

**SOUTH AREA POLICE AND  
COMMUNITY SAFETY  
CONSULTATIVE FORUM**  
in  
**Jutland Road Community Centre,  
Jutland Road, Hartlepool**  
on  
**Friday 29 January 2010**  
**commencing at 10.00 am**

**A G E N D A**

1. Apologies for absence
2. MINUTES
  - (a) To confirm the minutes of the meeting held on 13 November 2009
  - (b) Matters arising.
3. Update from the Police
  - (a) Reducing Reoffending Team
4. Update from the Fire Brigade
5. Anti-Social Behaviour Unit Update
  - (a) Safe in Tees Valley Assertive Outreach Service
6. Crime and Disorder Co-ordination Update
7. Public Question Time
8. Any issues to be raised by Councillors and Resident Representatives
9. Any Other Business Agreed by the Chair

**WARDS**

Fens  
Greatham  
Owton  
Rossmere  
Seaton

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**13 November 2009**

***MINUTES OF THE MEETING***



The meeting commenced at 10.00 am at Jutland Road Community Centre, Jutland Road, Hartlepool

**PRESENT:**

Chair: Councillor Ann Marshall - Rossmere Ward

Vice Chair: Resident Representative Iris Ryder

Councillor Steve Gibbon	- Fens Ward
Councillor Cath Hill	- Seaton Ward
Councillor Alison Lilley	- Fens Ward
Councillor Geoff Lilley	- Greatham Ward

Resident Representatives: Rosemarie Kennedy,

Residents: Donna Hotham, H Oxley

**Council Officers:**

Dave Frame, Neighbourhood Manager (South)  
Sue McBride, Neighbourhood Development Officer (South)  
Julie Hetherington, Community Safety Assistant  
Sarah Bird, Democratic Services Officer

Police Officers: Temporary Chief Inspector Mick Brown, Temporary Inspector Peter Howarth, PC Chris Bryan

Cleveland Criminal Justice Board: Kate Campbell

Cleveland Fire Brigade: Peter Bradley

Housing Hartlepool: Libby Griffiths and Linda Smith

**11. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies had been received from  
Councillor Christopher Akers Belcher,

Councillor Marjorie James and Resident Representative Ray Harriman.

**12. TO CONFIRM THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 7 AUGUST 2009**

The minutes were agreed as an accurate account.

**13. MATTERS ARISING**

**Brierton Lane Coping Stones** – The Neighbourhood Manager advised the meeting that this was being dealt with.

**Lighting on Seaton Carew Sea Front** – The Neighbourhood Manager stated that this had been rectified.

**14. UPDATE FROM THE POLICE**

Temporary Chief Inspector Brown updated the Forum on Force-wide performance in October 2009 which was all showing a downward trend apart from drugs activity which was up. This however was a positive step. The trends in Hartlepool showed similar trends apart from Violent Crime which was up and to which he attributed to the effects of alcohol and the night time economy in the town centre. Various recent Operations were highlighted including Operation Pledge and Staysafe. Outcomes on issues raised at the last forum were outlined. Councillor G Lilley commented on recent information that trends in the Hartlepool night time economy showed that incidents continued well into the early hours of the morning. Chief Inspector Brown said that policing activity was planned to cover these trends but was holding licensees and door staff to account.

He informed the Forum of recent staffing changes in the District and also commented that because of concerns

about drug activity, increased resources had been targeted into this.

Performance in the South area was outlined comparative to the previous 3 months.

Councillor Alison Lilley commented favourably on the provision of a disabled bay in the shops area. It was clarified that enforcement for non disabled vehicles was the responsibility of the Local Authority enforcement officers but if it was an obstruction issue, then it was the responsibility of the police. However, warnings would be given initially, leading to enforcement action on persistent offenders.

Resident Donna Hotham expressed appreciation of the local Police Community Support Officers (PCSOs). The Neighbourhood Manager (South) confirmed that there was much Partnership work between Police, the Local Authority and Housing Hartlepool. Chief Inspector Brown confirmed that Sergeant Sah who was based at Jutland Road was to arrange a meeting to introduce Police Officers to Members.

Chief Inspector Brown reminded the Forum that the Joint Action Group met monthly. There were also visual audits for each wards with three issues identified as priorities at each meeting.. Councillor Gibbon thanked the Community Safety Assistant for circulating the dates of the visual audits.

Councillor Alison Lilley commented that she thought that PCSOs should be given more powers in Cleveland, as in other Police Authorities and was informed that this had been considered in the past by the Chief Constable.

The Chair thanked Chief Inspector Brown for his presentation.

### 15. UPDATE FROM THE FIRE BRIGADE

The Community Liaison Officer, Peter Bradley provided figures relating to the numbers of Fires dealt with by the Fire Brigade. It was noted that figures were reducing year by year and this was attributed to the Hartlepool Arson Reduction Team who carried out audits and identified any fly tipping or waste which had the potential to be set alight. Community Teams visited to schools to educate young people on the danger of fires. Work was done with PCSOs and intervention teams to work with young people regarding fire safety.

A large number of home safety visits had also been carried out and there were good working partnerships with the Police, Housing Hartlepool and the Local Authority.

Councillor Ann Marshall asked whether there was a log of false calls made to the fire service and was informed that these would be detailed on the brigade's IT system.

Councillor Ann Marshall asked whether there were any areas of the town which had not taken up the free home safety visits and was informed that there was a good take up right across the town, although some people were reluctant to let Officers into their home.

Councillor Ann Marshall mentioned the high frequency of visits to the Newhome Court sheltered housing complex and was informed that if there were a lot of unwarranted calls to premises then the alarm system would be investigated by a fire engineer.

Councillor Geoff Lilley queried what interim arrangements had been made whilst the new Fire Station at Stranton

was being built and was informed that services would continue as normal with temporary accommodation being provided at the site. The new footprint of the building would be slightly bigger than the original.

Councillor Geoff Lilley raised the loss of a Hartlepool appliance to Billingham and asked that any future consultations on similar issues be brought to the Neighbourhood Consultative Forums. The Community Liaison Officer said that no actual decision had been made as yet because there was still ongoing consultation between management and unions. He agreed to provide an update at a future forum after consulting with Brigade management.

### 16. ANTI-SOCIAL BEHAVIOUR UNIT UPDATE

Housing Hartlepool's Tenancy Enforcement Manager gave details of Partnership working between the Anti-Social Behaviour Unit (ASBU) and Housing Hartlepool's Tenancy Relations and Enforcement Team (TRET) especially in relation to the Good Tenant Scheme. She highlighted categories of the Pride in Hartlepool Awards and asked those present to nominate individuals or groups for these.

Details of AS13 forms which had been issued were broken down by Ward relating to areas such as the Fens shops, Seaton Carew front, Rossmere Park and St Patrick's shops.

There had been an increase in the take up of parenting courses and all secondary schools now had Team Around the Secondary Schools (TASS) in place. The TRET worked with parents of children who had been involved in alcohol related incidents.

Councillor Alison Lilley queried the number of alcohol related incidents as she thought that they would have been fewer because of poor weather in the summer. Chief Inspector Brown informed the meeting of Operation Sunshine which was an initiative to challenge Anti-Social Behaviour and street drinking.

Actions taken by the Team were highlighted and the Tenancy Enforcement Manager said that if anyone wanted details of enforcement action on a ward by ward basis, she was happy to supply them.

Councillor Geoff Lilley asked how Housing Hartlepool had coped with problem tenants who had moved to other areas of the town. The Tenancy Enforcement Manager said that tenants were offered advice and support although enforcement measures would be taken if tenants breached rules. However, there was no support currently available to tenants of private landlords.

#### **17. CRIME AND DISORDER CO-ORDINATION UPDATE**

Project Co-ordinator of the Cleveland Criminal Justice Board, Kate Campbell, provided a brief overview of the Board's work. This is an executive decision-making body comprising representatives from the Police, Probation Service, Crown Prosecution Service, Courts and Youth Offending, which meets on a monthly basis and has the authority to commit resources to achieve targets. One recent achievement was the implementation of the Community Cashback Scheme whereby received criminal assets were redistributed to community projects. Further information was available via the website

<http://lcjb.cjsonline.gov.uk/Cleveland/home.html>

Councillor Geoff Lilley expressed concern that many cases were not progressed by Crown Prosecution Service (CPS). The Project Co-ordinator said that if there was a particular issue relating to Cleveland, it would be discussed by the members of the Board. Chief Inspector Brown said that to try to overcome the problem of cases not being progressed by the CPS, the Police were ensuring that evidence was presented correctly by taking advice from the CPS representative at the Police Office prior to submission. He added that each file should contain a community justice impact statement which was a profile of a particular ward outlining demographics and problems associated with that ward so that magistrates would be aware of how the offence affected people in that area. There was also an opportunity for witnesses and victims to include a personal statement on how the crime had affected them personally.

Resident Representative Iris Ryder referred to the booklet Code of Practice for Victims of Crime – A Guide for Victims and Chief Inspector Brown confirmed that this was offered to all victims

Councillor Alison Lilley asked whether the Criminal Justice Board would be involved if suspects committed further crime whilst on bail and was informed that initially a court representative would be involved before it was brought to the CJB.

Councillor Cath Hill commented that it was important to remember that the Police were not judge and jury.

#### **8. PUBLIC QUESTION TIME**

None.

<b>9. ANY ISSUES TO BE RAISED BY COUNCILLORS AND RESIDENT REPRESENTATIVES</b>
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**Nuclear Power Station** – Councillor Geoff Lilley commented that there had only been 1 day notice given of the consultation on the proposed Nuclear Power Station and he felt that more notice should have been given.

**Rossmere Way** – Resident Representative Rosemarie Kennedy said that there were ongoing problems with speeding traffic in Rossmere Way. She asked that bollards which were near to the shop could be extended towards Ardrossan Road to prevent drivers parking their vehicles and obstructing the view of other motorists. The Neighbourhood Manager suggested that traffic problems were currently short term due to building work in the area. The Chief Inspector said that a recent traffic survey had found that traffic generally kept to the speed limit. Councillor Ann Marshall suggested that there should be more disabled parking in the area.

**Rossmere/Brierton Lane** – Councillor Ann Marshall referred to speeding traffic in this area and was informed that a survey had shown that it was not a widespread problem. However, the Chief Inspector said that the Police Road Traffic Department would continue to watch the area.

**Brierton Lane** – Councillor Ann Marshall referred to incidents of a motorcyclist travelling at speed in the early hours of the morning. The Neighbourhood Manager said that this issue would be difficult to address unless specific dates times could be provided or registration numbers given.

**Traffic Surveys** – Councillor Alison Lilley asked that care be taken that when speed surveys were carried out, it should be at

an appropriate time of day. The Neighbourhood Manager said that this was always taken into consideration.

**Contact Details** – Resident Representative Iris Ryder reported an incident where a member of the public had been directed from the police station to various Council Departments before reaching the correct place. Chief Inspector Brown agreed to ensure that Officer contact details were available on the Police website and any leaflets that were produced. The Community Safety Assistant confirmed that she had details of relevant Local Authority Officers and would exchange details with Neighbourhood Manager.

**Elmtree Park** – The Neighbourhood Manager informed the meeting that the Elmtree Park Residents' Association had raised £2,000 towards upgrading the CCTV system and had also received funding from the Joint Action Group (JAG).

**Venues** – Councillor Geoff Lilley asked that other community buildings be considered for future meetings. The Chair and Neighbourhood Manager said that this was being looked into presently.

The meeting concluded at 11.50 am.