

The East and Mid Devon Community Safety Partnership

A Partnership between East & Mid Devon District Councils, Devon & Cornwall Police, Devon County Council, Northern, Eastern & Western Devon Clinical Commissioning Group, Devon & Cornwall Probation Service, Devon & Somerset Fire & Rescue Service.



Minutes of the Sidmouth and Ottery St Mary Area Local Action Group Meeting held at Ottery St Mary Town Council Offices on Tuesday 8th May 2018

Present:	Peter Sullivan	Lymbourne & Arcot Park Residents Association (Chair)
	Gerry Moore	Community Safety Officer
	Kaz Arnett	Environmental Health (EDDC)
	Mark Gerry	Community Development (Youth) EDDC
	PC Jonathan Sims	Devon & Cornwall Police, OSM
	PCSO Steve Trail	Devon & Cornwall Police, OSM
	PCSO Phil Thomas	Devon & Cornwall Police, Sidmouth
	Cllr Ian Holmes	Ottery St Mary Town Council
	Paul Kay	Devon & Somerset Fire Service
	Wendy Harris	Democratic Services, EDDC (Minutes)

The meeting started at 10:00am and finished at 11.10am

Item	Discussion	Action
1.	Welcome and Apologies: Peter welcomed everyone to the meeting. Apologies had been received by Mike Garrick.	
2.	Minutes of the Last Meeting and Matters Arising: The minutes of the last meeting of the group held on 20 th March 2018 were agreed as a true record. Matters arising: <u>Multi-agency meeting re young people</u> Gerry has organised a meeting to discuss the lack of facilities for and asb issues re young people. It will take place on Thursday at 2.30pm at Sidmouth Police Station. <u>CSP Annual Conference</u> Another well attended and successful conference.	
3.	Reports from Group Members <u>Peter Sullivan, Lymbourne & Arcot Park Residents Association (Chair)</u> Peter asked the Fire Service for a report on the 'self-igniting' entrance door at a block of flats in Sidmouth. Paul reported it was an arson attack to the communal entrance and said it could have been a serious issue because people would not have been able to get out. Only 1 occupant had been home at the time and investigations were ongoing. <u>PCSO Thomas, Devon & Cornwall Police, Sidmouth</u> - No issues to report re Blackmore and Connaught Gardens. - Ongoing investigations re drugs in the area. Starting to see positive results from parents coming forward with concerns about drug use.	

- Have held regular drugs talks to Year 10 and 11 at Sidmouth College.
- Will be giving a talk to Year 9's on Rights and Responsibilities in the community which hopefully will have a positive impact.

PCSO Sims, Devon & Cornwall Police, OSM/Tipton St John/West Hill

- PCSO Sims said he was aware that Feniton Parish Council has put in a request for a speed watch assessment and explained that due to a lack of resources he had not been able to action this yet. PCSO Sims explained the process of obtaining evidence to identify whether an area had a speeding problem and said sometimes the data doesn't always match the residents' perception of speeding.

PCSO Trail, Devon & Cornwall Police, OSM/Tipton St John/West Hill

- No additional issues to report.

Cllr Blackmore, Feniton Parish Council

- Reported problems with speeding at Station Road.
- Asked the group for advice about displaying photographs of shoplifters on Feniton Focus Facebook page. PCSO Sims advised against this and said it could potentially open someone up as a target. Cllr Bond said Feniton residents were fed up with crime.

Cllr Bond, Feniton Parish Council

- No additional issues to report.

Paul Kay, Devon & Somerset Fire Service

- 2 deliberate fires were reported this month:
 - o Arcot Park flats
 - o Woodbury Common
- No other issues to report.

Mark Gerry, Community Development, EDDC

- Supporting the skate park jam on 26 May. Gerry said he had provided the funding as requested by Cllr Pang.
- Will be conducting a door to door survey at Mossop Close to find out what residents want to do to help clean-up a piece of land.
- Starting a project to help improve community landscapes and will be looking to include Men's Shed.

Cllr Holmes, OSM Town Council

- No issues to report.

Kaz Arnett, Environmental Health, EDDC

- Land of Canaan footpaths, the bridge and entrance points have been stencilled to advise 'dogs on leads'.
- A Community Protection Notice warning letter has been issued to a property in Feniton with a request to tidy up the garden and garage. Kaz reported the property had been visited on 2 separate occasions but the occupier did not want to engage. In response PCSO Trail said he would pay a visit to the property that afternoon. Kaz said she would keep Cllr Bond updated on its progress. Paul said he would visit the property to check if there was a safeguarding issue.

	- Kaz reported the Environmental Health team had visited a property at Cranbrook to help dispose of waste accumulated in the toilet and garden. As a result Environmental Health had removed 30 bags of waste and gave guidance on how to dispose of future waste. Kaz said she was disappointed to report that since the clean-up reports had been received about nappies being discarded in the garden and said Environmental Health may have to go down the Community Protection Notice route. <u>Mike Garrick, The Kings School, Ottery St Mary (read out by Gerry)</u> No major issues to report. It is our Year 11 Celebration Day on Thursday so there will be lots of parents around from 12.30 onwards and it might get a bit congested. We have advised parents to park at the Land of Canaan and walk up but I expect they will try to get closer. Any support from the local police would be appreciated. We have received a memorial bench in memory of Dan Chambers who died just before Christmas. We are having much fewer problems with the local youths. Behaviour within school is generally excellent. <u>Gerry Moore, East and Mid Devon Community Safety Partnership</u> - This message has come from a colleague in the Trading Standards Dept: Scammers make a cold telephone calls saying that they are the HMRC and that they are calling about an outstanding debt which must be dealt with immediately to avoid further action being taken – this is of course all a lie. They tell their victim to repay the debt in iTunes vouchers; a lot of victims have never heard of these and end up taking their mobile phone to the shops, buying the vouchers and then giving the voucher code to the scammer over the phone. Once elderly person has reportedly lost £30k this way. Also – people are making cold telephone calls pretending to be from the Telephone Preference Service, they say that service accounts are about to run out and that payment needs to be made for them to continue, again all a lie, they even telephoned me which I found highly amusing. Our advice on these is that if you were not expecting the call, hang up on it and never give any personal details to any cold callers. Details of cold calls can be reported to Action Fraud. You can also make a call to the organisation itself, such as the HMRC, to check that the calls was real – legitimate organisations do not mind people doing this. We have got some call blockers here if anyone would like to borrow one to see if it helps. - The agency who have won the contract to provide drug and alcohol services across Devon is EDP. The new service will be known as Together Drug and Alcohol Service.	
4.	Issues for joint ‘Problem Solving’ No issues raised.	

5.	'Have Your Say' update from Police re local concerns No concerns raised.	
6.	Crime figures and performance including items for press: <u>Sidmouth</u> – 01/05/2017 to 30/04/2018 The data is based on the following neighbourhoods: Sidmouth Total Crime increased from 459 offences to 597 offences (30.1%) Violent Crime increased from 142 offences to 183 offences (28.9%) Burglary Dwelling increased from 25 offences to 26 offences (4.0%) Burglary Non-Dwelling increased from 22 offences to 30 offences (36.4%) Vehicle Offences increased from 34 offences to 45 offences (32.4%) Criminal Damage decreased from 92 offences to 75 offences (-18.5%) Reports to the Police of rowdy, nuisance behaviour decreased from 215 reports to 186 (-13.5%) <u>Ottery St Mary</u> – 01/05/2017 – 28/04/2018 Data is based on the following neighbourhoods: Ottery Rural (including Cranbrook) & Ottery St Mary Town Total Crime increased from 642 offences to 923 offences (43.8%) Violent Crime increased from 228 offences to 315 offences (38.2%) Burglary Dwelling increased from 16 offences to 24 offences (50.0%) Burglary Non-Dwelling increased from 29 offences to 44 offences (51.7%) Vehicle Offences increased from 53 offences to 74 offences (39.6%) Criminal Damage increased from 79 offences to 143 offences (81.0%) Reports to the Police of rowdy, nuisance behaviour increased from 285 to 316 reports (10.9%)	
7.	Review of Action Plans: <u>Anti-Social Behaviour</u> • See Sidmouth Police report re Connaught and Blackmore Gardens. • See Kaz Arnett's report re CPNs. <u>Substance Misuse</u> • See Gerry's report re new service providers. • See Sidmouth Police report re drugs inputs in school. <u>Domestic, Family and Sexual Abuse</u> <u>Crime Prevention</u> <u>On line safety and scams</u> • See Gerry's report re scams <u>Raise Awareness of Prevent, CSE, Modern Slavery, Hate Crime etc.</u> <u>Raise Awareness of Mental Health Issues and Support Available</u>	
8.	Diversity Issues No issues raised.	
9.	Any Other Business In response to a question raised by Cllr Holmes about the councillor advocate scheme Gerry advised it was a new scheme being introduced by the Police and Crime Commissioners Office for councillors to help build closer working relationship with the OPCC, local police and councillors.	

10.	The next meeting of the group will be at 10.00am on <u>Tuesday 19th June 2018 at Sidmouth Town Council offices</u>	
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