



NEWPORT (Shropshire) TOWN COUNCIL

DRAFT UNTIL SIGNED AT SUBSEQUENT MEETING

MINUTES OF A MEETING
Community Safety Committee
held on
Wednesday 18th September 2019
at
The Guildhall, High Street, Newport

PRESENT: Cllrs: Nelson – Deputy Chairman
King
Fowler

IN ATTENDANCE: Sheila Atkinson – Town Clerk
Inspector Gary Wade – West Mercia Constabulary
PC Lee Thomas - West Mercia Constabulary
PCSO Andy Hudson – West Mercia Constabulary

CSC/19/19-20 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE were received from: -
Cllr Janke – work commitment
Cllr Scott – holiday
Cllr Garvey - illness

CSC/20/19-20 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST – There were no declarations of interest.

CSC/21/19-20 MINUTES

The minutes of the meeting held on 19th June 2019 were accepted as a true record and signed by the Deputy Chairman.

CSC/22/19-20 PUBLIC SESSION There being no members of the public wishing to make comment or raise questions the meeting continued.

CSC/23/19-20 Members welcomed representatives from West Mercia Constabulary.

Insp Gary Wade provided a comprehensive review of the on-going arrangements and forward planning for the adoption of Civic Parking Enforcement (CPE) by Telford & Wrekin which will come into effect on 13th January 2020. Dialogue and negotiations are also being undertaken at a senior management level between the two parties with regard to the impact on the future of the ICM model, in respect of the joint collaborative working arrangements between the SNT links and future relationships with the Borough Council and the local Town and Parishes. Continuing negotiations are also progressing as to the roll out of the Borough Wide CCTV and its implementation. The PCC's promised funding for CCTV is required to be allocated and spent by 31st March 2020. A dedicated CCTV co-ordinator has been appointed by the police and will be working closely with T&W and the Town Council. An audit of the Borough's existing cameras (which will include Newport), and their effectiveness is underway.

Members were provided with descriptive information regarding the DISC project, and the Pub Watch scheme which is an information sharing scheme under the operational control of the police, whereby publicans can register on to a web based app to share intelligence, provide data, and support each other as a prevention aid and help towards tackling crime, and a deterrent to

avert anti social behaviour. The intentions are to protect their business and livelihood and provide a service response quickly if required. The schemes success will be opened up and be expanded to include retail premises.

CSC/24/19-20 Members received verbal updates in respect of services under the operational remit of this committee:

a. Footway Lighting

- i. The lights on Water Lane have been out due to a cabling fault which is being rectified by Western Power. However, due to the current on-going development at the site of the former Royal Victoria Hotel, and the redistricted access caused from the fencing a “temporary repair” will have to be undertaken.
- ii. A report has been received regarding foliage which is obscuring the light on Princess Gardens. Enquiries as to who is responsible and whose ownership the land is with is underway. The Light is also to be checked as to if it has been upgraded to an LED.

b. Public Toilets

The replacement door to the Gents Toilet required due to vandalism is due to be installed and fitted on Saturday 28th September.

c. Speed Indicator Devices (SID’s)

- i. **Forton Road** The data from the mobile SID has resulted in identifying that there is an issue of speeding along this road, and that it will be included on the list for the use by the safety camera van when available, and will be subject to a traffic regulation order to reduce speed to 30 mph, for which the paper work and documentation is currently being sought.
- ii. A discussion ensued regarding the continued use of the mobile units along with the installation of the proposed permanent fixed SID’s with regard to the enforcement of traffic regulations, best practice for use, that it is less likely to have enforcement and the impact on community safety and traffic control choices.

d. Smart Water

Members were informed that a list of priority areas that have not as yet taken up the offer and received smart water kits would be compiled, and that following the success of the “neighbourhood” distribution at Daniels Cross an event will be held on Sunday 20th October at Stone Bridge with Cllr Nelson and the SNT mobile police station

Signed

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