

Notes on NAP Meeting for Great Baddow & Galleywood held in the Millennium Centre, Great Baddow, at 7.30 pm on Wednesday 6th April 2016

Present: Richard Beck (Chairman), Maureen Miller, Trevor Miller, Chris Shaw, Andrew Sosin, Bob Clarke, Bob Villa, Jenny Chandler, David Stevenson.

1. Apologies: Dan Glading, Terri Cochrane, Craig Bernard.

2. Minutes of the meeting on 10th February 2016 were agreed. It was noted that tonight's meeting was earlier than the date agreed at the last meeting and shown in the minutes.

Matters arising.

1. The resurfacing of the footways in Gilmore Way has been completed.
2. Richard Beck would email Craig Bernard to clarify the situation on police action regarding obstruction on highways.
3. Richard Beck would email Spencer Clarke for an update on actions that had been taken following the multi-agency meeting in November 2015 about serious incidents in Great Baddow. Spencer Clarke had promised to attend the last NAP meeting, but had not done so.
4. Richard Beck would check whether he had emailed members with the minutes of the RCCE meeting on rural crime mentioned in the last minutes. Another meeting was coming up and he will email the date to members.

3. Youth Facility

Mike Humphrey had circulated a report on the drop-in facility and the Bell Centre youth club and updated members on the current situation. Provision had been adjusted now that Marrable House was unavailable, with demolition almost complete. Great Baddow Parish Council had offered accommodation in the Bell Centre on a Wednesday evening and the drop-in centre has now transferred there. This is in addition to the youth group meetings held there on Tuesday evenings.

Numbers for the drop-in fluctuate and a lot of the core group had been lost with the change of premises and evening, but a new group of young people are now attending who want a safe social environment to meet in. Many have spoken about their concerns about being outside in areas where challenging individuals are present and undertaking risky behaviours. As part of the provision, Mike tries to help young people with emotional and mental health problems that are not considered serious enough for involvement of CAMHS (Child and Adolescent Mental Health Service), including one-to-one sessions. Problems include domestic break down, depression and anxiety. He also has links with YMCA family support workers. Behaviour outside when young people are leaving the session has been good.

Mike reported that there had been some vandalism in New Road, where a car had been set alight, and he was trying to get to the bottom of it.

The Bell Centre Youth Group activities have included sessions on healthy living, with outside agencies coming in to help deliver workshops. There has been good attendance by peer mentors, mainly from Years 10 and 11, including those undertaking Duke of Edinburgh awards or on volunteer placements as part of their personal development. One member was awarded a Jack Petchy award for

his consistent work with peers, especially in sport. New members have been recruited from schools, including special needs centres, and about 20-30 young people attend each session.

In the summer Mike is aiming for a new community initiative to provide mapping of youth issues and needs in Great Baddow, plus positive interactions in parks, such as community clear-ups, group projects and crime prevention initiatives.

Bob Villa reported that Galleywood Parish Council has started to run a youth club on Thursday nights, which has now also been handed over to the YMCA to run.

4. Highways and Traffic Problems

Andrew Sosin noted the partial opening of the new bridge between the Army and Navy roundabout and Chelmer Village. The slip road off Parkway to join it was temporarily closed, leading to traffic tailbacks out of the town centre towards the Army and Navy.

5. Current Community Police Status

Craig Bernard had sent a brief report about the reorganisation of local policing. Community policing was changing from Neighbourhood Policing Teams to Community Policing Teams as from 4th April and the websites were being rebranded to list what the police would be doing in local areas. More emphasis was to be moved to partner agencies to work more with the police and community hubs were being created to deal with issues such as anti-social behaviour. PCSO numbers for the Chelmsford and Maldon District are reducing from 36 to 10 as a result of budget cuts and PCSO Willsher will no longer be covering Baddow.

The website for Chelmsford District mentions that local community meetings are to be arranged, but as yet no dates or locations are listed.

6. Policing Incidents and Issues.

Craig Bernard's report noted that patrols were being completed to combat drugs issues. Stop checks were being carried out around people dealing drugs or taking drugs in the Baddow area, especially around Meadgate Avenue, in the light of recent stabbings in the area. Bob Hendrie had emailed information about an incident in Baddow when a car was stolen and sped down Longfield Avenue, hitting another car. The owner of the car had pursued it and the driver then abandoned it in the service road opposite Meadgate shops and ran off.

Members were concerned about the increasing number of incidents in Great Baddow, including one that took place two nights previously in Readers Court. There had also been another recent incident in Barnard Road in Galleywood. More information was wanted on actions that had been taken following the multi-agency meeting last November, possibly involving holding another similar meeting as a follow up. City councillors Bob Villa and Jenny Chandler were asking Spencer Clarke (Public Protection Manager at Chelmsford City Council) about progress on actions mentioned at the previous multi-agency meeting and Richard Beck will also follow up on behalf of the NAP.

7. Priorities

It was agreed that these would remain as before, but with the addition of violence to the first priority:

1. Drugs and violence in 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. In response to a question, Bob Villa noted that there had not been any recent CHP walkabouts.
2. The Police and Crime Commissioner election was coming up in May.
3. It was confirmed that the CCTV in Meadgate was working, but only operated in the daytime and was not linked to the city centre system. CHP did not want to extend it.
4. Richard reported an incident at the Community Association when the police had had to be called. The CA CCTV was looked at as part of the investigation.

9. Date of next meeting

7.30 pm, Wednesday 8th June 2016.

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