

Notes on NAP Meeting for Great Baddow & Galleywood held in the Millennium Centre, Great Baddow, at 7.30 pm on Wednesday 3rd August 2016

Present: Richard Beck (Chairman), Maureen Miller, Trevor Miller, Chris Shaw, Andrew Sosin, Mike Humphrey, Dan Glading, Gill Smith, Stephanie Scott, David Stevenson.

1. Apologies: Jenny Chandler, Bob Hendrie.

2. Minutes of the meeting on 8th June 2016 were agreed.

Matters arising.

All matters arising from the minutes were covered by the agenda.

3. Youth Facility

Mike Humphrey reported that summer activities were ongoing and there was a full quota of staff and volunteers. Numbers were consistent. He reported that Craig Gough had now left the YMCA and his duties were being taken over by a number of YMCA staff. The YMCA remains keen to support work in Great Baddow. Mike would like to get young people to spend time cleaning the Bell Centre the following Wednesday, 10th August, and was advised to contact the Parish Council office. A community engagement day was being organised by the City Council for the afternoon of Wednesday 17th August at the Recreation Ground, with activities for young people from the age of 11 upwards and the YMCA would have a presence. Flyers were available and it was agreed that Stephanie and Chris would attempt to put more of these in prominent places where young people would be likely to see them, such as shops in Meadgate and in Dorset Avenue. One was already on the noticeboard in the Vineyards and others were on display in the Parish Hall.

4. Highways and Traffic Problems

Richard had not received any reply from the police about their policy regarding dealing with obstruction on highways. He intended to follow this up via the new website.

5. Current Community Police Status

It was agreed that it was no longer appropriate to include 'PCSO numbers' in the heading for this part of the agenda, as there were no longer any neighbourhood PCSOs, only a small residual number allocated to the Chelmsford and Maldon Community team. At the meeting held by the Police and Crime Commissioner on 12th July at the Marconi Club the PCC said that he was anxious to increase the number of special constables.

The issue of feedback from reporting crime online via the new police website was raised. It was felt that there was generally little feedback to anyone who reported a crime and Neighbourhood Watch raised this issue regularly.

6. Policing Incidents and Issues.

Gill reported an incident of drugs being sold on the corner of Vicarage Lane and Heycroft Way, which the police had been called to.

Mike reported that there had been an incident with a flasher at the BMX track in Baddow Hall Park. Boys who witnessed this called the police, who responded promptly.

Mike was making efforts to educate the young people who came to the youth facility about drugs and noted that he passed on any information he received about drug dealing to the police. It had been reported at the meeting held by the Police and Crime Commissioner that drug dealers were moving operations beyond London to areas of Essex that now included Chelmsford as well as Basildon and Southend. The Parish Council had received a complaint that drug dealing/use was taking place in the youth shelter in the recreation ground, but Richard reported that the Community Association had not heard of problems in the recreation ground recently. However Mike reported that young people congregated at the BMX track in Baddow Hall Park and drugs were dealt there. There had been a message from another city councillor who was unable to attend the meeting about drugs being sold to a resident in The Chase; this matter needed to be forwarded to the police. Stephanie noted that there had been a media report of a teenager being punched in the face in an assault in Chelwater in July.

Bob Hendrie had provided further information on drug dealing still taking place in Meadgate. Richard Beck was going to test out the new online reporting system on the police website to take up drug issues.

David Stevenson reported that there were also drug issues in Galleywood in areas such as Barnard Road, but that people were becoming reluctant to come forward with precise information, as they felt intimidated. He noted that cars were also being dumped in CHP areas; it took a long time for these to be moved after they were reported. He also noted that some inappropriate items were being disposed of out of windows in some flats.

7. Priorities

It was agreed that the priority issue for the NAP would be drugs issues in Great Baddow and Galleywood.

8. Any other business

1. Stephanie raised the issue of vulnerability of young people with learning difficulties and would like to be informed of any specific cases where she could be of help.
2. It was agreed that the minutes would be sent to the new community police email address.

9. Date of next meeting

7.30 pm, Wednesday 12th October 2016 (to be confirmed).

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