

NEIGHBOURHOOD ACTION GROUP

West/Central

1 September 2011 / 10:00 – 11:25
Committee Room 2 / The Guildhall

Present

John Fuller (Chair)
Yvonne Collins
Jayne Drury
Vicky Hornsby
Lynda Kilkelly
Tom Kingsley (Notes)

Cambridgeshire Constabulary
Cambridge City Council
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Cambridge Business Against Crime
Cambridge City Council
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Apologies

Bob Carter, Terry Jordan, Steve Kerridge, Jim Meikle, Robert Osbourn and Mark Taylor.

1. Notes / Action points of last meeting

- ☐ Notes from last meeting confirmed.
- ☐ [Lynda to check street life counting](#). Closed.
- ☐ [Steve to get police to check whether the 24 bikes held by Enforcement Team are listed as missing/stolen](#). Ongoing. Bikes now dealt with as unclaimed (disposed of to 'Bikeman'). Concern that they weren't checked against police records to see if they were stolen. Yvonne to recheck system of disposal.
- ☐ [Lynda to check with TSO to see what work they are doing in relation to alcohol sales to minors](#). Closed. Numbers of young drinkers in open spaces much reduced. Focus on Parker's Piece. ICE Safety Guardians will help monitor.
- ☐ [Steve to speak with NPTs regarding littering to ensure link up with City Council's enforcement team's policy](#). Closed. 6 new PCSOs to receive training, with a further 6 coming on stream later.
- ☐ [Yvonne/Bob to report back on issues relating to rowdy behaviour/littering on green spaces](#). Closed. As above, instances reduced, presumably down to poor weather and potential rioting issues.
- ☐ No comments on Area Committee meeting.

2. Review of previous Priorities / Actions

2.1 West

- ☐ **Cycle theft in Castle and Newnham wards**
Ongoing. Further work taking place to target students as the victims with 20+ talks arranged.
- ☐ **Dwelling burglary in Castle and Newnham wards**
Discharged.
- ☐ **Speeding in Castle and Newnham wards**
Discharged. However, see 'Speeding in Maid's Causeway'.

2.2 Central

- ☐ **Speeding in Maid's Causeway**
John only given data on Speedwatch carried out by residents at the Area Committee; some data 6 weeks old, making it unusable for warning letters to be issued. Police checks show other areas of the city worse for breaches of 20 mph speed limit, chiefly Tennis Court Road and Jesus Lane. Moving now from education to enforcement. Police will need to sit down with councillors to discuss the citywide implication of enforcement (areas affected are not KSI¹ sites) and what action they consider appropriate.

¹ Killed or Seriously Injured

- ❑ **Alcohol-related crime and ASB in Sussex Street and environs**
Discharged.
- ❑ **Cycle theft**
See above.

3. **New Priorities**

- ❑ **Support for the implementation of the 20mph limit as a citywide priority.**
See "Speeding in Maid's Causeway".
- ❑ **Cycle theft in Castle and Newnham wards (reduce the number of cycles stolen in the west of the city and bring offenders to justice).**
See above.
- ❑ **Action to address prostitution and associated ASB in the Belmore Close area.**
Sex workers active on Histon Road and Belmore Close. Police report 4/5 known sex workers in area; working with SWAN to reduce the impact on residents. Area known 'red light' district for Cambridge for centuries and previous heavy-handed approach only harms vulnerable sex workers. Police focus on the users. [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] John still gets info from Triangle Group and will pass to Jayne; Lynda asked for the dates of meetings. Yvonne to ask City Rangers to be proactive around area and to record evidence and location.
- ❑ **Alcohol-related ASB in the Grafton Centre area.**
Chiefly linked with streetlife and focus around Eden Chapel. Streetlife 'active' around Mitcham's Corner but not causing any ASB. Taken up as Level 1 priority with police.

4. **Any other issues**

- ❑ Parking on Midsummer Common. Complaint raised in open forum with blame focussed on Fort St. George pub. Matter referred to Ombudsman, who has given council until 17th October to resolve issue.
- ❑ Written question from CAMBAC on shop theft. Cllr Bick requested that this would be added as a priority at the next (3rd November) Area Committee.

5. **AOB**

- ❑ None raised.

Summary of action points

- ❑ Yvonne to recheck system of disposal of bikes held/seized by Enforcement Team.
- ❑ John to arrange meeting with councillors to discuss enforcement of 20mph limit and expectation of activity/action.
- ❑ John to provide Lynda with info on Triangle Group (re meeting dates).
- ❑ Yvonne to ask City Rangers to be proactive in the Histon Road area and record evidence and location for police use.

Date of next NAG West/Central meeting – 12th January 2012