

AMPTHILL COMMUNITY SAFETY GROUP

Minutes: ACSG meeting held at Waitrose Meeting Room 24 June 2014

Present: John Plummer, Tim Norman, Helen Armitage, Lloyd Hynes, Peter Downing, Ruth Redman, John Redman.

Apologies: June Hutley, Philip Whiteley, Dave Rollings.

Minutes of 13th May 2014 were approved.

Matters Arising.

Street Watch update. Barton-Le-Clay scheme is now live. There are now eleven schemes operating in Central Bedfordshire. The meetings with Northamptonshire Police and the Metropolitan Police went well. The former is looking at setting up a scheme in Kettering and the latter in an area of Havering. John has been asked to visit both locations later in the year. He briefed on the 'Cover It Live' event held at Police HQ on June 18th, and has been approached by Trading Standards to arrange a joint working partnership to tackle doorstep crime. A meeting will be held on July 14th at Chicksands.

Street Watch has been invited by Bedfordshire Police to attend a World Café Event at Police HQ on July 8th. The event is aimed at giving organisations such as Street Watch, as a key stakeholder for Bedfordshire Police, the opportunity to influence some of the critical success factors for the Force over the next 5 years.

John briefed on the Community Watch Scheme meeting at Police HQ held on June 23rd which he attended.

Willow Way signage. Lloyd has seen Peter's map and they have now drawn up proposals for signage locations. Peter has spoken to Mike Blair, who says there is now enough information for action through CBC. Lloyd expressed the group's thanks to Peter for his excellent and detailed work in preparing the map. We will check again in a month what CBC is planning.

Ongoing

Website. John Redman has updated the website which is still registered in Chris Yates' name. We need to notify the change and pay the necessary fee. There is an Ampthill based company called Boomerang who might be a suitable site host. John will discuss with them. The Redmans may shortly be moving to the Isle of Wight. So we may need to replace John as webmaster later this year.

Ongoing

Dog Fouling. CBC is currently running a survey (closing date July 28th) about new dog control orders. Lloyd has had a meeting with Stephen Summerfield about the problem on his land adjoining Willow Way. The meeting suggested Summerfield should contact Councillor Mike Blair for a site visit to explain his problems. Then ACSG could write to CBC and Aragon Housing pointing out the responsibility they share on Health and Safety issues concerning the lake and dog fouling.

Ongoing

Agenda Items.

Planning and Highways meetings - 21st May and 18th June 2014. A brief discussion took place. Minutes of May 21st meeting are on the Town Council's website.

Ongoing

Parking Strategy Report. ACSG have noted the report and welcomed Councillor Mike Blair's efforts as a first step towards resolving an ongoing issue. John P has thanked Mike for producing this report.

Ongoing

Parking on Church Street. The letter to Lloyd from Nick Chapman at Amey implies that nothing will be done to address this without more pressure. Lloyd will forward the letter to Mike Blair. For this issue to receive further consideration ACSG needs to ensure:

- a. It aligns with CBC priorities.
- b. It has wider local support.
- c. It receives the support of our CBC Councillors and the Town Council.

Action LH

(Post meeting note. Lloyd has sent an e-mail to Mike Blair and has received a holding reply)

ACSG Logo - Redborne School. Lloyd and Ruth did a power point presentation at Redborne School for the 17 year old art and design students. Students had done a week's research on the project, but were not aware of ACSG's existence beforehand or its purpose. Andy Jones is delighted with the project and the students were very supportive. This project has given them a live brief to be included in their Ofsted report, showing involvement with the community. The standard of the students' work is very high. They have until 14th July to complete the work, and will do it on an A5 card with a personal message on each. Then we select the winner. Andy Jones has requested that we advise him within a week of the successful student or students. In the second week of the Autumn term, i.e. mid September, they will set up a display of all the work. John will make the presentation to the winner, hopefully with CBC and ATC present. John will ask Joy Craven to perhaps organise a CBC photographer. ACSG will meet on July 15th to select the winning entry.

Action All

Bedfordshire Hate Crime Strategy Launch Event 20th May. John attended this excellent event and was impressed by all the speakers. It was a real eye opener, peppered with some sad stories of how people have been victims of Hate Crime. All Bedfordshire Police Inspectors are to be Hate Crime Champions. This will mean that no Hate Crime can be closed unless an Inspector signs it off. Matters will also be passed to teams to determine whether further work will be required to prevent repeat victimisation or escalation.

Closed

Time and Date of next meetings:

Tuesday 15th July 2014, Waitrose Meeting Room at 7.30pm to select winning entry for ACSG logo.

Tuesday 5th August 2014, Waitrose Meeting Room at 7pm.