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**CHIPPENHAM
TOWN COUNCIL**

Improving the quality of town life

Minutes of a meeting of the Chippenham Community Safety Forum held on Tuesday 6 June 2023 at 11.00 am.

Councillors present:

Desna Allen (Chair)

Liz Alstrom

Officers present: Mark Smith, Chief
Jaqui Gallimore, CCTV Supervisor
Daryl Jones, Head of Community Development
Michael Weeks, Democratic and Civic Officer

1 WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS

The Chair welcomed everyone to the Community Safety Forum.

There were representatives from the following organisations:

Chippenham Community Hub
Doorway
Wiltshire Police Cadets
Wiltshire Bobby Van Trust
Wiltshire Police
Chippenham Borough Lands Trust
Wiltshire College

2 APOLOGIES

Apologies were received from the following organisations:

Wiltshire Council Licensing
The PCC
The MP
Wiltshire Crime Stoppers
Dorset and Wiltshire Fire and Rescue
SSAFA
Aster Housing

3 CHAIR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

There were no Chair's announcements.

4 NOTES FROM PREVIOUS MEETING

The notes from the previous meeting were agreed as a correct record.

5 **WILTSHIRE POLICE UPDATE**

Sgt Mike Tripp from Wiltshire Police provided an update.

Team now at full capacity in Chippenham with 2 Sgts, 3 PCs and 4 PCSOs.

Since 2022 they have seen an overall decrease in reported crimes which is linked to proactive policing.

The team have also been busy attending a number of events, providing talks at schools, undertaking pub licensing checks, speed checks amongst a range of engagement activities.

6 **ELECTION OF VICE CHAIR**

Councillor Ross Henning was proposed by Sandie Webb and seconded by Councillor Desna Allen.

With no other nominations Councillor Ross Henning was elected Vice Chair for the municipal year 2023/24.

7 **NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH**

Chairman of North Wiltshire Neighbourhood Watch Paul Summers provided an overview of Neighbourhood Watch.

Residents are now more than likely to be the victim of cyber fraud now than traditional personal crime at home but Neighbourhood Watch is still a proactive organisation with over 500 schemes in Wiltshire and Swindon.

The schemes encourage residents to report suspicious behaviour to the police and to look out for neighbours / local community.

They meet monthly with representatives from Wiltshire Police.

8 **CCTV FEEDBACK**

Jacqui Gallimore the CCTV supervisor provided an overall update of a number of successes of the CCTV system within the town.

Group members were also provided with pictures of certain cameras across the town to show how clear images are.

While there are still a number of blind spots across the town a further 4 cameras will be coming online soon at the cemetery to protect Town Council property and to monitor anti social behaviour at the site.

9 **PURPLE FLAG**

Daryl Jones, Head of Community Development at Chippenham Town Council confirmed that she was currently working on the resubmission document for purple flag accreditation. The night time economy in Chippenham has changed considerably but will be concentrating on the recent investment by the Town Council in local amenities and new local businesses that have opened with new offerings.

10 **FORUM MEMBERS FEEDBACK**

Wiltshire Police Cadets

Been busy recruiting and assisting at events across the area. Recently cadets assisting Wiltshire Police with shop checks, attempting to purchase age restricted products such as knives and cigarettes.

Doorway

Land just north of Baydons Lane will become a community garden space giving guests of doorway the opportunity to get involved in an outdoor project.

Community Hub

Recently applied for a PCC grant which will go towards assisting residents who have been the victims of fraud.

11 **DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING**

The next Chippenham Community Safety Forum will take place on Friday the 6th of October 2023.

The meeting concluded at 12.29 pm

These minutes are subject to confirmation at the next meeting.

Signed on behalf of Committee as a true record of the meeting.

Chairman:

Date:

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