

Notes on NAP Meeting for Great Baddow & Galleywood held in the Millennium Centre, Great Baddow, at 7.30 pm on Wednesday 17th June 2015

Present: Richard Beck (Chairman), Maureen Miller, Trevor Miller, Chris Shaw, Andrew Sosin, Mike Humphrey.

1. Apologies: Jenny Chandler, Bob Clarke, Dan Glading, Bob Hendrie, David Stevenson.

2. Minutes of the meeting on 1st April 2015 were agreed.

Matters arising.

1. Richard had sent letters to the Chief Constable and Police Commissioner and distributed the replies.
2. Richard had emailed Terri Cochrane with the minutes of the last meeting and the agenda, but too late for her to be able to organise anyone to come to this meeting. A representative will come to the next meeting. Terri would also like to contact Bob Hendrie.
3. Andrew Sosin suggested that all new city councillors should also be invited to attend.

3. Youth Facility

Mike Humphrey reported that the drop-in centre was doing well and had about 15 young people attending each session. A good older group was now attending, who used to come when younger. The mix of activity is as before, including music, talking about issues, guidance and support.

There had been a bad element amongst those attending, but the boy who had been responsible for bike thefts has now been moved to the New Forest area and most of the rest of the group now tended to frequent Moulsham and the town. Mike is determined to continue with intervention to stop low level trouble to prevent worse trouble in future. Some funding was required for items such as new carpeting. There have been some issues with the new security guard at the Vineyards.

The Bell Centre is also busy with 20 to 30 coming each evening. There are volunteers who help, as well as some young people volunteering as part of the D of E Award activities.

There is a new CEO at the YMCA, Andy Drake. Chris Shaw reported that he had already arranged to visit the Parish Council.

There will be a roadshow day for the YMCA in Noakes Place on 28th July, where they will be advertising all their youth facilities.

A query was raised about who holds keys to the new bollard post; this will be checked with the Parish Clerk.

4. Highways and Traffic Problems

There had been an accident a few days previously involving a vehicle turning right into Baddow Hall Crescent from Maldon Road, but no details were known.

5. Current Community Police Status

No further information was available about PCSOs, but Mike Humphrey reported that PCSO Jenny Willsher works part-time and had said that she was sometimes directed to other areas. Chris noted that Jenny was due to be holding a street meeting at Meadgate shops on 24th June from 2 to 3pm; this was again during working hours on a weekday. This was the only street meeting currently advertised on the police website; prior to that the list had included a series of meetings in Galleywood, but not in Great Baddow.

6. Policing Incidents and Issues.

No report had been received from the police. Craig Bernard had promised to send a report, but was unable to do so before the meeting. It is hoped to distribute this with the minutes.

1. Bob Hendrie had reported that the drugs problem had reduced in Meadgate at the moment, but there was a big problem with car parking, which was causing a lot of friction. Andrew Sosin noted that he had received complaints from Meadgate Terrace residents about inconsiderate parking by commuters. Richard will ask Bob for more details on which area he is concerned about.

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

None.

9. Date of next meeting

7.30 pm, Wednesday 2nd September 2015.

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Note from Craig Bernard:

Drugs is still a huge problem on the Meadgate area, which has also resulted in the violent crimes that have been in the news as of late. They have got wise to our tactics and have adopted other methods of distributing their drugs.

To be honest this is the main issue on the Baddow area. There are a few young groups of children aged around 12 - 15 years old that are starting to be a menace in the Baddow and Tile Kiln area, but they are being heavily watched.

Anything else let me know.

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