

NEIGHBOURHOOD ACTION GROUP
West/Central & East
22nd December 2009 / 10:00 – 12:00
Cambridgeshire Fire & Rescue Service, Parkside

Present

John Fuller (Chair)	Cambridgeshire Constabulary
Mark Coupar	Cambridgeshire Fire & Rescue Service (Red Watch)
Paul Griffin	Cambridge City Council
Justin Hicks	Cambridge City Council
Vicky Hornsby	Cambridge Business Against Crime (CAMBAC)
Jim Meikle	Cambridgeshire Fire & Rescue Service
Robert Osbourn	Cambridge City Council
Alastair Roberts	Cambridge City Council
Sarah Steggles	Cambridge City Council
Kay Stevens	Cambridgeshire Constabulary
Tom Kingsley (Notes)	Cambridge City Council

Apologies

Paula Bishop	Cambridge City Council
Paul Connelly	Cambridgeshire County Council
Steve Kerridge	Cambridgeshire Constabulary
Wendy Lansdown	Cambridgeshire County Council
Althea Mejias	Cambridge City Council
Katie Wood	Cambridge City Council

1. Welcome and introductions

John F chaired the meeting.

2. Notes / Action points of last meeting

2.1 Notes confirmed.

2.2 All action points closed, except ongoing work on mini-motos project and Speedwatch. Still work to be done engaging with the business community; initial attempts made but businesses find it difficult to put aside time and seem some consider that their views are not valued, e.g. complaints about littering and other anti-social conduct. This highlights need for better engagement. Work with CAMBAC and Love Cambridge.

Action - John F, Alastair R and Paul G to create a network of contacts with the business community to improve engagement and ensure their views are included profile updates.

3. Policing and Safer Neighbourhood Report: West/Central

3.1 Review of previous priorities:

- Vehicle and Cycle Related ASB in City Centre: Focussing on speeding on Emmanuel Road and 20mph zone. Is there really a problem that can't be solved by traffic calming measures? Enforcement action on taxis not really feasible (i.e. withdrawal of transponders). Enforcement of 20mph by police currently under discussion. Wendy L's update should be relayed to Area Committee.

Action - Wendy L to ask Richard Preston to write to committee manager for the Area Committee in the same terms as was reported to the NAG regarding County Council update on Emmanuel Road.

- "Purse Dipping" (Theft from Person) – Market Ward: General tail-off, though problem still evident at Lion Yard and The Grafton (including Primark). Distraction thefts at ATMs.

- 3.2 Consider new priorities (request from councillors to separate these priorities out):
- a) Streetlife-related ASB in Market
Vicky H receiving complaints from business about abusive streetlife engaged in shoplifting. **Adopt – Police lead.**
 - b) Vehicle-related ASB in market (City centre)
Continuing work. Parking in cycle lanes, taxi over-ranking and obstruction (primarily buses in Emmanuel Street). **Adopt – Police lead.**
 - c) Pedal cycle-related ASB in market (City centre)
Continuing work. **Adopt – Safer Communities Section lead.**

- 3.3 Any other issues
- The Round Church – grant for railing has been rejected.
 - Anti-social pedal cycling activity – mostly cycling without lights.
 - Request to expand s30 to Jesus Green (s30 up for renewal beginning 2010).
 - Histon Road – prostitution.
 - Needle finds.

Action – Paul G to update the Area Committee on work around SWAN.

Action – Alastair R to ask Addaction/DAAT for information on needle finds/drug use. Both these issues to be included in next profile update link to street life priority (3.2(a) above).

4. Policing and Safer Neighbourhood Report: East

4.1 Review of previous priorities:

- Speeding Vehicles in City East: Action plan agreed.
- Anti-social Behaviour (ASB), Drug Misuse and Associated Environmental Issues – Norfolk Street: Discharged, though there are still late night issues.
- Anti-Social Behaviour – “North Barnwell”: Continuing work.

Other issues raised at meeting:

Criminal damage in Lyndewode Road area and confusion over CCTV used to monitor previous incidents – lack of co-ordination between City Council and police. Look to meeting residents in areas linking city with rail station (chiefly Glissom and Tenison Roads). **Adopt – Safer Communities Section lead**

Action – Alastair R (with police and fire service) to draw up an action plan.

4.2 Consider new priorities (request from councillors to separate these priorities out):

- a) Continuation of work to tackle ASB in North Barnwell
Working with CHS in Abbey area. **Adopt – Police lead.**
- b) Promotion of community cohesion in Tiverton Way in response to complaints of localised anti-social behaviour, focused around the forum
The Forum, formally old people’s home, now sold and converted to ARU student accommodation, with associated increase in ASB. Work with ARU and local residents to draw up action plan. **Adopt – Safer Communities Section lead.**
Action – Paul G to reword priority.
- c) Vehicle related crime and anti-social behaviour. This will include implementation of agreed action plan to tackle speeding in neighbourhood.
Adopt – Police lead

4.3 Any other issues

- None

5. Cambridge Community Safety Partnership: consideration of relevant priorities

Three more “SmartWater Days” scheduled for remainder of financial year. More promotion and feedback required.

6. AOB

Paul G – Highlight problems/issues with Area Committees in annual report to Strategy & Resources Scrutiny Committee early 2010. Request for feedback.

Jim M offered fire service facilities for 2010/11 NAGs meetings (gratefully received).

Alastair R – Highlight increase in free running activity in Cambridge.

Kay S – HM Inspectorate of Constabularies visiting 15th January and would like details of partnership working.

7. Date of next meeting – 20th April 2010