

PUBLIC SAFETY AND TRAFFIC COMMITTEE
THURSDAY 28TH MAY, 2009

PRESENT: - Councillor A. Barker in the Chair
Councillors: - J. R. Hardcastle; N. Hunt; I. Scott; K. Arbuckle; J. Arbuckle and P. Dobson

In attendance:- T. Ferry; V. Watson; S. Lingard; L. Ward.

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

There were no apologies for absence at this meeting

2. ELECTION OF CHAIR

RESOLVED -Councillor I. Scott nominated Councillor A. Barker to continue in his position as Chair for this Committee and this was seconded by Councillor K. Arbuckle

3. TERMS OF REFERENCE FOR THIS COMMITTEE

A draft copy of the Terms of Reference for this Committee was submitted for Members consideration

RESOLVED – That the amendments be made in regard to the suggestions made by Members and re-submitted to the next meeting of this Committee

4. MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING

RESOLVED – That the minutes of the last meeting held on the 16th April, 2009 were received and confirmed as being a true and accurate record of the proceedings and they were duly signed by the Chair

5. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

Minute 8 Refers – Laser Attacks on passing Aircraft

Councillor I. Scott reported that the Police had caught someone in regard to the recent Laser attacks on passing aircraft

6. PUB WATCH IN HORSFORTH

Mr. Lingard the former Chair of the Pub Watch meetings apologised for his absence at the last Committee. Mr. Lingard explained that he has stepped down from the position as Chair because of his recent appointment to the position of area Training Manager.

RESOLVED – That Mr. Lingard be requested to invite the new Chair of Pub Watch to the next Public Safety and Traffic Committee meeting.

7. SID SPEED INDICATION DEVICE

PCSO Liam Ward apologised for their absence at the last meeting.

It was reported that the Speed Indication Device had been well used recently in the Horsforth area after receiving e-mails from residents about their concerns on particular roads. Members were informed that there was positive feedback from residents and that it was making an impact in the community.

Councillor Barker said that the Town Council had drawn up a list of areas that they wished to be covered and times of the day for monitoring such as just after the evening rush hour which did cause concern.

RESOLVED –

- (a) That information on the Speed Indication Device be included in the next Horsforth Matters publication inviting members of the public to contact West Yorkshire Police, Traffic if they would like the Speed Indication device to be used in an area that causes them concern.
- (b) That the Chair of the Town Council be requested to incorporate the above information in his monthly article for Horsforth Life.

8. WEST YORKSHIRE POLICE RESIDENTS SURVEY

Referring to minute 7 of the Committee meeting held on the 7th January 2009 Members were informed by Inspector Coldwell that they had identified a triangle within Horsforth where all residents in that area would be visited asking for their views and concerns and also what they would like to see as priorities for the Police to address.

Members were told at this meeting that the survey had now been completed and the results were very positive.

RESOLVED –

- (a) That Councillor Barker circulate to all Members the information he has received from the WYP on the recent survey
- (b) That Councillor J. Arbuckle and Councillor N. Hunt be nominated to attend the forthcoming meeting organised by the WYP which will be held on 5th June, 2009 at 2.00 p.m. at the Weetwood Police Station.

9. PCSO'S

Members were informed that as part of the PACT project (Police and Community Together) any reported incidents and actions taken by PCSO's will be placed onto the web for all to see and that this information will be updated regularly. PCSO Liam Ward stated that reported incidents were picked up by him whilst on duty which enabled him to deal with the public's concerns straight away.

The Police representatives ended by giving a verbal report on recent incidents in the Horsforth area.

RESOLVED – That the Police representatives be requested to note the areas of concern in regard to traffic monitoring mentioned at the meeting.

10. SPEED DEVICE IN THE HORSFORTH SPEED HOT SPOTS

Referring to minute 10 of the 16th April, 2009 Committee meeting where Members requested that the Traffic Engineer be invited to attend this meeting to discuss where a speed device would be most beneficial in the Horsforth Area it was reported that Mr. Merkle, the Traffic Engineer was on holiday and would not be able to attend. Mr. Ferry, the Town Clerk reported that Mr. Merkle would be willing to attend the next meeting but he would require information before then on suggested areas for the device to be positioned for him to investigate and report back to the Committee on his conclusions.

RESOLVED – Members agreed to delay Mr. Merkle's attendance until the autumn time which will give the Committee time to put a package of suggestions together for the Traffic Engineer to consider.

11. VIST TO THE CCTV CONTROL ROOM

Members discussed the invitation to attend the CCTV control room and they did agree that a visit in the evening would be preferable to day time visits.

RESOLVED – That Mr. Ferry be requested to contact the CCTV control room and ask if an appointment could be made for Members to visit sometime in the evening between 7pm and 9pm.

12. PARKING IN HORSFORTH

Referring to minute 12 of the 16th April, 2009 meeting Members wanted 'Parking in Horsforth' to be included in this agenda for discussion.

RESOLVED – That Members of this Committee be requested to identify areas of parking that they would like to discuss with the Mr. Merkle, the Traffic engineer when he attends Committee in autumn.

13. ITEMS FOR FUTURE AGENDA

(a) No. of Public Safety and Traffic Committee meetings

14. DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING

The date and time of the next meeting is Thursday 9th July 2009 at 7.30pm.

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