

## **FILEY COMMUNITY AND POLICE GROUP REPORT**

**TITLE OF GROUP:** Filey CAP Group

**DATE OF MEETING:** 21 November 2018

**VENUE:** Council Offices, 52A Queen Street, Filey

### **REPORT OF MEETING:**

#### **PRESENT**

##### **Members who signed the attendance Proforma:**

Cllr Sam Cross (Chairman), John Casey (Vice-Chairman), Chief Constable of NYP Lisa Winward, Sgt Vicky Mason (NYP), Cllr J Meek (FTC), Chris Gosling, N Rickwood, Dawn and Barry Etchell, Wendy and Phil Eastell, Gerald Ingham, Cllr Peter Southward (Cayton PC), John Sharp, Cllr Lesley Paddock (Reighton and Speeton PC), Mel Playforth, Cllr Peter Green (Folkton PC), Neil Kempson, R Fowle, I Johnson, D Platts and Sharon Pogson (Clerk)

#### **APOLOGIES**

Isobel Martin, Aileen Newbury and Cllr Marilyn Anthony (FTC)

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting.

#### **REPORT OF LAST MEETING**

The report of the meeting held on 18 July 2018 was accepted as a true record of the proceedings.

#### **MATTERS ARISING FROM THE REPORT**

There were no matters arising from the report

#### **SPEAKER – SANDRA REES, COMMUNITY SAFETY AND SAFEGUARDING MANAGER**

Sandra, who is employed by Scarborough Borough Council and based at the Town Hall, gave an update of the work carried out by the Community Impact Team (CIT) who work alongside partners to help prevent crime, deal with Anti-Social Behaviour and vulnerability in the area. Weekly meetings are held for the outer areas (Filey/Hunmanby/Eastfield) with a multi-agency tasking team consisting of the Police, Fire Brigade, Housing Associations and other agencies. Action plans are made, with the lead agencies identified to address the issues. The team deal with neighbour disputes, crimes involving drugs and cross border crime on a daily basis and rely on the public for information so that an issue can be dealt with. In addition, the team organise counter terrorism events in the area to raise awareness and liaise on a regular basis with the Holiday Parks regarding any issues of concern. Sandra invited members of the group to ask any questions, some of which included:

A member mentioned that there is an ongoing problem with drug users at a property in Hunmanby. Sgt Mason responded that she was aware of the problem and would arrange for a further meeting to be held between the Police, the resident and Sandra.

A resident of Filey had recently reported on 101 that youths had caused damage to the Scout Hut in Filey and had captured a CCTV image of the culprit but had at the present time not had a response. Sgt Mason responded that if the resident left contact details at the end of the meeting then she would chase this up.

A further resident mentioned that the roof of the Scout Hut had partly fallen in and was now left in a dangerous condition. The Chairman responded that the property belonged to Scarborough Borough Council who did check every week for damage. Sandra will mention this to the asset management section on her return to work.

### **POLICE REPORT/CRIME FIGURES**

Sgt Mason advised the group that unfortunately due to an upgrade in the intranet systems it was not possible to produce the usual figures for the report. Sgt Mason read the Police report circulated at the meeting.

A new initiative called Project Servator was introduced by North Yorkshire Police in April this year which deploys teams of Officers unpredictably to deter, detect and disrupt criminal and terrorist activity in crowded places. Members of the public can help support Project Servator by reporting anything which may seem suspicious or that doesn't feel right.

Police surgeries are to be held between 10.00 am and 12 noon on:

24 November at Hunmanby

30 November at Reighton

8 December at Hunmanby

Although a bid to the Police and Crime Commissioners Community Fund was rejected because CCTV is not part of their funding criteria, the Police are still working with the Borough Council to find an alternative way of financing the installation of a CCTV at Hunmanby.

The Chairman thanked Sgt Mason for her report and invited members to ask any questions, some of which included:

A member commented that Anti-Social Behaviour (ASB) of 12 – 16 year olds is quite a problem in Filey and is regularly occurring. Although this had been reported on the 101 telephone number, the situation had not improved and there is concern that if this is not dealt with then it may escalate into criminal behaviour. Sgt Mason responded that the Police do engage with the youths who tend to move around in large groups and can be noisy. The member responded that it wasn't just the noise that was an issue, they were causing damage to property. The Chairman commented that if funds were made available from the Proceeds of Crime fund then better facilities for teenagers could be created. Sgt Mason mentioned that the Police were exploring the idea of providing Wi-Fi access at the M.U.G.G.A but that this needs financial assistance. Sandra mentioned that there is up to £20,000 available to community groups from the Police and Crime Commissioners fund.

A member raised the question of bullying of school children occurring on transport to and from school and asked what could be done about this. Sgt Mason mentioned that workshops regarding bullying had been held in school but the bullying on transport to/from school was the responsibility of the school and that if it became a serious offence then the Police would help deal with this.

### **CHIEF CONSTABLE OF NORTH YORKSHIRE POLICE**

The Chairman introduced The Chief Constable, Lisa Winward, who gave a brief summary of her career in the Police force. The Chief Constable informed the group that North Yorkshire consists of a huge geographical area to serve and this can only be achieved with joint endeavours working with multi agencies/neighbourhood involvement/schools and the Council. There are 20,000 less Police nationally than 10 years ago (equivalent to 12 Police forces) but the retention of Police in North Yorkshire has been quite good compared to other areas. The recently appointed Chief Constable has read about members of the public receiving a poor service but her aim is to put that right and is passionate about delivering the service members of the public want. The Chief

Constable informed the group that North Yorkshire was one of the safest County's in the Country, but it only matters if you feel safe. The core job is to deliver the best possible service and to prevent anyone from being a victim, the Police can only do this with neighbourhood involvement.

The Chief Constable invited questions, some of which included:

Cllr Meek asked if the 101 telephone number was fit for purpose. The Chief Constable responded that 101 is a national non-emergency number introduced across Britain in 2011 and 2012 as part of an initiative led by the former Labour government. It was designed to reduce the number of 999 calls by diverting non-urgent calls away from the main control room. Calls to the Police have significantly gone up and £3 million is to be invested to improve the service.

A member enquired about the powers that PCSO's have. The Chief Constable replied that this is currently being reviewed but that they have more than a member of public but not as much as a Police Officer. They can detain, if safe to do so, for up to 30 minutes before handing over to a PC.

A member enquired about the numbers of staff in the North Yorkshire Police Force. The Chief Constable responded that there are 1,400 Police Officers, 200 PCSO's, 180 Special Constables and 1,000 Police Staff. No further funds are likely from the Treasury next year for Policing in North Yorkshire so is hoping to keep the numbers stable and looking at ways to operate which will help keep front line staff eg, collaborate with other forces regarding cyber crime and fire arms.

The Chairman thanked the Chief Constable for attending the meeting and reminded members that if they had any concerns or intelligence to pass on then please let the Police know.

#### **ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

There were no further issues.

#### **DATE AND TIME OF THE NEXT MEETING**

The next meeting is to be held on Wednesday, **20 March 2019** at 7.00 pm in the Council Chamber, Council Offices, 52a Queen Street, Filey.

Cllr Sam Cross  
Chairman