

Notes on NAP Meeting for Great Baddow & Galleywood held in the Millennium Centre, Great Baddow, at 7.30 pm on Wednesday 26th September 2018

Present: Richard Beck (Chairman), Maureen Miller, Trevor Miller, Chris Shaw, Andrew Sosin, Dan Glading, Norman Taylor, David Allan, Lorraine Allan, Sarah Daniels, Liz Ahmed.

1. Apologies: Bob Hendrie, Bob Clarke, Gill Smith, Anthony McQuiggan.

2. Minutes of Last Meeting and Matters Arising

Minutes of the last meeting were agreed.

Nobody had contacted Richard with notes of organisations/people they feel he should communicate with about attending meetings and participating..

RB felt that we should not continue with the NAP in its present form, but should communicate more by email. Community special constables may be able to be more involved than the regular police, but their availability could be some time away.

RB proposed that we should try again to organise Community Speedwatch. DA and Alex Nelson are already trained and DA reported that Mary Wylie at Essex Police & Fire HQ is the contact for arranging training. RB will collect names and the initiative will be publicised, for example on the Community Association and Parish Council websites, with the Parish Council office being the suggested contact. NT reported that Galleywood now has about 14 members of Community Speedwatch and they had consulted Neighbourhood Watch for their views about starting this.

3. Youth Café

SD reported that autumn term sessions had started the previous Tuesday in their new premises, the Bell Street Hall, opposite the Bell Centre. Emphasis was being placed on the younger age group (8 to 13), which meets from 5-7pm, with the emphasis on early intervention; attendees included students from several primary schools. The 13 to 18 group meets from 7.30-9pm. The 18 year olds are preparing to be young leaders. 25 young people attended the early session, the most there has been for a long time; about 15 come and go to the later session.

Work with the young people may include helping them to draw up a 'business plan', possibly having an actual café and working towards some qualifications, e.g. first aid and food hygiene certificates.

The half hour break between the sessions enables staff to address any issues, for example in discussion with parents.

There is concern that as numbers grow, the hall now being used might become too small. Sessions already need to be quite regimented due to the small size of the hall. The Community Association had previously been approached, but felt their premises were unsuitable. School halls were a possibility for the future.

SD will do termly reports and will chase up the Service Level Agreement being drawn up by Ben Gibbons for the Parish Council.

4. Policing Incidents and Issues

The drugs issue in Meadgate continues. However, DA reported that members of GBENA had been instrumental in enabling the arrest of a supplier to the runners and there had been two drug arrests in the last week in Great Baddow via GBENA. Police had reported that a lot of surveillance was ongoing in Meadgate and there had been an arrest in Hall Close the previous week.

A Mercedes had been taken in Crescent Road during the previous week and there had been two break-ins in Rothmans. The Essex Chronicle had reported the break-in at My Fairytale Wardrobe in Bell Street. Two young people in a car had been stopped by police outside Sandon School and other incidents included motorbikes speeding in The Bringley and Baddow Hall Park. A sex offender had been released on licence in the centre of the village – the question was raised as to whether anyone was supposed to be notified of this release.

There were no ongoing meetings between GBENA and Gerry Parker. DA reported on incidents of purse snatching and shoplifting in The Vineyards and said people were tending to phone GBENA rather than the police, saying that there seemed to be no point in contacting the police. Other members stressed that people should always contact the police nevertheless, as this is the only way that a true picture of the level of crime would be built up by the police. Liz Ahmed recommended use of online security cameras.

5. Future of NAP

Some members were keen for the NAP to continue as it is, even if other activities were added.

There had been a Chelmsford Neighbourhood Watch meeting the previous day. A new coordinator for Great Baddow was still being sought and DG was trying to resolve the distribution network for newsletters.

6. Any Other Business

The possibility of using the former Barclays building for the youth facility was raised, for example for a homework club.

SD reported that Great Baddow High School had experienced their best ever GCSE pass rate, with several students overcoming issues to do well. She has a role in GBHS providing family support.

7. Date of next meeting

7.30 pm, Wednesday 5 December 2018.

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