



SEVENOAKS DISTRICT COMMUNITY SAFETY PARTNERSHIP

SWANLEY PACT Panel

Minutes of meeting held on Tuesday 12th February, 10.30am
at Swanley Town Council

Present:	Stephen Nash	Swanley Town Council	Chair
	Lucie Brocklesby	Orchards Academy	
	Toni Roast	Swanley Town Council	
	Cllr Lesley Dyball	Cllr and Resident	
	Debbie Nicholls	Resident	
	Paul Sharrad	KCC Community Wardens	
	PCSO Vincent	Kent Police	
	Sgt Ballard	Kent Police	
	Laura Vince	Kent Police	
	Barbara Ramsey	Resident	
	Melvyn George	Resident	
	Angela George	Resident	
	Cllr Tony Searles	Cllr Swanley Town Council	
	Victor Southern	Cllr and Resident	
	Kelly Webb	Sevenoaks District Council	
	Maxine Quinton	Sevenoaks District Council	

1.	Apologies Jeanie Brown, Resident; Donna Moore, WKHA;	Action
2.	<p>Minutes and Action Points of the last meeting</p> <p>Minutes were agreed as a true record and all actions have been completed</p> <p>SN asked whether the Kent Police motor bike nuisance posters are being displayed in all hot spot areas. PB confirmed that the local PCSOs will be displaying the posters at all their known hot spot areas.</p> <p>TR reported that she had seen a quad bike in the dark riding up and down London Road. PB said that all sightings of nuisance motor bikes should be called into 101 at the time of the incident in order that if resources are available Kent Police can attend.</p>	

	<p>SN said that there are young people riding scooters in Northview without exhausts on them.</p> <p>SV informed the group that there have been a number of stolen motor bikes in the area recently. SV said that he had seized a motor bike a couple of weeks ago.</p> <p>SV informed the group that there is a new group of young people causing a nuisance on motor bikes he is currently working on. SV is working with West Kent Housing Association in order to get their vehicles seized.</p> <p>PB said that the Sevenoaks Police do advertise good news stories on Twitter in order to let residents know that they are actively pursuing these types of reports.</p> <p>LD reported that she had heard a motor bike causing a nuisance, riding up and down St Mary's Road in the early hours of the morning.</p> <p>KW said that the CCTV will be able to track motor bikes causing a nuisance if they are aware of the incident happening.</p>	
<p>3.</p>	<p>Police Update</p> <p>SV said that there are no crime trends in Swanley at the moment.</p> <p>SV said that he has been helped by PCSO Etter and PCSO Robinson when he has required it.</p> <p>SV reported that ASB issues in Swanley had decreased lately.</p> <p>SV informed the group that nuisance motor bikes is the hardest ASB issue to tackle. SV said that more intel and information from residents the better in order that a picture can be seen with possible evidence for more resources to be put in place if necessary.</p> <p>SV said that there had been a serious accident recently on London Road. Unfortunately the person involved was crossing the road when the traffic lights were on green. The driver involved in the accident was not speeding and was not at fault. There was dash cam footage of the whole incident.</p>	

<p>SV said that there had been an arrest for the recent robbery reported in Swanley.</p> <p>KCC Wardens</p> <p>PS said that he had been dealing with a homeless man who has mental health issues, who reacting negatively to a gesture of kindness from a young person. PS said that he was worried that this may have a negative reaction from residents towards other rough sleepers. PS is going submit an intel report regarding this.</p> <p>PS said that he had recently spoken to an artist regarding doing some murals for the town on the Skate Park.</p> <p>SN said that Swanley Town Council needed to paint out the ramps in the Skate Park first.</p> <p>PS said that he is supporting older people in Swanley suffering from Dementia.</p> <p>PS said that he is researching grants for older people to update facilities in their properties. KW said that SDC have grants available for older people.</p> <p>PS said that he had not had any concerns regarding young people since the last meeting.</p> <p>LD informed the group that she had attended a meeting last Thursday to discuss the start-up of the Swanley Residents Dementia Group again. LD said that Anton Tavernier-Gustave, SDC Heath Lead is also involved. LD said that they are hoping that Swanley becomes a Dementia Friendly Town.</p> <p>KW explained to the group about the SDC Shop Safe scheme. MQ said that she would be happy to attend any events to promote the scheme.</p> <p>LD said that there would be a re-launch in the better weather. LV will link in with LD.</p> <p>BR informed the group that the Foodbank, run by Churches Together is looking for sponsors, as the rent of the premises is being increased. BR said that there are plenty of supplies of good being offered, but funds are needed in order to keep the premises in Lynden Way.</p> <p>BR will give details of the Swanley Village AGM in order that he can attend.</p>	<p>LV/LD</p> <p>BR</p>
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<p>VS said that the café at the Swanley Link has not opened on a Saturday for over a year. VS reminded the group that West Kent Housing are supposed to be running the café.</p> <p>VS said that the Job Centre in the Link is not working and KCC are cutting the library opening times by 10 hours per week.</p> <p>VS said that the library is being used less and less and he is worried that it will close, as it is a good resource for young people to do their homework.</p> <p>VS said that SDC are not helping as they are withdrawing funding from the project.</p> <p>VS said that 1,500 people use the library and the Link per day.</p> <p>PS informed the group that he uses the café to hold his surgeries once a month. PS said that a number of people say that they would be staying indoors and be more isolated if the Link were to close.</p> <p>SN said that Swanley Town Council are currently negotiating with KCC regarding the café facilities within the Link and also negotiations would include volunteers to work in the library.</p> <p>DN reported that she had been campaigning for a zebra crossing outside St Mary's School.</p> <p>DN said that there is a petition currently online with also a hand written version of the petition.</p> <p>DN said that the school are supporting the petition along with the MP and teachers.</p> <p>LB said that Orchard Academy also has a copy of the petition on their front desk.</p> <p>SN suggested that the parents take part in some fund raising to put towards the zebra crossing. DN said that Michael Horwood had also suggested this.</p> <p>KW said that the Area Improvement Grant is available for grants of up to £500.</p> <p>LD said that vehicle survey is currently taking place in the area.</p>	
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KW asked whether KCC had surveyed the site to see what funds/costs are needed.

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KW informed the group that there was going to be a soft launch of the Mental Health Crisis Service drop in at the CAB offices. The Crisis service will be opening on 23rd February. KW said that she is just finalising the posters and will be sending them out to partners soon.

KW said that she currently has funding to run Saturday evenings for adults and Thursday evenings for young people for 18 months, but KW said that she would like the project to run for 3 years and therefore is trying to source further funding at the moment.

KW said that she also wants to be able to use the SDC Community Van to take the project into the Rural parts of the district.

KW said that the area in Azalea Drive has now been cleared of the caravans, but there is still concern with a broken wall. KW said that the SDC Property are current looking into the ownership of the wall.

KW said that she is funding a skip in order for a clean up be done in the area now the gate has been installed.

KW said that she had launched the Digital Sunset Challenge this year at St Pauls Primary School.

KW informed the group that the SDC Voluntary and Community Awards evening was tomorrow (13th February) being held in St Nicholas Church, Sevenoaks.

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TR informed the group that she has organised a British Spring Clean event for 1st and 2nd March. TR said that she has over 40 participants both adults and young people.

TS said that when KCC have removed the bulk flytipping in School Lane, they have left litter and therefore School Lane is looking very untidy with cardboard and tyres.

	<p>SN said that he would arrange that this is part of the Great British Spring Clean.</p> <p>SN said that Jack Wheeler has been given footage of a lorry flytipping in Swanley and investigations are ongoing.</p> <p>AG reported dangerous parking in Russett Way, unfortunately there are no parking restrictions in the road and therefore can not be enforced, but residents can write to KCC and request parking restrictions to be put in place.</p> <p>KW suggested that AG approach West Kent Housing and ask them to write to their tenants regarding parking.</p> <p>AG said that there are signs to discourage HGV lorries to enter the estate, but some do get stuck down there.</p>	AG
4.	<p>Any Other Business</p> <p>AG informed the group that she was the new chair of the Sevenoaks District IPAG and is trying to recruit volunteers to attend the meetings. The next meeting will take place on 13th March at 6pm and is being held at Swanley Town Council Offices.</p> <p>AG said that the group sits 4 times a year and they are going to be held in Swanley and Sevenoaks alternatively.</p>	
5.	<p>Dates for next meeting</p> <p>Tuesday 14th May Tuesday 9th July Tuesday 12th November</p> <p>All meetings are held at Swanley Town Council offices and start at 10.30am.</p>	

**The next meeting will be held on Tuesday 14th May, 10.30am
Swanley Town Council Offices**