

SWINDON TOWN CENTRE NPT TASKING MEETING

MINUTES AND LIST OF ACTIONS – 1/07/2011

PRESENT:

Mark Walker (MW), Michael Diffin (MD), Cllr. Derique Montaut (DM), Cllr. Junab Ali (JA), Cllr. Bob Wright (BW), Cllr. Stan Pajak (SP), Colin Dodson (CD), Madeline Lynch, Paul Sarahs (PS), Louis McCoy (LM), Bob Tabel (BT), Jeremy Law (JL), Kate.

APOLOGIES:

Robert Buckland, Rob Core, Nicky Sewell, Nan Baines, Russell Sharland, Rebecca Rowland, Lionel Starling, David Wood (DW), Gifty Tawiah.

MATTER DISCUSSED	ACTION	ACTION RESPONSIBILITY	DUE DATE
<u>WELCOME</u> Bob Wright (BW) welcomed attendees	Bob Wright Chaired the meeting		
<u>REVIEW OF TYPE OF MINUTES</u>	Those attending the meeting confirmed they are happy that the minutes can continue in the current format with the addition of bullet points.		

Updates From Previous Meetings

Parking issues around Shrivenham Road whilst home matches are being played. Highways will be attending a meeting with the football club to look at different alternatives and costings.

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

Meeting took place with STFC and various other stakeholders to discuss issues relating to match day parking, an agreement reached to monitor this issue at the beginning of the new football season. Agreed all partners to provide resources to help map and collate concerns. Once we have information all partners to review and agree on drafting a plan.

Cllr. Wood / Police to arrange a date

Mark Walker

Cllr. Wood / Police

<p>Priority One – ANTI SOCIAL BEHAVIOUR (ASB)</p> <p>Wharf Green outside McDonald's / The Parade</p> <p>The problem in this area is youth gangs and youth clashes</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> No new issues for the Wharf Green area over the last period. <p><u>Parade</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> No new issues reported for the last period. <p><u>Westcott Place Park</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Residents meeting 	<p>Over the past few weeks the situation has improved, no new reported issues.</p> <p>Figures to back up the effectiveness as a deterrent on the 'Pink light' or Classical music being played still being investigated. (JL)</p> <p>Monitor over school holidays</p> <p>Meeting held on 30th June, none of the invited residents attended. Agreed to deal with issues as they arise.</p> <p>No new issues to report continue to monitor.</p>	<p>Jerry Law</p> <p>Police</p> <p>Cllr. Wright</p>	
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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Big Screen messaging system. <p><u>Homeless Day Centre</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Funding has now secured for a shelter at East Street. This is currently in the development stage, and is set to help street drinkers with a long term goals. 	<p>Awaiting a response from BBC on this matter.</p> <p>Initial discussions have taken place with agent.</p>	<p>Cllr. Wright, Mark Walker</p> <p>Mark Walker</p>	
<p><u>KINGSHILL BOWOOD</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Success - no issues 	<p>To be reviewed every month</p>	<p>Police</p>	
<p><u>QUEENS PARK</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> No increase in reports to the Police. Co-op do not employ security guards 	<p>To be reviewed monthly</p>	<p>Police /JL</p>	
<p><u>Bus Station</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Reports have reduced. 	<p>Police operation remains fluid</p>	<p>Police</p>	
<p><u>LIGHTING</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> All requests for lighting the wish list, and if there is any available money, then this will be looked into. 			

SIGNAGE

- All requests to have a new sign will go on the wish list, but all signs must meet legal requirements

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Priority Two – Environmental Issues Across The Cluster

DOG FOULING

- Evidence is hard to get, to secure a 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 old 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 magistrates do not award those costs to us, as they should do.
- Court users meeting forum was discussed.

Meeting with all managers to discuss alignment against OneSwindon model.

Robert Buckland (MP) is trying to push through a lowering threshold of evidence to secure prosecution.

From that, we are looking to do a 'name and shame' in the Swindon Advertiser with the stills. That would have a major impact well beyond the town centre.

A consultation on ASB reforms has been launched. Just changing the definition of litter to include dog mess would be a huge step forward and cut out acres of red tape.

Invitation to be made to Swindon Magistrates & Clerk to highlight the issues around FPN's

Glyn Eamus (Dog Warden) to be invited to next meet.

Find out whether this still runs

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Police

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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • More dog bins required. No funding for this. 	<p>All general waste bins can be used to deposit waste which is wrapped and secured in a bag.</p>		
<p><u>FLY TIPPING</u></p> <p><u>Broad Green</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cameras have now been installed for 6 weeks. Where they have been located there has been a great reduction in fly tipping, but it still remains an issue in other areas outside coverage areas. • Cllr Montaut advised that he has met with some local resident in the Broad Green area and they are extremely concerned about the some issues in the area. <p><u>Railway Village</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Overall success is good with the new CCTV and press coverage, this has helped to reduce litter within the area 	<p>PS advised that first images caught on camera – this will be taken up.</p> <p>24 Roseberry Street rubbish in the garden still not removed. CD to chase</p> <p>Meeting with the local community to be arranged and walk around the area.</p> <p>To monitor requirements of funding stream</p>	<p>P Sarahs</p> <p>Colin Dodson</p> <p>Cllr Derique Montaut, Mark Walker Inspector Lynch</p>	

CYCLING

- Cycling on pavements has become quite an issue, around the area. New cycle paths / lanes are integrated within the new Swindon central plan. FPNs will be issued as and when necessary.

Police to monitor, and will offer advise to individuals were appropriate.

Police



Priority Three ASB in East Street, Railway Village.

- ASB and crime has seen a large increased around the area of East Street and the general Railway Village area. Issues relating to one address of multiple occupation.

Police, SBC and landlords to have a meeting with regards to this to address these concerns.

Police, Jerry Law, Elaine House and Landlords.



AOB

Turner Street

- Bathwick Tyres signage and tyre storage is causing a problem in obstructing views and making it difficult for traffic to turn around.
- The old BJS Heating building, is considered to be a fire risk as there are lots of stacked tyres all around. It is also causing a problem with the turning circle at Manor Road.
- The parking overspill from La Carbonara, this has become a problem for residents and traffic around the surround the area.
- The Swindon West End Bowls Club, had submitted a inquiry with regards to why they cannot make use of their side ground as a car park, as members of the allotment are able to drive straight up and past their building to the site.

Shrivenham Road

- A problem had developed since the cut of school bus, with parents dropping off school children in the

No complaints received to date.

Various visits business is now closing down

Cllr. Wright spoken to the owner of the restaurant. Does not want to enter into a discussion over parking arrangements, owner said car owners should be ticketed.

Discussions to see if some improvements can be made to the car parking arrangements.

Mark Walker, Cllr Bob Wright

<p>morning. As it is becoming quite a hazard.</p> <p><u>Community Issues</u></p> <p><u>Manchester Road / Broad Green</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Working groups have already started within the broad green area to build better cross cultures groups. • Issue of prostitution raised as a concern • Concern raised over the issue of alcohol related anti social behaviour. • Some concerns over the some people coming to the area and causing difficulties in the area. • Street cleaning in the Town Centre, CSP undertook survey of visitors to the Town Centre and the results showed people very happy that the town is very clean and tidy. • Cllr Wright advised that he has letters from out of Swindon it is dirty, lack of bins. • Street cleaners do a very good job in cleaning the Town Centre. • Westcott survey and meeting to involve local residents in a group, not well attended. • Update on the old post office site • ASBO on Abdi Muse various prohibitions preventing himm accessing the Broad Green area 	<p>Meeting to be arranged with the school and Cllr Bob Wright</p> <p>Meeting to be arranged with various Faith / community groups, and Cllr's,</p> <p>Police to continue to address</p> <p>Police to undertake patrols</p> <p>CEOs are having extended powers to issue FPNs for environmental crimes.</p> <p>Some works to the site over the 3 – 10 years.</p> <p>To be processed on him in the near future.</p>	<p>Cllr Bob Wright</p> <p>Cllr. Bob Wright, Mark Walker, Inspector Lynch</p> <p>Inspector Lynch.</p>	
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Date of future meetings:

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

Friday 2.9.11 @2.00pm

Friday 4.11.11 @2.00pm

Friday 6.1.12 @2pm

Friday 2.3.12 @2.00pm

Friday 11.5.12 @ 2pm