

NEIGHBOURHOOD ACTION GROUP
WestCentral / East
2 September 2010 / 10:00 – 12:15
Cambridgeshire Fire & Rescue Service, Parkside

Present

John Fuller (Chair)	Cambridgeshire Constabulary
Vicky Hornsby	Cambridge Business Against Crime
Steve Kerridge	Cambridgeshire Constabulary
Jason Leach	Cambridgeshire Fire & Rescue Service
Althea Mejias	Cambridge City Council
Jim Meikle	Cambridgeshire Fire & Rescue Service
Robert Osbourn	Cambridge City Council
Tom Kingsley (Notes)	Cambridge City Council

1. Welcome and introductions

John chaired the meeting. Apologies from Lynda Kilkelly, Wendy Lansdowne and Sarah Steggles.

2. Notes / Action points of last meeting

- 2.1 Notes confirmed. All action points closed. CAMBAC will send out material as and when received. Streetlife issue postponed until next AC meeting. No further action on bonfires as focus on speeding. Last couple of "fivers nights" passed off peacefully though was some reaction to use of s27.

3. Policing and Safer Neighbourhood Report: West/Central

- 3.1 Review of previous priorities:

- Anti-social use of cycles across City West – Discharged.
- Vehicle-related ASB across Market – Discharged.
- Anti-social congregation in public spaces (Market) – Continued.

No major issues raised at AC meeting. No s30 orders in place in the City. Impact of 20mph limit in City to be discussed later.

- 3.2 Consider new priorities:

- (a) [Continuation of work to tackle anti-social congregation in public spaces across Market](#) – No real changes though comments made over needle finds in car park in Romsey. Concerned raised about Grafton, but no real issue there. CCTV being reactive in area. Business asking that police carry CAMBAC radios. Business as usual with a mild plan refresh. [Police lead](#).
- (b) [Reducing cycle thefts across City West](#) – Theft of cycles priority with Cambridge CSP. 1800 cycles picked up by City Rangers each year, though majority in poor state. Issue/balance regarding police resources. Possible Immobilise Day to promote greater recording of bikes by students. [Police lead](#).

[AP – Steve to arrange separate meeting to look at ways of combating cycle theft.](#)

- 3.3 Any other issues

- [New 20 mph limit](#) – Confusing/unclear signs and lack of speed-limiting street furniture will make enforcement difficult. As only a 12-month pilot, suggested that [County Council lead](#) as police enforcement might jeopardise trial.
- Romanian buskers – Aggressive busking reported but hopefully now dealt with.
- Licensing – Various licensing problems reported (The Zebra and Bird In Hand). Coalition Government looking at changes to Licensing Act.
- Shoplifting prevalent in October – Request made to police to start patrols earlier than December.

AP – Tom to check who has taken over strategy on ASB in student community from Alastair.

Jim and Jason left the meeting.

4. Policing and Safer Neighbourhood Report: East

4.1 Review of previous priorities:

- Youth-related ASB in North Barnwell – Continue.
- To continue to develop and implement plan to tackle complaints of excess speed in City East – Continue.
- To continue to develop community cohesion between residents of Tiverton Way and young people at The Forum – Discharged.

Nothing controversial except way voting on speeding issue. No issues with The Forum but pressure to monitor for a further cycle as “freshers” arrive.

4.2 Consider new priorities

- (a) [Youth-related ASB and criminal damage in the public areas of the Thorpe Way estate and Jack Warren Green](#) – Welcomed focus of ‘North Barnwell’ priority though include “drug-related” ASB into new wording. [Police lead](#).
- (b) [Continue with speed reduction plan](#) – County Council not able to progress with relevant councillor due to leave commitments. Monitoring of identified priority road (Coleridge Road) resulted in 2% speeding. Police issue with resourcing for enforcement activity. Road Safety Partnership unable to run full scale campaign as there are no “Killed and Seriously Injured” sites in Cambridge. Needs County Council to engage with councillors to progress. [Police lead](#).
- (c) [ASB in the York Street playground and adjacent streets linked to drug misuse](#) – Some needle finds, but only one person suspected involvement in drugs. Problems seems displaced by CCTV. [Police lead](#).

AP – Althea to ask City Rangers to check Rope Walk for abandoned bikes/vehicles.

4.3 Any other issues

- Needle finds on Coleridge Rec.

5. AOB



Interesting to learn new Chief Constable’s views. Impact of Spending Review on services.

6. Date of next meeting – 13 January 2011