

Notes on NAP Meeting for Great Baddow & Galleywood held in the Millennium Centre, Great Baddow, at 7.30 pm on Wednesday 25 April 2018

Present: Richard Beck (Chairman), Maureen Miller, Trevor Miller, Chris Shaw, Andrew Sosin, Gill Smith, Dan Glading, Norman Taylor, David Stevenson, Anthony McQuiggan, Ben Gibbons, Sarah Daniels, David Allan, Lorraine Allan.

1. Apologies: Jenny Chandler, Bob Clarke, Bob Hendrie, Liz Ahmed, Stephanie Scott.

2. Minutes of the meeting on 31st January 2018 were agreed.

Matters arising.

1. Policing issues.

(a) DA reported that installing CCTV for some residents by GBENA was still ongoing.

3. Letter from the Police

RB had circulated a letter of apology from Acting Chief Inspector Andy Sawyer received in February concerning the 'huge delay' in providing a response to issues raised some time ago. It concluded by referring to hopes that the increase in the precept would result in an uplift to officer strength. DA noted that the Chelmsford & Maldon district would be getting another 12 police officers.

The letter also refers to 'overt police activity in Great Baddow towards the end of 2017, which came about following a lengthy and resource intensive investment in the area'. The rest of the letter refers to how stretched the service has been following previous reduction in resources.

NT referred to complaints there had been in Galleywood about a spate of car crimes; he had written to the police about this and received a reply saying that the police were very stretched. The area concerned could become a hot spot area, but that would depend how many others there were. He had been advised that residents could go to a drop-in session with the police, but found there were no advertised local sessions other than one in South Woodham Ferrers in June. After complaining about this he was told that more meetings were being planned.

DS had reported cars being left in the service road behind where he lives; there were five cars that kept changing and had no road tax and wrong number plates. Police were notified about five or six weeks ago, but nothing appears to have been done.

RB had replied to a letter from Chief Inspector Ronnie Egan in February. The letter said that our agency was considered by Essex Police to be one of the many key stakeholders within the district and asked what level of engagement we wanted to have out of a choice of four. He had replied that we wanted to actively engage (most effort), but there has been no response to this. It was agreed to ask what we can do.

4. Youth Facility

BG reported that sessions in Great Baddow were now held on separate evenings for different age groups. Sessions for the older age group (Years 9-12) were now

run on Tuesdays, with sessions on Wednesdays for the younger group (Years 5-9/10). Tuesday sessions were very well attended, with 30 the previous week. Numbers for the younger age group were not yet quite as high. As the Bell Centre would no longer be available from September another venue was being sought by the YMCA and Parish Council. There was a senior and junior group in Galleywood, with good numbers now for the junior group (18 the previous week). Leaders would be doing outdoor work in the lighter evenings by taking young people to nearby parks.

5. Highways and Traffic Problems relating to policing

Bob Clarke had emailed RB with some statistics provided by Adam Pipe, who is now Head of Road Policing. These were road statistics for 2017 throughout Essex, including deaths, serious casualties, mobile phone offences, drink and drug drive arrests, seatbelt offences, vehicles seized with no insurance, prosecutions for careless driving offences and road safety educational courses delivered.

AS noted that Trucam speed enforcement would be taking place in Church Street, Great Baddow.

6. Community Police Status, Policing Incidents and Issues.

CS gave an update on Great Baddow Parish Council's progress with funding Community Special Constables. The Council had agreed to fund two to operate in Great Baddow, but unfortunately progress has been slow. Essex Police had temporarily suspended recruitment following a change of Deputy Chief Constable and advertising was only now about to go ahead. LA suggested that once they were in post, it would be useful to try and establish a connection between them and the NAP.

There was still some drug dealing going on in Great Baddow, but DA reported a reduction in previous levels that had been seen by GBENA. There had been no recent reports of needles posted on their Facebook page. Bob Hendrie had reported that there was still drug activity in Meadgate and patrols had been promised. Low-level activity was also known to occur in the Buckleys car park in Great Baddow. NT reported that there was quite a lot of drug activity in the car park near the church by Galleywood Common. AM noted that there had been several successful drugs raids across Chelmsford in the last few months, with arrests made.

DG and DA noted that there had been some aggressive begging by a man on the old Beehive pub site and possibly by the same man at Lidl.

Perry Land is no longer the local Chelmsford police sergeant. The new sergeant is Andy Drake.

7. Priorities

1. It was agreed that the main priority issue for the NAP would continue to be drugs issues in Great Baddow and Galleywood.
2. Encouraging reporting to the police by whatever means.

8. Any other business

NT enquired about the Baddow Road bus gate situation. CS read out an email she had just received from Mark Robinson, Senior Transportation and Infrastructure Planner, which drew attention to the information events planned in the Baddow area on Thursday 31st May and Tuesday 5th June, venues as yet unannounced. These would be ticketed and information would become available soon on www.essex.gov.uk/BaddowRoadBusGate. DA and LA reported on the GBENA meeting about bus gate held on 18 April at Hamptons, which had been very well attended by residents and proceeded smoothly. Cllr Kevin Bentley had been invited but declined the invitation. The presentation by GBENA and general discussion had given residents important information to enable them to go prepared with questions for officers at the information events.

AM reported that the traffic control room in Chelmsford would now be manned experimentally on Saturdays as well as Monday to Friday to help ease Saturday traffic problems.

Bob Clarke is still trying to arrange a visit to the road policing headquarters at South Woodham Ferrers and is awaiting suggested dates. AM could arrange a visit to the Chelmsford CCTV control room if people were interested.

AM reported that there is currently a city-wide Traveller alert.

9. Date of next meeting

7.30 pm, Wednesday 11 July 2018.

CS 26.4.18