



Safer Neighbourhood Panel – Cannock Chase

Monday 15th May 2017

Pear Tree Room, Rugeley Community Centre, Burnthill Road, Rugeley

Attendees:

Lesley Harrison	Chair - Rugeley Resident
Gill Thomas	Panel member - Rugeley resident
Geoff Knight	Chief Inspector – Cannock LPT
Mark Ward	Inspector - Cannock LPT
Mike Tams	Panel member - Rugeley resident
Pat Tams	Panel member – Rugeley resident
Warwick Bourton	Panel member - Rugeley resident
Bryan Jones	Panel member – Hednesford resident
Bev Henderson	Panel member - Rugeley resident
Jan Matthews	Support Staffordshire Cannock Chase (minutes)

Apologies

Sue Thornley

Dave Lucas

Alan Edwards

Hannah Bladon – OPCC

Victoria Farrar - OPCC

Welcome and introductions

Bev was welcomed as a confirmed member of the panel.

Minutes from previous meeting

Minutes were agreed as correct.

Matters arising

Laura Mancicius (Supporting Schools Initiative) has been approached by Jan to attend an SNP meeting.

Mark Ward to ask Duncan Rollo to speak on Cannock Radio on behalf of the SNP. Duncan has a regular Monday slot.

KMPG – the chosen transformation model has not been publicised yet. The new Chief will share information in due course after he has started the role on 19th June 2017.

Media responses to press releases **ACTION:** Lesley to bring up at next Chairs' Forum and ask other Chairs' if they have had similar issues with local press misinterpreting information provided by LPTs

Bev is now confirmed as an Appropriate Adult.

Spit Hoods have been issued to officers and training is underway for officers in the use of these. Spit Hoods will only be used when necessary. The safety of the officers is paramount and officers are encouraged to use DEMS to demonstrate and justify use at time of incident . A question was raised around the use of Spit Hoods with people who have mental health or other issues which may affect response. **ACTION:** SNPs will be reviewing cases and viewing footage at a later date as part of their scrutiny programme

LPT Commander

Geoff Knight will be retiring from the Force in July. The panel thanked Geoff for all his support and help to the SNP and wished him well for the future. Geoff will be replaced by Sarah Wainwright. Sarah has a background in IOM in Stafford and chose the Cannock area as first preference on her application.

ACTION: Mark to invite Sarah to future meetings and to the Development Day in June

LPT Commander Update

ASB – Geoff re-capped on the Policy and Procedure recently produced and thanked the panel for their comments. Final draft has been submitted and will be published when finalised.

Incidents of 'boy racing' cars have been allayed by the LPT working with Tesco at Hednesford to disperse problem.

The new Mill Farm retail development will have an impact on LPT resources locally. The LPT will be involved in discussions with the developers. A visit has been made to Cheshire Oaks where there is a similar development to consider issues which may affect policing response at Mill Farm.

Questions and Answers

Mental Health.

Q. Could any suggestions be made in relation to scrutiny of cases involving people with Mental Health issues?

A. Discussion took place around reviewing cases involving people with Mental Health issues and how any scrutiny could be facilitated. It was suggested that the scrutiny could focus on the decision making as to who is best placed to be involved from beginning to end of an incident. Cases where mental health may be an issue often escalate if the right support is not put into

place. Frequently this may require police officers to stay with the person while 'waiting' for the correct agency/organisation to be involved. There is a document on the College of Policing website – Mental Health Cop - by Inspector Michael Brown which may be helpful for SNP members to read.

Hagley Park

Q. Residents have concerns about vandalism the area since work on flood defences has commenced. Have any police interventions taken place?

A. An ASB section 34 dispersal order has been issued. A big operation took place last weekend. LPT have been targeting the area and will have on going visits. Issues of this nature are dealt with at the 8.30 daily and the Tuesday weekly meetings.

Body worn Cameras

Q. Are BW cameras worn and recording continuously? How consistently are officers utilising BW cameras?

A. Filming begins at the officers' discretion using the guidance which is in place. Recording is mandatory in certain cases i.e. TASER and Stop & Search.

Car Crime and burglary

Q. Would you be able to give an update on the latest situation and interventions to address current issues?

A. Geoff handed out latest crime stats and noted a 12% countywide increase in crime. He explained that there has been a change in reporting categories and a 12 month reporting period will be required to compare changes. 'Burglary Dwellings' and 'Burglary Other' is changing to 'Burglary Residential' and 'Burglary Other'. It is always important to recognise that a narrative is needed alongside stats to get a true picture. Geoff talked through the stats: vehicle crime has steadied, rape figures have increased – this is due to more reports being made – most of which are historical and some go back 20 – 30 years. There have been no stranger rapes reported.

Knife Crime

Q. How prevalent are incidences of knife related crime in the LPT? Is this an issue of priority concern?

A. Knife crime is not an issue locally, 2 incidents per year. If anything is reported, schools are visited the next day.

Recruitment

Q. Has the situation regarding personnel recruitment/deployment stabilised or improved since our last meeting?

A. No change currently

Feedback on Panel activity since the last main meeting

- **Resident members sub group meeting** - 20th April 2017. The main focus of the meeting was discussion around Mental Health. Gill had done research before the meeting to aid the discussion around Terms of Reference.
- **Chair's report** Lesley verbally summarised the report, concluding that it had been a very productive year.

ACTION: Jan to distribute Chair's report to panel members

- **Reviews:** Force ASB Policy; 101 Call handling 'dip search' completed

OPCC

Junaid Gharda and Eloise Winfindale have now left the OPCC. It is uncertain about future arrangements for covering their roles. This may cause a delay in future training for panel members. Hannah Bladon (Campaigns and Public Engagement Officer) and Victoria Farrar (Performance Lead) will be attending a future meeting for each panel

Forthcoming activity and Future priorities

Mental Health: - Terms of Reference – Mental Health Working Group.

ACTION: Jan to circulate draft TOR to panel members.

ACTION: Panel members to send any comments to Lesley

ACTION: Lesley to refine TOR

Spit Hoods: Further updates re use and training arrangements for SNP members awaited

Development Day – 7th June 2017

AOB

2017 meetings:

Mon 26 Jun	2pm	Residents Interim meeting	Coniston Hall
Tue 15 Aug	7pm	Main panel meeting	Coniston Hall
Tue 26 Sep	2pm	Residents interim meeting	Coniston Hall
Wed 15 Nov	7pm	Main panel meeting	Aquarius Ballroom,
Wed 6th Dec	2pm	Residents interim meeting	Coniston Hall