt that it would be advantageous to move either of the redeployable cameras to a new location.

RESOLVED to note the report.

16/CS WATCH SCHEME UPDATES

It was agreed that any relevant information captured by the Street Watch volunteers could be passed on to Sgt. Mitchell.

The Sub Committee noted a request from the Street Watch team for additional radios to liaise with the shops, PCSOs and control room whilst on patrol. It was agreed that the Chair would approach Bedfordshire Police regarding this matter.

RESOLVED to note the report.

It was agreed that there were no further matters for discussion requiring exclusion of the public and therefore the meeting was brought to an end.

The meeting closed at 2013 hours.

I HEREBY CONFIRM THAT THE FOREGOING IS A TRUE AND ACCURATE RECORD OF THE MEETING HELD ON 15 OCTOBER 2018.

Chair

14 JANUARY 2018

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