

CANNOCK CHASE COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE
COMMUNITY SAFETY SCRUTINY COMMITTEE
HELD ON THURSDAY 14 APRIL AT 4.00 P.M.
IN THE CIVIC CENTRE, BEECROFT ROAD, CANNOCK

PART 1

PRESENT:

Councillors

Dudson, Miss M.J. (Chairman)

Gamble, B. (Vice-Chairman)

Cartwright Mrs. S.M. (substitute) Stretton, Mrs. P.Z.

Kraujalis, J.T. Sutherland, M.

Lea, C.I. Witton, P.T.

Pearson, A.

21. Apologies

Apologies for absence were submitted for Councillors A. Dean, D. Foley, P.A. Snape and C. Bennett, Crime & Partnerships Portfolio Leader (observer).

Councillor Mrs. S.M. Cartwright was in attendance as substitute for Councillor D. Foley.

22. Declarations of Interests of Members in Contracts and Other Matters and Restrictions on Voting by Members and Party Whip Declarations

No declarations of interests or party whip declarations were received.

23. Minutes

Minute No. 17 – Staffordshire Police Transformation Project Update

A Member commented that information was still awaited from the Police about the differences between the roles and responsibilities of PCs and PCSOs. The Head of Environmental Health responded that he would chase this matter with the Chief Inspector of Cannock Police and have the information circulated to all Members of the Committee when available.

RESOLVED:

That the Minutes of the meeting held on 9 March 2016 be approved as a correct record and signed.

24. End of Year Review

Members received a short document circulated at the start of the meeting about the Committee's work during 2015/16, and considered the following points raised in the document:

Summary of Meetings

- 15th September 2015:

- i) Scope and functions of the committee.
- ii) Work Programme 2015/16:
 - Staffordshire Police Transformation Project.
 - New ASB legislation and powers.
 - The Staffordshire Victim Gateway service.

- 16th November 2015:

Briefing session on the Staffordshire police Transformation project and the Staffordshire Victim Gateway service.

- 3rd December 2015:

- i) Quarter 1 and 2 Cleaner and Safer Environments PDC performance report;
- ii) New ASB legislation and powers – presentation by the, Environmental Protection Manager;
- iii) Member feedback from briefing session on the Staffordshire Police Transformation project and the Staffordshire Victim Gateway service on 16th November;
- iv) Work Programme discussion.

- 9th March 2016:

- i) Child Sexual Exploitation – presentation from Matthew Ellis, Staffordshire Police and Crime Commissioner;
- ii) Staffordshire police Transformation Project – update from Chief Inspector Geoff Knight and Inspector Simon Brownsword of Cannock Chase Local Policing Team;
- iii) Quarter 3 Cleaner and Safer Environments PDC performance report.

What went well?

- Plenty of information on the range of subject areas listed above;
- Appropriate and knowledgeable speakers;
- Met the Work Programme target/scope as set out.

What could the Committee done better?

- Discussed how Members can transfer what they have learnt into their wards (residents associations, neighbourhood watch areas) or within the Council.

What had Members gained from the process?

- More in depth knowledge of the work programme items and also rolled out 'Prevent training' to all Elected members which was scheduled to take place late April.

What might the Committee take forward into next years meeting cycle?

- Were there any subjects the Committee looked at (or not looked at) that would be worth looking at in more detail;
- Child Sexual Exploitation and the Police Transformation project were ongoing issues that should be kept on the work programme.

What information should Members be provided with for the first committee meeting in next municipal year?

- District Crime Profile and other relevant supporting information;
- Draft Cleaner and Safer Environments Priority Delivery Plan.

A Member also requested that a briefing be provided on the Neighbourhood Watch scheme as there appeared to be an inconsistent approach with how it operated across the District, and Members were keen to know what arrangements were in place locally and how the Police supported the scheme.

Members were agreement with the points covered, and resolved that the following items be proposed for inclusion on the Committee's work programme for 2016/17:

- (A) Child Sexual Exploitation (CSE) update;
- (B) Staffordshire Police Transformation Project update;
- (C) Staffordshire Victim Gateway service update;
- (D) Neighbourhood Watch scheme overview;
- (E) Regular updates on District Crime Profile and other supporting information;
- (F) Draft Cleaner and Safer Environments Priority Delivery Plan (Community Safety element only).

The meeting closed at 4:20pm

CHAIRMAN