

SWINDON TOWN CENTRE NPT TASKING MEETING

MINUTES AND LIST OF ACTIONS – 2/09/2011

PRESENT:

Cllr. JUNAB ALI(JA), Cllr. BOB WRIGHT (BW), GRAHAM WELLER (GW), GIFTY TAWIAH (GT) JEREMY LAW (JL), DARREN GREEN (DG), DAVE WOOD (DW), STAN PAJAK (SP), COLIN DODSON (CD), REBECCA ROWLANDS (RR), LOUIS McCOY (LM)

APOLOGIES:

Robert Buckland, Michael Diffin (MD), Cllr. Derique Montaut (DM), Cllr. Nicky Sewell, Nan Baines, Russell Sharland, Lionel Starling, Paul Sarahs , Bob Tabel.

MATTER DISCUSSED	ACTION	ACTION RESPONSIBILITY	DUE DATE
<u>WELCOME</u> Bob Wright (BW) welcomed attendees	Bob Wright Chaired the meeting and Louis McCoy took the minutes		
<u>REVIEW OF TYPE OF MINUTES from the September meeting.</u>	It was discussed that the time of the meeting at 14.00hrs on a Friday afternoon may not be the most productive and a new time slot is to be reviewed.		

Updates From Previous Meetings

Match day parking issues around Shrivenham Road whilst home matches are being played. Highways, Parking Police attended meeting with the with the football club to look at different alternatives.

Invite sent and as yet not returned to Cllr David Wood to attend a speed watch with the Police. There still remain no current reports of speeding.

There is one resident who still perceives that there is a problem after the good work was conducted at the start of the season.

All parties are on board to resolve this issue and the initial coning idea was abused by residents. *(TO BE REMOVED FOR NEXT MEETING)*

PC CARTER from the NPT has made contact and dates are in progress of being arranged. *(TO BE REMOVED FOR NEXT MEETING)*

Sgt McCoy to liaise outside of this meeting with STFC and SBC parking enforcement.

Cllr. Wood / Police

Priority One – ANTI SOCIAL BEHAVIOUR (ASB)

Wharf Green outside McDonald's / The Parade

The problem in this area is youth gangs and youth clashes

Wharf Green

- No new issues for the Wharf Green area over the last period.

Neither the Police nor the ASB team have any new concerns over this location. There is a blind CCTV spot and this can be looked at if there is a spike in ASB again. *(TO BE REMOVED FOR NEXT MEETING)*

Jerry Law / Police

Parade

- InSwindon have seen a spike as have the Police in ASB at this location.

InSwindon/Police and the ASB team to meet outside of tasking and ascertain the extent of the issue and possible actions

Police / InSwindon / Jerry Law

Police already have a tasker and patrol

<p><u>Eastcott</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Crombey St – inconsiderate parking in the rear alley 	<p>strategy set up. There is a mixture of old/new street drinkers and a younger ASB element.</p> <p>Mark Walkers plug and play cameras may be useful to cover blind spots.</p> <p>A visit will be made by Police and Fire to speak with the owner of Morse St garage about the parking issue.</p>	<p>Police / Fire</p>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Big Screen messaging system. 	<p>There are noise complaints from the DMJ about this and this is being assessed and addressed. <i>(TO BE REMOVED FOR NEXT MEETING)</i></p>	<p>Darren Green</p>	

<p><u>The Old Post Office / New Park area</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reports of street drinkers / drug takers and ASB 	<p>Neither the Police nor ASB officer had any evidence of a widespread issue there.</p> <p>The Police have a tasker and patrol strategy in place and options of using cameras from Zurich to evidence gather if necessary</p> <p>To monitor at this time</p>	<p>Police / Jerry Law</p>	
<p><u>Savernake Park</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reports of dogs being poisoned, odours from the graffiti wall and ASB 	<p>DW states that the ASB problem is Friday/Saturday 00.00 – 03.00hrs LM to adjust patrol strategy</p> <p>JL to incorporate this area in the next Op Staysafe</p> <p>DW to get hold of PC Marc Jackson to see if he can offer any advise about the current spate of dog poisoning and he will do a letter drop in the offending street</p> <p>The possibility of a mural is to be explored on the graffiti wall. DW will also go back</p>	<p>Police / Jerry Law / Dave Wood</p>	

	for more consultation with the community.		
<p><u>Bus Station</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> In increase in street drinkers and ASB has occurred. The street drinkers are saying they congregate there as it's warm and dry. 	<p>LM is working with JL and the ASB team to address the issues. Meetings with the Bus Station have been held and public engagement is planned and ongoing.</p> <p>This is an environmental issue mainly due to the lighting/cctv.</p> <p>JA/BW will forward this internally for support for lighting and environment change</p>	<p>Police / Jerry Law / Junab Ali / Bob Wright</p>	

**Priority Two – Environmental Issues
Across The Cluster**

DOG FOULING

- Evidence is hard to get, to secure prosecution evidence has to be beyond reasonable doubt.

- There has been no prosecution for 2 years, dog warden will enforce rules but needs to be in the right place at the right time.

 - Fouling in the town centre is random and infrequent so surveillance is not a practical remedy.

- Alignment through OneSwindon was discussed and plans to work together more closely with partnership agencies.

- Prosecution under the Fouling of Land Act would at best mean around a £25 fine. Last time it was a conditional discharge per case cost would be around. £1000 and the

The current legislation is to be enforced and a motion is to be made to council reference the matter.

JL could consider ASBO's but direct evidence is required. To tie up with dog warden reference this and consider ASBO warning letters.

The current number of dog bins and the frequency they are emptied has improved.

(TO BE REMOVED FOR NEXT MEETING)

BW/DW

<p>magistrates do not award those costs to us, as they should do.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Court users meeting forum was discussed. 			
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • More dog bins required. No funding for this. 			
<p><u>Priority Three Prostitution.</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Prostitution has come back under the NPT remit as it's a specific localised problem to this NPT. • There is support from our Senior Management Team to tackle and address prostitution • The Police are working with partner agencies to address the issues 	<p>The Police are positively arresting prostitutes and kerb crawlers</p> <p>The Police are engaging with the support agencies that work with the prostitutes to address the causes and reasons why they to this.</p> <p>There are not 13yr old prostitutes on the streets, the youngest arrested was 21 of recent enforcement.</p> <p>BW has concerns over the impact of this area of Policing and our NPT resilience and will is going to request adding another member to our NPT. The community is supportive</p>	<p>Police / BW</p>	

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Date of future meetings:

All meetings are in Committee Room 1 at the Civic Offices, Euclid Street, Swindon:

Friday 6.1.12 @2pm

Friday 2.3.12 @2.00pm

Friday 11.5.12 @ 2pm