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CRIME AND DISORDER REDUCTION PARTNERSHIP

18 October 2005 – 10.00 am

PRESENT:

Representing Town Centre Partnership:
Jonathan Newman (in the Chair).

Representing Anglia Crime Stoppers:
John Hemsworth.

Representing Safer Community Team:
Dave Gladden.

Representing Suffolk Police/ Waveney CDRP:
Bruce Granger.

Representing Great Yarmouth Borough Council:
Councillor Bert Collins and Councillor Jim Shrimplin, Naji Darwish and Julie Gulliver.

Representing Great Yarmouth and District Citizens Advice Bureau:
Laura Gray.

Representing Norfolk Constabulary:
Acting Chief Superintendent Charles Hall and Inspector Carol Congreve.

Representing Norfolk County Council:
John Longhurst.

Representing Norfolk Youth and Community Service:
Peter Nash.

Representing Ormesby St. Margaret with Scratby Parish Council:
John Ridler

Representing Bradwell Parish Council:
Eddie Macdonald and Ted Howlett.

Representing Norfolk Childrens Fund:
Peter Elwick.

Representing Jobcentre Plus:
Simon Fayers.

Representing Great Yarmouth Primary Care Trust:
Carol Doe

Representing Magdalen Community Partnership:
Alan Ellinson.

Representing Great Yarmouth Port Authority:
Alex Woods.

Representing Great Yarmouth Mercury:
Amy Lyall.

Representing Cobholm Residents Association:
Hillary Feetham and Don Spray.

Representing NACRO & Great Yarmouth Sports Partnership:
Jenny Darby and William Scholfield.

Representing NORCAS:
Andrew Cleveland.

Representing Great Yarmouth Local Strategic Partnership:
Tim Leonard.

Apologies for absence were received from Simon Arthur, Daniel Harry, Ruth Jermy, Sue Lambert, Mike Jackson, John Pond and Councillor Trevor Wainwright. **CAROL you gave 2 others I didn't catch??**

1. MINUTES

The minutes of the meeting held on 5th July 2005 were confirmed, subject to the following amendments: page 2, that L E Howlett representing Bradwell Parish Council should be Ted Howlett.

2. MATTERS ARISING

There were no matters arising from the above minutes that were not covered elsewhere on the agenda.

3. POLICE REPORT ACTION GROUP

(a) Police Crime Statistics

Naji Darwish provided members with an update on CDRP performance. He reported that the three areas that were giving cause for concern and were over target for the CDRP were:-

- Wounding Serious and Other – 119 offences over so far this year
- Common Assault – 43 – Almost a quarter lower over this summer compared to last year
- Criminal Damage – 65 – stable but peaked during summer period

It was confirmed that in other areas of crime major successes could be seen in the following:-

- Vehicle Crime
- Burglary
- Robbery and Theft From the Person – 29 offences under target

The point was made that the 18.5% reduction in crime overall that had been set by the Government, over a three year period, was on schedule.

(b) Prolific and Other Priority Offender Scheme

Inspector Carol Congreve provided members with an update in respect of the above scheme. It was confirmed that the initiative had now been running for twelve months in the Eastern Area with 44 nominations received for PPOS. Other statistics included:-

- 80% Prolific Offenders
- 20% Priority Offenders
- 25% Of these were under 21 years
- 52% Were Class A Dug Misusers
- 29% Were in care as children
- 93% Have no work
- 82% Were in temporary accommodation

The comparison was made with other areas:-

- Great Yarmouth – 34
- North Norfolk – 8
- Broadland – 2

The point was made that the Catch and Convict strand of the scheme had gone particularly well and now the Rehabilitate and Resettlement strand was a priority for the Partnership.

Figures were also provided that showed 480 crimes had been carried out by offenders before entering onto the scheme and post scheme, this had been reduced to 94, a 67% average overall reduction; total reduction in crime 80%.

Members welcomed the report and agreed that the schemes and initiatives that had been developed were helping to reduce crime and anti-social behaviour.

(c) Anti-Social Behaviour Action Group

Inspector Carol Congreve provided members with an update on the above subject. The following key points were reported:-

- Emphasis on Early Intervention – 682 Intervention Letters had been sent out to individuals
- Acceptable Behaviour Contracts - 36
- Anti-Social Behaviour Orders – 23 active
- Mediation – 7 cases
- Eight week parenting course had commenced, with two more planned.
- Call Hotline – 562 calls since started
- ASB Team had 150 live cases

(d) Domestic Violence

Naji Darwish provided a brief update on domestic violence. It was reported that a site had been identified for the new refuge, with the commissioning body for the tender process established. He continued by confirming that training, costing and planning for a domestic violence awareness day was in progress and finally, talks had taken place with solicitors to provide free advice for victims of domestic violence.

(e) Safer Community Team

Dave Gladden updated members on the work and progress made by the Safer Community Team. He began by stating that the team had had a good summer with positive results in a number of areas. The following subjects were covered in the report:-

- Nelson and Regent Wards – 50% reduction in burglary dwelling, robbery and theft, with overall crime down year on year by 25%. This had been achieved through three portfolio headings:-
 1. Burglary – Safe at Home project developed, Thumbprint Scheme and Property Marking Scheme.
 2. Violent Crime – It was reported that the Nightsafe initiative had gone from strength to strength. The extra staffing of the CCTV room and the improved radio links had proven to be successful
 3. Community Engagement – A busy area over the summer with several initiatives going on including 'Adopt Your Street', where youths are encouraged into work experience dealing with graffiti. Murals that had been painted in the area and had proven to be a huge success with more being planned. The team had been very active in supporting and planning the 'Black History Month'
- Alley Gates – 40 now installed
- Environmental Action Day – Event held in July and proved to be very successful. Had now launched 'War on Litter' campaign.

- Public Perception Survey – Would be published early next year and confirm that the team are undertaking the work that the public want to see done.
- Neighbourhood Action Team – Review needs to take place, team has proven to be a victim of its own success

Members thanked the Project Manager for all the hard work undertaken by the team and their achievement so far.

(f) Nightsafe – This item was covered in the above report

(g) DAMIT – It was established that the focus and membership of the Group would be reviewed, to ensure that the current priorities reflected the CDRP Strategy, local priorities and national agenda.

(h) Parish Council – Criminal Damage Reports – Work had began to collate all of the parish reports and in conjunction with CDRP data, would be used to establish community problem solving groups.

RESOLVED:

That the above reports be noted.

4. UPDATES ON PROJECT FINANCE

It was reported that all projects were currently within budget with no obligated under spends apparent. This situation would be monitored and any changes would be reported to the next meeting of the Responsible Authorities Group. It was also confirmed that the second quarterly return to Go-East had been completed.

RESOLVED:

That the report be noted.

5. TOWN CENTRE/SEAFRONT CCTV

Jonathan Newman updated members on the following:-

- The 'Shop Front' radio link, which ran all summer had proven to be successful
- 12/13% increase in incidents reported
- Additional CCTV cameras approved for funding by Norfolk County Council - Fullers Hill and the Conge – These would benefit the areas around the railway station and Northgate Street

RESOLVED:

That the report be noted.

6. FOR INFORMATION

Minutes from previous Responsible Authorities Group meetings were provided for member's information.

7. CRIME AND DISORDER REDUCTION STRATEGY DOCUMENT

It was confirmed that the above document was now available in hard copy.

8. MULTI AGENCY FOOTBALL MATCH

It was reported that a multi agency football match was arranged for Sunday 23rd October at 2.00 pm. The match would be taking place at the Wellesley Recreation Ground, and other events would be taking place from 12.00 noon.

RESOLVED:
To be noted.

9. DATE, TIME AND VENUE OF NEXT MEETING

RESOLVED:
Members were reminded that future meetings of the Crime and Disorder Reduction Partnership would take place on the following dates:-

- Tuesday, 10th January 2006, at 10.00 am in the Council Chamber, Town Hall, Great Yarmouth.
- Tuesday, 11th April 2006, at 10.00 am in the Council Chamber, Town Hall, Great Yarmouth.
- Tuesday, 11th July 2006, at 10.00 am in the Council Chamber, Town Hall, Great Yarmouth.

10. CLOSURE OF MEETING

The meeting ended at 11.00 am.