

NEIGHBOURHOOD ACTION GROUP

West/Central

5 May 2011 / 10:00 – 11:00
Hobson Room, Hobson House

Present

Steve Kerridge (Chair)	Cambridgeshire Constabulary
Lynda Kilkelly	Cambridge City Council
Yvonne Mackender	Cambridge City Council
Jim Meikle	Cambridgeshire Fire & Rescue Service
Tom Kingsley (Notes)	Cambridge City Council

1. Notes / Action points of last meeting

- 1.1 Two of the three action points closed.
- 1.2 Police plans increased due to creation of Central NPT.
- 1.3 Next Area Committee (North – 19th May) should see how new format works.
- 1.4 Jim Meikle will report at North on wheelie bin fires.

2. Review of previous Priorities / Actions

- 2.1 Alcohol-related ASB.
Mainly problems of young people gathering to 'pre-load'. Focus on Market ward. Discussion on reintroduction of s30. Most activity along main thoroughfare (Regent/St. Andrew's/Sidney Streets). Suggest have another CAP event? Ongoing priority.
- 2.2 Cycle theft.
Significant drop in thefts, but a continuing priority. 24 cycles still held by enforcement team following Queen's visit. Ongoing priority.
- 2.3 Vehicle crime.
Spike of offences in Newnham. Now back to normal, so priority closed.

3. New Priorities

- 3.1 Alcohol-related ASB.
Continuing work in Central area. Discussion over work TSO doing in relation to under-age sales. Littering an issue; litter is collected between 6-9am to ensure Cambridge achieves Grade A state for cleanliness. Clearance of urine a problem due to lack of resources, but there is a duty on food outlets to keep their access points clear and clean. Pee-pods were trialled but proved expensive, with limited use made of them. Noted littering on green spaces, BBQs on Jesus Green and bonfires on Midsummer Common; enforcement team have limited powers to deal with and welcome tie in with PCSOs/specials. Police continue to lead.
- 3.2 Cycle theft.
Priority for both West and Central areas, but still only have one police plan. West team focussing on colleges. Only 2 cases in 10 years indicates no bulk theft of cycles. Street life feature in relation to thefts. Fire crews and fire prevention officers can look out for potential thefts; also taxi and bus drivers can keep eye out. Monthly Immobilise events to register cycles. Police continue to lead.
- 3.3 Dwelling burglary.
West area priority. Police will lead.
- 3.4 Speeding.
Priority for both West and Central areas. Central area focuses on Maid's Causeway and breaches of 20mph limit. Poor signage noted in that area, but this is down to County Council. West area focuses on Grantchester Road (Newnham); will deploy speed camera there to gather evidence. Offer Speedwatch to both areas. Police will lead with County Council.

4. Any other issues

- 4.1 Enforcement of 20mph speed limits. Police have finite resources to cover whole of Cambridge; but will focus on Maid's Causeway as the chief trouble spot.
 - 4.2 Alcohol-related ASB in Sussex Street and environs. Being tackled under general priority. CCTV is sited in Sussex St but does not cover the areas where people sit. Negotiations are going on with the university to see if a mobile camera can be attached to one of their posts. LK to follow up on progress.
 - 4.3 Speeding in Grantchester Road. Covered in West priority.
 - 4.4 Rowdy behaviour and littering on green spaces. Enforcement team operate zero tolerance on littering but not sure what the police position is; need consistency. Yvonne to report back on problem. Red sacks issued to ensure green areas are kept clear. Enforcement team work rotas to cover areas up until 6pm and later if weather is warmer. Would welcome link up with PCSOs/specials.
- 5. AOB**
- 5.1 None.

Summary of action points

- Lynda to check street life counting.
- Steve to get police to check whether the 24 bikes held by enforcement team are listed as missing/stolen.
- Lynda to check with TSO to see what work they are doing in relation to alcohol sales to minors.
- Steve to speak with NPTs regarding littering to ensure link up with City Council's enforcement team's policy.
- Yvonne/Bob to report back on issues relating to rowdy behaviour/littering on green spaces.

Date of next NAG West/Central meeting – 1 September 2011