

POLICE LIAISON PARTNERSHIP CONSULTATIVE MEETING BETWEEN THE FLEET TOWN COUNCIL, CHURCH CROOKHAM PARISH COUNCIL, AND PARTNERS.

Tuesday 11 December 2012, at 7 pm at the Harlington.

Present:

Cllr George Woods (Chair) – Fleet Town Councillor
Cllr Bob Schofield – Fleet Town Councillor
Cllr S Fisher- Fleet Town Council
Cllr Jenny Radley – HCC
Sgt David Hill - Fleet Police
Cllr Carol Leversha- Clerk to Crookham Village Parish Council
Nigel Pool-Churches Together
Cllr Adrian Collett-HCC(arrived at 7.30pm during item 6)
Sheila Rayner-Committee Clerk

1. APOLOGIES

Apologies were received from Cllr Forster, Cllr Parker, Cllr Gotel and Jill Graves, Cllr Wheale and Elvetham Heath Parish Council.

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST.

There were no interests declared.

3 MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

With the amendment from 'water' to 'were' at item 5, the minutes of the meeting held on 12 June 2012 were approved.

4 LOCAL POLICE REPORT

Sgt Hill reported on the following matters:

- The Police and Crime Commissioner had been elected on 15 November 2012 and the impact of any changes was awaited
- The Chief Constable of Hampshire had been appointed as Head of a School of Excellence
- An officer from the local team would be on maternity leave for a year from January 2013. As it was not the practice to back-fill these temporary vacancies the team would then comprise 1 Sgt, 3 PCs and 5 PCSOs with extra cover being provided by the Elvetham Heath Beat Officer
- The Police Station was expected to be sold in 2014 with the benefit of any planning permission that is granted. The funds obtained would be used to provide new custody provision known as Police Investigation Centres and therefore will generally be cost neutral
- Local necessary budget cuts were still to be completed
- Following the move to Aldershot/Yateley/Farnborough, there had been no impact on call-outs to emergencies with no response issues so far

- Officers were now able to work from cars with in-car technology which results in the nearest car being deployed to any incident. In this way 6-7 cars cover Hart and Rushmoor
- The priorities in Fleet were reported as:
 - Night time economy
 - Serious acquisitive crime
 - Meeting community priorities
 - During December-the drink/drive campaign
- New arrangements for the Hart Safety Team had been implemented seamlessly
- The Point was being opened more frequently with an improvement in detached patrols. Youth workers were encouraging young people to use the Point and worked with police to patrol pubs etc. Various activities including BBQs ,football and computer use had been successfully arranged.
- The numbers using Jaxx had reduced from 800 to 250. Although the Police had requested last time of entry of 1.00am the time of 1.30am had been agreed in the licence. There was also discussion about the proposed new entrance in Albert Street which had been granted planning permission. Cllr Leversha suggested that the police and local residents should be alerted when such a planning application is submitted so that local awareness can be raised.

5 POLICE AND CRIME COMMISSIONERS

Sgt Hill reported that the new P&CC had announced that the emphasis would be on front line delivery with support for uniformed work and justice for those apprehended. He is likely to be giving priority to recruiting a new Chief Constable and engaging with the communities served. He had a wealth of experience in police work as a former chairman of the Police Authority. It was understood that a survey would be undertaken by the P&CC via the Neighbourhood Watch network

6 POLICE COMMUNICATIONS

Sgt Hill reported on the range of communication vehicles including

- twitter
- police surgeries
- website
- monthly beat surgeries
- crime prevention road shows at Ancells and The Hart Centre
- Fleet Festivities-issuing armbands to children

Beat surgeries are still working but Fleet Police Station had received only about 5 visitors per day when operational

Cllr Leversha reported on arrangements in Farnborough for a neighbourhood forum every 4 months where local people are asked to identify their priorities.

Unfortunately only 30 people had attended the Fleet Neighbourhood Watch AGM

Cllr Woods undertook to arrange for beat surgery dates to be included in FTC's Town Talk

7 XMAS 2012 DRINK/DRIVING CAMPAIGN

The local campaign was led by the Chief Inspector who was committing more resources to maximising opportunities to breathalyse and with a poster campaign in pubs/Utube/Facebook. A recent hard hitting story had been highlighted in the Press. There was also the ability to anonymously text suspected drink drivers to 80999 with the vehicle registration number and location.

8 VANDALISM AT THE HARLINGTON

The break-in on 2 consecutive nights was discussed. The nuisance had possibly started building up 6 weeks ago when youths had been observed in the area. Sgt Hill requested that such incidents be reported to the police rather than staff trying to deal with the situation.. PCSOs had detained 3 youths but they had entered a building open to the public and the CCTV equipment had secured no evidence. A banning letter would be served and if it could be justified ASBOs would be issued.

9 VIEWS FROM THE PARISHES

- Cllr Leversha commented that she had found the meeting very useful. She referred to fly tipping in Church Lane which Sgt Hill undertook to look into
- Cllr Radley commented on arrangements for handing out armbands at events and Sgt Hill confirmed that this was for event organisers to manage in case the police were called away to other incidents. It was seen as a very good public relations initiative and only one child was lost for a few minutes during the event.
- There was discussion regarding parking issues at
 - The Co-op in Kings Road
 - Velmead Road (yellow lines due to be installed in April 2013)
 - School drop off points generally. Cllr Collett commented that school expansions meant that more children were arriving by car from further away

10 FUTURE AND ROLE OF THE POLICE LIAISON PARTNERSHIP

There was general agreement that the Partnership was useful. It was agreed that meetings should be held every 6 months but that the police could be contacted in between times for help, advice, support etc. Agreed that arrangements should be made for the fortnightly newsletter to be circulated to Fleet Town councillors

11 DATE OF NEXT MEETING.

Dates will be scheduled for 11 June and 10 December 2013 unless members request an urgent meeting

There being no further business the meeting closed at 8.15 pm.

CHAIRMAN :

DATE: