

## **Notes on NAP Meeting for Great Baddow & Galleywood held in the Millennium Centre, Great Baddow, at 7.30 pm on Wednesday 28th October 2015**

**Present:** Richard Beck (Chairman), Maureen Miller, Trevor Miller, Chris Shaw, David Stevenson, Mike Humphrey, Bob Clarke, Dan Glading, Marian Lawrence (CHP), Martin Winter.

**1. Apologies:** Jenny Chandler, Bob Hendrie, Andrew Sosin.

**2. Minutes of the meeting on 17th June 2015** were agreed.

The Chairman welcomed Marian Lawrence, who is the antisocial behaviour coordinator for CHP ([marian.lawrence@chp.org](mailto:marian.lawrence@chp.org)).

### Matters arising.

1. Parish Council representatives had attended a meeting with Andy Drake, the new YMCA CEO, and Craig Gough, YMCA Youth Projects Manager. Matters discussed included finance and relocation when Marrable House became unavailable.

2. A late report had been received from Craig Bernard, Neighbourhood Police Constable, which had been added to the minutes as an addendum.

### **3. Youth Facility**

Mike Humphrey reported that there was no information as yet on when the drop-in centre would have to leave Marrable House. The question of alternative premises was still being pursued. He had compiled a written report on the drop-in facility and the Bell Centre Youth Club.

Several structured workshops have been held at the drop-in centre on subjects including sexual health and relationships, cannabis and its effects, benefits of staying in school and crime and its consequences. Work had also been done on drug issues and information had been given to the police, but no feedback had been received from them on the information supplied. Other issues arising at the centre have included social breakdown between peers including bullying, domestic breakdown and depression and anxiety. Numbers remain stable at about 10-20 per session.

Numbers at the Bell Centre are also constant at about 20 per session. There have been new arrivals, mostly the Year 5 age group from junior school. One young person who volunteers has won a Jack Petchey achievement award. An open night is being held at the Bell Centre for local residents to work with the young people and see the work that is being delivered. This is on November 24th, 6-6.30 pm. Anyone who wants to attend should let Mike or Craig Gough know. ([mike.humphrey@ymcachelmsford.org.uk](mailto:mike.humphrey@ymcachelmsford.org.uk) or [craig.gough@ymcachelmsford.org.uk](mailto:craig.gough@ymcachelmsford.org.uk).)

### **4. Highways and Traffic Problems**

Dan Glading noted issues regarding pavement parking and overhanging trees, which were obscuring sight lines. He will raise these issues with Cllr Jenny Chandler

Martin Winter raised the issue of parking problems in Buckleys, particularly parking on the right-angle bend. Refuse lorries often have difficulty accessing the road due to inconsiderate parking. It was agreed that this problem could be reported to the South Essex Parking Partnership; a contact would be sought.

## **5. Current Community Police Status**

Since the last meeting the police consultation had been issued, which will have a great impact on community police staffing. Proposals for Community Policing staffing for Chelmsford and Maldon include only 10 constables, 1 dedicated youth officer and 7 PCSOs. Street meets would no longer take place; instead there would be monthly Local Community Meetings around the district. Craig Bernard has promised to provide more information once positions have been confirmed.

## **6. Policing Incidents and Issues.**

The chairman had received a report from PC Craig Bernard. Ongoing problems he reported were drug dealing spiking again in Meadgate with bikes and motorbikes being used; nuisance motorbikes in Sandford Mill Lane; nuisance behaviour in The Chase and The Vineyards by certain individuals (being addressed, including investigation of seeking possession of property); complaint about speeding on Church Street.

Bob Hendrie had also passed on information relating to the continuing drugs problem in Meadgate. Drops were now being made between the alleys in the car park service area opposite the bus stop/Meadgate shops at around 4pm. He also referred to cars speeding down Baddow Road and the use of bicycles in the Army and Navy underpass at speed. He queried whether there was a law stating that there should be some sort of warning sounders such as a bell when bicycles were coming round a corner on footpaths.

Marion Lawrence informed members that there was a police intelligence officer, Karen Harwood, who had a dedicated mobile phone number and email address (3270@essex.pnn.police.uk). She was able to pass on information on issues such as drugs to the appropriate team. CHP also want to know about drug issues in areas where they have tenants. They work closely with the police and the City Council. Martin Winter reported suspicions that dealing was taking place in the Buckleys car park.

## **7. Priorities**

It was agreed that these would remain largely as before, but widening the drugs issue to cover all of Great Baddow:

1. Drugs 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. There was some discussion about reactive policing and the lack of local knowledge when police had to be dispatched to incidents from a distance.
2. It was agreed that despite the changes in local policing and the absence of police attendance, it was still worthwhile continuing to hold NAP meetings.

3. Chris mentioned that a traffic problem had been raised by a resident at an earlier Parish Council meeting. As a follow up to the meeting it was confirmed that this was speeding cars and bikes in the Noakes Avenue, Rothmans Avenue and Hampton Road area. It was hoped that this could be raised with the police.

**9. Date of next meeting**

7.30 pm, Wednesday 10th February 2015.

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