

NEIGHBOURHOOD ACTION GROUP

East

22 December 2011 / 10:00 – 11:00
Committee Room 2 / The Guildhall

Present

Lynda Kilkelly (Chair)
Terry Jordan
Jim Meikle
Sarah Steggles
Jamie Stenton
Tom Kingsley (Notes)

Cambridge City Council
Cambridgeshire County Council
Cambridgeshire Fire & Rescue Service
Cambridge City Council
Cambridgeshire Constabulary
Cambridge City Council

1. Notes / Action points of last meeting

- Introductions were made for Terry Jordan.
- Lynda explained that NAG had a fluctuating membership but a core group from city council, police and fire & rescue.
- Jamie to check why PCSOs seem reluctant to issue FPNs for littering and to arrange for refresher training (if required).** PCSOs not reluctant, just that as they are hi-vis not many offend. Prefer to apply 'community resolution' (i.e. get the offender to pick up their litter and other litter in the area). However, Jamie will remind PCSOs again.
- John to check on evidence of speeding in Mill Road (speed survey data).** John had given detailed feedback to the Area Committee. There was no evidence to support speeding. It was not possible to have a speed detector van on Mill Road due to lack of space (it was difficult enough conducting hand-held checks).
- Yvonne to check if there has been any increase in play area damage.** Yvonne not present to update; carried over.

2. Review of previous Priorities / Actions

- Misuse of Green Spaces.**
Discharged.
- Anti-social use of Mopeds.**
Continued.
- Drug dealing and related ASB in Norfolk Street and surrounding area.**
Continued.

3. New Priorities

- Committee Action Sheet used to confirm new priorities.
- ASB, drug and alcohol use affecting Norfolk Street and surrounding area (e.g. Newmarket Road).**
City Council lead. A street surgery will be held on 18th January to gauge level of ASB. Police looking at streetlife issues and drugs, though reports have tailed off since peak in August/September.
- ASB of moped riders in Coleridge Road.**
Police lead. ASB Team not aware of any complaints in this area; there are two other hot spots in the city. Police hoping public will be 'eyes and ears' and provide evidence. Mopeds are inherently noisy, but not illegal, though police will react to any illegality in terms of use. Look at a possible media campaign.

- ❑ **Traffic regulation and enforcement of 20 mph speed limit in Mill Road.**
Police lead. Look at possible police activity in area at night when infringement more likely. Mill Road not a KSI¹ area. 20mph limit being discussed at all Area Committees in likelihood of it becoming a citywide limit.
- ❑ **ASB affecting open spaces in general (thematic rather than geographic focus).**
Multi-agency lead. Business as usual, though Jim reported that there is an issue with firesetters in the area. Important that fire & rescue service works with police and council to engage with families before good weather returns.

4. Any other issues

- ❑ Drug dealing, drug use and associated ASB (e.g. dumping of needles affecting Abbey ward): Needle find at Stourbridge Common's recycling centre in a bin. Needle finds at Mill Road toilets (near Gwydir Street) though these were in the sharps bin. Lynda will keep an eye on this issue.
- ❑ ASB linked to street drinking and practicality of citywide ban.
- ❑ ASB affecting open spaces in general (thematic rather than geographic): Covered above.
- ❑ ASB, drug and alcohol use affecting Norfolk Street and surrounding area: Covered above.
- ❑ ASB of moped riders in Coleridge Road and possible link to other criminal activity such as drug dealing: Covered above.
- ❑ Practicality of citywide enforcement of 20mph speed limit (alternatively, the need to join up initiatives concerning speed limit enforcement as there are multiple speed limits (20mph and 30mph) across the city wards): Covered above.
- ❑ Speeding in Mill Road and Coleridge Road: Covered above.
- ❑ Theft from shops at the Beehive Centre and associated crime such as drug dealing: It was stated that police response to shops poor, with some told to sort out the problem themselves. Police will attend all instances where shoplifters detained and with 'blue lights' if the shoplifter was violent.
- ❑ Police response times to non-emergency incidents: Perception that this was poor and police did not respond to incidents. Sarah highlighted a case involving a vulnerable resident subjected to persistent ASB; police will mark the property to ensure a better response.

5. AOB

- ❑ Terry will assist where he can in terms of liaison with county council services, including children and adult services.

Summary of action points

- ❑ Yvonne to check if there has been any increase in play area damage.
- ❑ Lynda and Sarah to work with others to draw up work programme to combat firesetters.
- ❑ Jamie to check accident statistics for Mill Road.

Date of next NAG East meeting – 19th April 2012

¹ Killed or Seriously Injured