

SWINDON TOWN CENTRE NPT TASKING MEETING

MINUTES AND LIST OF ACTIONS – 25/03/2011

PRESENT:

Mark Walker (MW), Michael Diffin (MD), Derique Montaut (DM), Junab Ali (JA), Bob Wright (BW), David Wood (DW), Colin Dodson (CD), Graham Weller (GW), Jerry Law (JL), Peter Cox (PC), Mathew Randall (MR).

APOLOGIES:

Robert Buckland, Rob Core, Jennifer Laibach, Paul Saunders, Gifty Tawiah, Nan Baines, Madeline Lynch, Russell Sharland, Rebecca Rowland, Lionel Starling.

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.		
<u>Updates From Previous Meetings</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> One option is to close Shrivensham Road whilst home matches are on residents, consider purchasing cones, highways agency will consider request for road closures. 	Match days around football ground MW to discuss with Highways and invite to meeting	Mark Walker	

<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"> • People/key demographics changing, times vary in reports from 15:00 – 18:00 weekdays, 14:00 – 20:00 weekends but most issues occur on a Saturday. • December 2010 there have been 35 reported incidents with only 5 being Genuine ASB. • McDonald’s have maintained a good dialogue over the past few months. <p>Parade:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 20-30 youths daily when approached they simply move to another area, not solving the problem. <p>Westcott Place Park:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Park is having play equipment updated at Wharf green. 	<p>CCTV by Brunel security to cover Wharf Green area?</p> <p>Presence of Police patrol at the appropriate time</p> <p>A deterrent could be: ‘Pink light’ or Classical music being played. (JL)</p> <p>Monitor over school holidays</p> <p>Speak with Jackie Moyles, also Rebecca and Simon Jackson.</p>	<p>Police</p> <p>Jerry Law</p> <p>Police</p> <p>Cllr. Wright</p>	
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<p><u>Homeless Day Centre</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Street drinking at Corporation Street discussed removing the bus shelter completely but this could just move them on to another area. Increase in reports being received. 	<p>ASB increases in the summer – monitor and report what happens.</p>		
<p><u>KINGSHILL BOWOOD</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Success - no issues 			
<p><u>THAMESDOWN BUSES</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Police targeting 10 individuals for ASBO'S with strict conditions, they have been offered help, SWADS and AA with no change in behaviour. Suggestion that another approach would be to put a picture of the offenders in the advertiser. 	<p>Await outcome of operation</p>	<p>Police</p>	
<p><u>LIGHTING</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Lights are being scrapped due to concrete cancer. There is no budget available at the moment for new lighting. 	<p>Mark (MW) to meet with transport to clarify the priority of street lighting.</p>	<p>Mark Walker</p>	

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 of evidence.

From that, I am 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.

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Police

Colin Dodson

Jerry Law

FLY TIPPING

Broad Green:

- Cameras installed in Broad Green, 4 went operational yesterday and 2 going operational next week there have been no complaints regarding CCTV, all signs have been appropriately placed.

Railway village:

- Since press and mail drop no fly tipping has occurred for a month which is unusual for this area.
- Communal bins were discussed, collected frequently and already has proven to reduce fly tipping and littering in Bristol areas as well as increase recycling.

Trial being considered the use of communal bins at Railway Village to help reduce fly tipping and increase recycling rate.

Restriction on commercial use. Businesses would need to continue with their existing arrangement.

Colin Dodson

CYCLING

- Recycling fencing from other areas to cover up gaps, stopping children from entering the cycle path.

SIGNAGE

- No money available this financial year to have new signs.

Highways to consider 2011/12

Suzanne Montgomery

<p>Priority Three – SPEEDING</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Community speed watch still coming up. PC still not happy with community speed watch. Only two officers are training in using the equipment (Speed guns). Limited ability to monitor, but will have presence in area. Residents weren't happy with Police report on speeding, request to do another one avoiding rush hour time. 	<p>New time arrangements to be arranged when this would happen.</p> <p>Police happy to do with Councillor present.</p>	<p>Police</p> <p>Cllr. David Wood</p>	
<p>AOB</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Shoplifters. Can they have a civil legal process when they report criminals? One Swindon / In Swindon should all get together and process people as an organisation/co-op to cover the cost to start from the top down. 	<p>Empower the shops themselves?</p> <p>Speak to Bernie McGuire look into the difference of community property and the community land.</p>	<p>Bob Wright</p>	