

**NEIGHBOURHOOD ACTION GROUP**  
**West/Central & East**  
**20<sup>th</sup> April 2010 10:00- 12:00**  
**Cambridgeshire Fire & Rescue Service, Parkside**

**Present**

John Fuller (Chair)	Cambridgeshire Constabulary
Claire Dillon (Notes)	Cambridgeshire Constabulary
Kay Stevens	Cambridgeshire Constabulary
Steve Kerridge	Cambridgeshire Constabulary
Alaistair Roberts	Cambridge City Council
Sarah Steggles	Cambridge City Council
Katie Wood	Cambridge City Council
Robert Osbourn	Cambridge City Council
Althea Mejias	Cambridge City Council
Vicky Hornsby	CAMBAC
Mark Coupar	Cambridgeshire Fire & Rescue

**Apologies**

Wendy Lansdown	Cambridgeshire County Council
Tom Kingsley	Cambridge City Council
Linda Kilkelly	Cambridge City Council
Jim Meikle	Cambridgeshire Fire & Rescue

**1. Welcome and Instructions**

John Fuller chaired the meeting.

**2. Notes/Actions of the last meeting**

**2.1** Notes confirmed.

**2.2** Meeting to be held on 21<sup>st</sup> April to consider issues raised concerning the Safer Neighbourhoods item at Committee meetings over recent months. It is timely as it follows a city council report on making meetings more engaging and introducing participatory budgeting.

**Action ongoing.**

**2.3** Ongoing work to continue with CAMBAC to improve communication with businesses to encourage attendance and contribution at Committee meetings. Business contacts including those of street associations are held on a member database and direct communication is not possible at this time. **Contact to be developed through Vicky Hornsby**

**2.4** All other action points are now closed.

### **3. Policing and Safer Neighbourhood Report: West/Central**

#### **3.1 Review of previous priorities:**

- **Anti-social congregation in public spaces- Market Ward.**

Reactive police resources have been included in patrols and enforcement of anti-social congregation by 'Streetlife' in the ward. Now part of the police level 1 plan as a priority issue. Work to reduce anti-social behaviour is ongoing, and both the community and council members have noted the good work conducted by police. Will continue to monitor as the better weather will encourage more streetlife activity.

- **Anti-social use of vehicles- Market Ward.**

Few complaints received. There is still an issue with anti-social parking of taxis on St Andrew's Street. Complaint letter featured in last night's CEN about speeding in Magdalene Street and driving on footpaths by buses and questioned priority decision making. Issues also mentioned at meeting related to parking in the Market Square at night, people running red lights and parking on Sundays at the rear of the Grafton Centre causing obstructions.

**Action SK: Re-work the plan around specific areas for patrol and enforcement.**

**AR: To request CCTV monitor Magdalene Street for traffic violations to gauge actual extent of problem.**

- **Anti-social use of cycles- Market Ward.**

Specific hotspot areas were identified as Fitzroy Street, Market Street, Petty Cury and Trinity Street. Rangers had doubled the number of interventions and the police continue to conduct regular patrols in the area issuing warnings/tickets.

#### **3.2 Consider new priorities:**

- **Continuation of work to tackle anti-social congregation in public spaces- Market Ward.**

Need to unpick community perception of Streetlife members and identify and target specific troublemakers and not whole groups. Concerns expressed that S30 is simply moving the problem around the City. AR highlighted the provision of a S30 Guidance Document produced in a Q&A format to answer queries about its use. This is now posted on the council website.

A request was made for a report to go to the committee (next meeting) on current issues and factors influencing the S/L community in the city. David Greening is compiling response. Steve Kerridge to provide police perspective.

**Action; Steve Kerridge**

**Adopt- Police lead.**

- **Continuation of work to tackle anti-social use of vehicles- Market Ward.**

Continuing work. Parking in cycle lanes, taxi over-ranking and obstruction caused to buses are the key concerns. It was also agreed to look at the issues associated with complaints of excess speed and pavement driving in Magdalene Street. **Adopt- Police lead.**

- **Tackle anti-social cycling- Market Ward**

Continuing work. **Adopt- Safer Communities Section lead.**

### 3.3 Any other issues:

- AR: Request to be made to include Section 30 discussion as an agenda item at the next Committee meeting. Also, need to consider renewal of existing Section 30 Order which expires in July.
- Bonfires on Midsummer Common- there is a need to clarify legal position and responsible authorities. It is noted there is a review of Bylaws taking place. **Action: Alastair Roberts and Kay Stevens to action.**

## 4. Policing and Safer Neighbourhood Report: East

### 4.1 Review of previous priorities:

- **Tackle vehicle related anti-social behaviour across City East Ward.**

Speeding plan needs updating and action implemented post election

- **Tackle youth related anti-social behaviour in North Barnwell.**

Little feedback was given at the Committee meeting. There are still a few issues and fears are that the problem will increase over the coming months as the weather improves. Work ongoing.

- **Promotion of community cohesion in Tiverton Way in response to complaints of localised anti-social behaviour focused around The Forum.**

Comprehensive report given Community who seemed pleased with the work carried. Fears are the problem will increase over the coming months as the weather improves. **City Council to lead.**

### 4.2 Consider new priorities:

- **Vehicle related anti-social behaviour across the City East Ward.**

Adopt- Police lead.

- **Youth-related anti-social behaviour in North Barnwell.**

Multi-agency work carried out to reduce anti-social behaviour in the area. The re-settlement of a key offender has improved the situation. On-going work needed to reduce disruption in the McDonalds and Barnwell Road Shops area. Work has commenced with youth groups and community projects to divert young people away from committing ASB. Incidents of repeat criminal damage have been reported by City Homes staff. Efforts are to be made to reduce litter and criminal damage. Adopted. **Action: City Council and Police joint lead.**

- **Promotion of community cohesion in Tiverton Way in response to complaints of localised anti-social behaviour focused around The Forum.**

New students are expected in September. ARU will seek to improve the mix of students to prevent anti-social behaviour and have nominated trustees to prevent and report bad behaviour. **Adopt- Joint-lead.**

#### **4.3 Any other issues:**

Report to be submitted to committee to update on actions arising from the Youth Summit especially improving engagement with police.

**Action: Alastair Roberts to speak with Paula Bishop and progress**

#### **5. AOB**

'Fivers Night' at The Junction, Leisure Park- Engagement between the Children and Young People Services and the Leisure Park Management will aim to keep disruption and under-age drinking to a minimum. Trading Standards to conduct test purchases of alcohol at local off-licenses. Feed in to profile document? **Action- JF/CD.**

#### **6. Date of the next meeting: 2<sup>nd</sup> September 2010**