

Notes on NAP Meeting for Great Baddow & Galleywood held in the Millennium Centre, Great Baddow, at 7.30 pm on Wednesday 1st April 2015

Present: Richard Beck (Chairman), Dan Glading, Maureen Miller, Trevor Miller, Chris Shaw, Andrew Sosin, David Stevenson, Bob Clarke, Bob Hendrie, Kim Kounnas.

1. Apologies: Mike Humphrey, Jenny Chandler.

2. Minutes of the meeting on 21st January 2015 were agreed.

Matters arising.

1. Electronic speed check indicator – Adam Pipe has told Bob Clarke that he should contact Andrew Harris at ECC Highways for further details about acquiring one.
2. Speed checks – Bob Clarke had received some information the previous day from Adam Pipe; checks had been carried out recently in Baddow Road and Beehive Lane and from April 1st there was going to be an additional presence on the A12 between Howe Green and Witham during morning and evening peak periods to improve driving behaviour, respond to peak time incidents etc. Bob also reported that some information about speed checks was now on a different website (www.drivingcasualtiesdown.org).
3. Advertising on van at entrance to Sandford Mill Lane – no further information had been received from Jenny Chandler on any possible action.

3. Youth Facility

Mike Humphrey was unable to attend, but his colleague Kim Kounnas attended on behalf of the drop-in centre. Mike had emailed a full report for the Spring Term 2015 to Richard and some NAP members and this would be forwarded to other members together with the minutes of the meeting.

Andrew Sosin raised the issue of drugs, which had previously been reported to the police as a concern by Mike; he had reported potential youth build up with intent to supply to other youths, including in the Vineyards area. Andrew had been told of possible problems in Baddow Hall Park near the BMX track. Kim reported on workshops on drug abuse that have been run at the drop-in and said that the majority of users at the drop-in get supplies from town. She noted that dealers were tending to use young people as suppliers who were below the age when there would be serious legal consequences if caught.

Kim reported that there was now a new CEO, Andy Drake, who was in charge of both Chelmsford and Colchester YMCAs. He has visited the drop-in centre. The young people at the centre were also working on action plans and were having a stall in High Chelmer.

4. Highways and Traffic Problems

1. Andrew Sosin reported that the Parish Council had received further complaints about speeding in Church Street.
2. Comments were made about the layout of the new traffic lanes for inbound traffic at the Army and Navy.

5. Current Community Police Status

No report had been received from the police.

Chris Shaw queried the number of local PCSOs. The website lists three PCSOs for Great Baddow and Galleywood. These are Jennifer Willsher, who we believe covers Great Baddow, although the website does not indicate her area, and Trevor Cotton and Danielle Rushton-Hickman, both of whom say they are the dedicated PCSO for Galleywood. Members wondered if Trevor Cotton has replaced Danielle Rushton-Hickman or if both are part-time, but if not, would like to query why Galleywood has two PCSOs when Great Baddow only has one.

Street meetings were still taking place, but all those currently advertised on the website were during the working day on weekdays, which limited access to them. One Local Community Meeting is currently advertised for Baddow and Galleywood; this is on a Saturday morning for one hour in Writtle Library and it is not clear whether this is intended to be for the whole of the Chelmsford area.

6. Policing Incidents and Issues.

1. Andrew Sosin had asked whether there had been recent burglaries in Vicarage Lane. Brenda Cross has told Dan Glading that there was no record of any Vicarage Lane burglaries in March, but members felt it was possible that these had occurred earlier than March.

2. David Stevenson reported two incidents last week in Galleywood, one of a car being stolen and one of a car being vandalised.

3. Bob Hendrie reported that the drugs issue was resurfacing in Meadgate with new people in the age group of around 16 supplying openly from bikes. This is normally in the service yard opposite the shops. Members would like to know what has happened to the people previously arrested.

4. Kim Kounnas reported that there was an issue with one boy at the drop-in who steals bikes and openly tells people about this. The police are fully aware.

5. Richard had drafted a letter to the Chief Constable and the Police Commissioner about the deterioration in contact with the police for local people. A few amendments were agreed, including adding a question about the response to street meetings (e.g. numbers talking to PCSOs, types of problems raised). Members wanted to ask if these were an efficient use of time and thought that at least a street meeting could be substituted with attendance at a NAP meeting in the week when these were held. It was agreed that the letter should be copied to Simon Burns, although noting that due to the dissolution of Parliament he was not currently an MP.

7. Priorities

It was agreed that these would remain as before:

1. Drugs in the western part of Great Baddow;
2. Speeding, especially in Galleywood Road, Beehive Lane (including the section near Slades Lane), Barnard Road (particularly outside schools), Baddow Road, Church Street, Maldon Road, Longmead Avenue.

8. Any other business

1. There had been an exchange of emails about monitoring of CCTV in Meadgate between Andrew Sosin, Bob Clarke (NAP members) and Gary Bellamy and Terri Cochrane (CHP). It was agreed that we should send the minutes of this meeting to Terri Cochrane and invite her or a representative to attend the next meeting. It appears that CHP would have to pay a service charge to CCC to monitor the CCTV and members wanted this to be checked. They also wanted to know if CCC charged to monitor CCTV in the Vineyards. Richard Beck would liaise with Bob Clarke and ask about this.

2. It was noted that there was to be a Community Day of Action in Meadgate on Friday 17th April. The police would be taking part.

9. Date of next meeting

7.30 pm, Wednesday 17th June 2015.

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