

Notes of a meeting of the Chippenham Community Safety Forum (CCSF) held on Zoom, on Tuesday 14 December 2021 at 11.00am

Councillors Present:

Cllr Liz Alstrom
Wiltshire Cllr Ross Henning (Vice Chair)

Officers Present:

Matt Kirby, Director of Community Services Michael Weeks, Democratic and Civic Officer Jessica Mantel, Democratic Services Officer Daryl Jones, Head of Community Development Jacqui Gallimore, CCTV Supervisor

Others Present:

17 Community Representatives

11. WELCOME AND INTRODUCTION

The Vice Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting.

12. CHAIRS ANNOUNCEMENTS

Due to the Youth Council representatives being in attendance between school commitments, the Vice Chair announced that their agenda item would be heard first.

13. NOTES FROM PREVIOUS MEETING

The informal notes from the previous meeting were approved by those present.

14. YOUTH COUNCIL OBSERVATIONS

The Youth council highlighted that they are looking at conducting a Youth focused nighttime safety survey to obtain feedback from local young people regarding such things as how safe they feel at night in the town and where they would like to see more street lighting.

15. PURPLE FLAG ASSESSMENT FEEDBACK

Daryl Jones provided an overview of the recent purple flag assessment feedback to the group and confirmed there will be a future purple flag partners meeting to start working towards the next assessment date in June 2022.

16. CCTV UPDATE

The recently appointed CCTV Supervisor, Jacqui Gallimore introduced herself to the group. Unfortunately, due to COVID regulations and the size of the CCTV room all training for new volunteers is on hold. Future plans include reengaging with the daytime and night-time economies concerning the shop net radio system.

17. REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY UPDATE

Michael Weeks explained to the group the recent issues with cars parking in suspended parking bays in the Market place on Remembrance Sunday, which had impacted the service. Following the event and liaising with Wiltshire Council and Wiltshire Police, not only will the bays be suspended by the entrance to the car park will be roped off and Wiltshire Council will suspend the bays from the Saturday afternoon. This will allow more time for vehicle owners to be contacted if required to move their vehicles.

18. WILTSHIRE POLICE UPDATE

Sgt Brewster confirmed that had been a recent night-time economy operation to tackle anti-social behaviour in the town following an increase post lockdown. This didn't just tackle the pubs and clubs but areas such as Sadlers Mead Car Park.

There has been an increase in bike thefts and a plain clothes operation was conducted in the town. Unfortunately, no arrests were made in connection with further bike thefts but led to arrests for other matters.

Following feedback from licensed premises each Monday morning there will be an opportunity for license holders to feedback to police any issues they encountered over the course of the weekend.

Community speed watch still a priority and recent concerns regarding the A350 have been passed to the relevant policing team to look into this further.

19. FORUM MEMBERS FEEDBACK

The CBLC representative highlighted the need for a centralised database for all defibs in the town. The provision is rather disjointed at present. All information is now collated by the British Heart Foundation not the ambulance service, but some apps are out of date. It was agreed that maybe for the town this could be a project for the CBLC one Chippenham website.

The Doorway representative notified the group of the forthcoming Doorway Sleepout fundraiser taking place on the 5 February 2022, which further information to follow.

20. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next Community Safety Forum meeting will be on Tuesday 22 March 2022 at 11am at the Town Hall.

The meeting finished at 12.22pm

These notes are subject to confirmation at the next meeting.

Signed on behalf of the Town Council as a true record of the meeting.

Signature Date

