

**LEIGHTON-LINSLADE TOWN COUNCIL**

**COMMUNITY SAFETY SUB-COMMITTEE**

**MONDAY 15 JULY 2019 AT 1930 HOURS**

Present : Councillors A Dodwell  
J D'Este-Hoare  
F Kharawala  
J Silverstone  
R Goodchild  
S Owen  
K Cursons (substituting for R Berry)  
T Morris (Chair)

Also in attendance: M Saccocio, Town Clerk  
S Sandiford (Head of Democratic & Central Services)  
M Jahn, Committee Officer  
Inspector C Gurr (Bedfordshire Police)  
Sergeant L Mitchell (Bedfordshire Police)

Members of the Public: 2

**01/CS APPOINTMENT OF CHAIR**

It was proposed and seconded that Councillor T Morris be appointed Chair of the Committee for 2019-2020. There were no further nominations.

**RESOLVED to appoint Councillor T Morris Chair of the Committee for the municipal year 2019-2020.**

**02/CS APPOINTMENT OF VICE CHAIR**

It was proposed and seconded that Councillor F Kharawala be appointed Vice Chair of the Committee for 2019-2020. There were no further nominations.

**RESOLVED to appoint Councillor F Kharawala Vice Chair of the Committee for the municipal year 2019-2020.**

**03/CS APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies for absence had been received from Councillor V Harvey and Councillor R Berry (substituted by Councillor K Cursons).

**04/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 further declarations were made and no dispensations had been requested.

**05/CS QUESTIONS FROM THE PUBLIC**

A representative from the Friends of Leighton-Linslade in Bloom spoke of their concerns over anti-social behaviour and vandalism at Linslade Recreation Park, causing damage to the Community Garden. The problem was usually around the bench area, with damage to plants and rubbish being left, resulting in frustration and cost to replace the plants. It was hoped the Town Council could offer support in collaboration with St Barnabas Church in relation to use of CCTV. The police were aware of the anti-social behaviour problems in the area and had increased patrols but would be happy to meet with volunteers to discuss further.

#### **06/CS MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING**

The Sub-Committee received the draft minutes of the Community Safety Sub-Committee meeting held on 1 April 2019.

**RESOLVED that the minutes of the Community Safety Sub-Committee meeting held on 1 April 2019 be approved as a correct record and signed accordingly.**

#### **07/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 of Bedfordshire Police regarding activity undertaken in respect of Operation Dodford and incidents of note for April, May and June 2019.

It was noted that a rise in street robberies had occurred which were mainly teenage youths stealing pushbikes from other young people. Work was being carried out with the youths and their families to try and stop these robberies and anti-social behaviours by visiting the parents to alert them to any problems and issuing an unofficial Unacceptable Behaviour Contract. If the offences then continued an official Community Protection Notice would be issued to the parents.

The Sub-Committee thanked PS Liam Mitchell and Inspector Gurr for providing an update and their continuing hard work in the town.

**RESOLVED to note the report.**

#### **08/CS CCTV & RE-DEPLOYABLE CAMERAS**

The Sub-Committee received a report of recorded CCTV incidents in Leighton Buzzard during March 2019, April and May 2019.

It was noted that Central Bedfordshire Council were looking for new premises for their CCTV control room and once this had been secured newer digital CCTV equipment would be purchased. A question was raised regarding whether Central Bedfordshire Council had been chased regularly to provide updates to the Sub-Committee on the progress of this process.

The Sub-Committee were advised that the recruitment of Community Safety

Officers by Central Bedfordshire Council was about to start and they would have almost identical powers as the PCSOs.

**RESOLVED to note the report.**

**09/CS WATCH SCHEME UPDATES**

The Sub-Committee was informed that Shop Watch needed to promote and recruit to their scheme to maintain membership levels.

No other updates were given.

**RESOLVED to note the information.**

**10/CS COMMUNITY EMERGENCY PLAN**

The Sub-Committee were informed the Community Emergency Plan for Leighton-Linslade had progressed and an initial plan had been drafted. A small working party was now needed to add further detail to the plan, which would then be recommended to Council for endorsement.

**RESOLVED to note the information.**

**11/CS EXCLUSION OF THE 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 2037 hours.

I HEREBY CONFIRM THAT THE FOREGOING IS A TRUE AND ACCURATE RECORD OF THE MEETING HELD ON 15 JULY 2019.

Chair

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