

Police Partnership Panel Meeting

Monday 13 June 2022 at 10.30am

Notes

1. Present

Cllrs Aldcroft, Allen, T. Beckett, Erwin, Nellins & Whittle

Inspector Greenaway & Sue Thomas.

The new members of the group introduced themselves.

2. Disclosure of Pecuniary Interests

None were disclosed.

3. Confidentiality Agreement

New members signed the confidentiality agreement.

4. Update from Local Policing Team

Inspector Greenaway introduced herself and provided an update on crime in the area.

She said the policing panel is working well, the police value the support of the council.

There continues to be drug addicts in the town, work is being done to stop drugs being brought into town from neighbouring counties. She said there have been some drug related arrests in and around the area that has reduced the amount of drugs available locally; some of the arrests have been from stop and searches carried out.

There have been improvements in digital media responses which has resulted in information from seized phones being available quicker, this helps identify others involved in crime and to build a picture of what is happening in the area.

The Police use social media sites to gain local information; members of the public should not use social media sites to share details of incidents as this can cause problems due to identification procedures.

Pictures can be taken of anyone in a public area if you think they are doing something suspicious, details should be shared with the police.

A recruitment drive for Specials Constables will be advertised soon; the recent priority has been to train and recruit full-time officers.

The Market Drayton Police Station does not meet PACE standards, therefore cannot be used for custody purposes.

Due to an increase in boats along the canal the area will be included in the response plan for the summer.

An issue of motorbikes riding on the canal path was also raised.

5. Priorities

To consider updates and actions against the agreed priorities.

- Domestic Violence (DV).

When a DV perpetrator is due to be released from prison, the victims of the abuse are assigned a dedicated team to support them, they are also given a monitoring alarm.

The Town Council becoming a Safe Places was considered, as Boots is a safe Place this was not progressed.

The DV Risk Management Plans in town are currently low. The Inspector said that domestic violence is not always violent, the coercive behaviour is less noticeable and is under reported.

Work is being carried out in schools to support children living in DV households.

- Drugs and ASB in Public Places

Town park - the individuals causing the ASB were identified, and letters sent to parents. The issue has quietened down as a result.

A response plan has been produced covering the play areas and green spaces over the summer period to reduce ASB; walkmill meadows will be included in the plan.

Night-time economy manages itself well. Generally, less issues across North Shropshire due to intervention by Licencing and LPT.

- County Lines and Support for Children

Officer working closely with local secondary school. A lot of county lines work is being undertaken.

6. Town Walkabouts

Local businesses have been contacted about installing/repairing lights outside their buildings. The response has not been very positive.

Inspector Greenaway to write a letter of support to the Town Council for the lights to be installed/repared as part of the VAWG scheme (Violence against Women and young girls)

6. Next Steps/AOB

Smartwater – to explore the possibility of providing Smartwater for the Town.

Emergency Planning – to consider communications/action to support emergencies. Cllr Aldcroft is the Emergency Planning contact for the Town.

Funding is being made available for religious establishments that have been subject to hate crime – more details to be shared by Inspector Greenaway.

CCTV cameras at Ternhill – cameras with numberplate recognition should be installed at the Ternhill Roundabout to capture travelling criminals. Mark to raise at NALC with Helen Morgan.

Travellers – It is anticipated that travellers will in the area soon. Despite the assurance from Shropshire Council that barriers will be installed on Towers Lawn Carpark there has been action to date. Claire to send an email supporting the installation of barriers on Towers Lawn car parks.

Next Meeting to be held in approximately 6 weeks.