

NEIGHBOURHOOD ACTION GROUP

West/Central

13 January 2012 / 14:00 – 15:20
Committee Room 1 / The Guildhall

Present

John Fuller (Chair)	Cambridgeshire Constabulary
Yvonne Collins	Cambridge City Council
Lynda Kilkelly	Cambridge City Council
Jim Meikle	Cambridgeshire Fire & Rescue Service
Robert Osbourn	Cambridge City Council
Steve Poppitt	Cambridgeshire Constabulary
Tom Kingsley (Notes)	Cambridge City Council

Apologies

Bob Carter, Vicky Hornsby, Terry Jordan and Mark Taylor.

1. Notes / Action points of last meeting

- Notes from last meeting confirmed.
- Brief explanation of revised police “district” structure. There are 110 PCs in Cambridge. Officers will be assigned to areas to help build rapport with residents. Changes still in train until 1 April.
- Police hope to attend City rangers steering groups.
- PCSOs still not issuing FPNs for littering, which conflicts with City Council’s zero tolerance policy.
- [Yvonne to recheck system of disposal of bikes held/seized by Enforcement Team.](#) Closed.
- [John to arrange meeting with councillors to discuss enforcement of 20mph limit and expectation of activity/action.](#) Closed. Ongoing issue that required further thought.
- [John to provide Lynda with info on Triangle Group \(re meeting dates\).](#) Ongoing.
- [Yvonne to ask City Rangers to be proactive in the Histon Road area and record evidence and location for police use.](#) Closed. Information provided to PS Drury.

2. Review of previous Priorities / Actions

2.1 West

- ASB associated with sex workers in Histon Road**
Still a risk, but police activity focussing on users with publicised legal action being taken.
- Cycle theft**
Reduction in crime but disappointed this is continued as a priority.

2.2 Central

- Speed enforcement – 20mph limit**
Emotive subject that required careful handling.
- Alcohol- and group-related ASB in Grafton Centre area**
Report well received. Uncertainty whether Vicky Skeels and Cllr Bick are meeting to discuss; Steve to check.

3. New Priorities

- Cycle theft across city**
Crime rate decreasing, so hopefully will see this removed as a priority next time. Continue with education and marrying lost/stolen bikes with owners. Police lead with support from Yvonne/city ranges. Comment made at meeting that police did not record frame numbers of found cycles. Subsequent website postings reiterate. Steve to clarify and feed back to next meeting through report.
- Anti-social use of cycles (West)**

County Council looking at signage and whether this can be improved; this could be linked with this priority. PCSOs can issue FPNs for cycling on pavement only; Yvonne asked if power can be devolved to city enforcement team too as this would be useful. There is a particular problem with cycles jumping lights at Magdalene Street / Northampton Street junction. Police lead with support from ASB Team (lights on cycles) and possible support from Cambridge Cycling Campaign.

- ❑ **Speeding – 20mph limit**
Police lead (action as above).
- ❑ **Alcohol-related ASB in the city**
Steve will raise as Level 1 priority; ASB Team noted all quiet following street surgery around Grafton (displacement of problem to Mill Road?).

4. Any other issues

- ❑ Fly tipping is an issue in the Market ward, but not considered a priority. Yvonne and Jim did a walkabout and noted a lot of potential fire flash points with waste. Arson is down but potential to surface once warm weather returns. Lots of black sacks noted in early mornings (this is classed as fly tipping). Suggested that this is noted on next profile; Lynda to confirm with Cllr Bick.

5. AOB

- ❑ Lynda asked if she could attend Level 1 priority meetings. No issue once police restructure is finished.

Summary of action points

- ❑ John to provide Lynda with info on Triangle Group (re meeting dates).
- ❑ Steve to check whether Vicky Skeels and Cllr. Bick are meeting to discuss Grafton Centre ASB.
- ❑ Lynda to advise Cllr Bick that NAG wishes to include concerns over fly tipping on next profile, even though this was not a priority.
- ❑ Steve to check if PCSO's power to issue FPNs for cycling on pavement can be devolved to city enforcement team.
- ❑ Steve to clarify 'found cycle' procedures – recording of frame numbers, etc.

Date of next NAG West/Central meeting – 3rd May 2012