

PUBLIC SAFETY AND TRAFFIC COMMITTEE
THURSDAY 24th June 2010

PRESENT: Councillor A. Barker in the Chair
Councillors: J. Arbuckle, K. Arbuckle, S. Whitlock, J. Arbuckle and I. Scott.

In attendance: T. Ferry,

1. To accept apologies for absence
Apologies were received from Councillors R. Hardcastle and N. Hunt
2. Declarations of interest in items on the agenda
There were no declarations of interests.
3. Election of Chair
The Chair asked for nominations to be forwarded for Chair of the Public Safety & Traffic Committee.
Councillor K. Arbuckle nominated Councillor I. Scott, Councillor J Arbuckle seconded this nomination, all Members present agreed to this nomination.
RESOLVED
That Councillor I. Scott be the Chair of the Public Safety & Traffic Committee.

Councillor Scott took the Chair for this meeting and thanked Councillor Barker for his work as Chair of the Public Safety & traffic Committee.

4. To consider questions and comments from members of the public at the Chairman's discretion.
The were no members of the public present.
5. Minutes of the previous meetings
That the minutes of the last meeting held on the 4th March 2010 were received and confirmed as a true and accurate record of the proceedings and they were duly signed by the Chair.
6. Matters Arising from the minutes

Taxis picking up passengers at Morrison's. Members discussed the issue of taxis picking up passengers at the bottom of the ramp at Morrison's and causing difficulties for pedestrians using the road crossing in this area and for passing cars. Members agreed that a possible remedy for this area is for Morrison's to relocate some of the disabled parking spaces which would allow for a slip off the road for taxis to pick up.

Members asked the Town Clerk to write to Morrison's about this highlighting the safety issues involved and of a possible remedy by relocating some of the disables parking spaces to create a taxi pick up point off the road. The letter should be sent to the manager at Morrison's and a copy sent to Morrison's Headquarters. A letter is also to be sent to the Health & Safety Executive pointing out possible dangers to pedestrians and other road users relating to taxis picking up and dropping off at the bottom of the ramp.

RESOLVED

That the Town Clerk writes to Morrison's highlighting the safety issues involved with taxis picking up at the bottom of the ramp and of a possible remedy by relocating some of the disabled parking spaces to create a taxi pick up point off the road. The letter is to be sent to the manager at Morrison's and a copy sent to Morrison's Headquarters. A letter is also to be sent to the Health & Safety Executive pointing out possible dangers to pedestrians and other road users relating to taxis picking up and dropping off at the bottom of the ramp with a copy sent to Morrison's.

Taxis Parking on Fink Hill Car Park. The Town Clerk reported that the Taxi Enforcement Officer had been carrying out surveillance operations to check if taxi drivers were leaving rubbish on the car park.

The Enforcement Officers report to the Town Clerk was verbal via telephone. He reported that he had carried out surveillance of the car park at various hours during the day, night and early hours of the morning.

At no time during these periods of surveillance did taxi drivers leave or drop any form of rubbish from their cars. The Enforcement Officer informed the Town Clerk that before he carried out surveillance he checked the car park and found it to be littered predominantly with beer cans and beer bottles and that these would not be from taxi drivers who were on duty.

The Enforcement Officer expressed that in his opinion taxi drivers parking in this car park provided some form of security and some form of deterrent against vandalism because of their presence.

RESOLVED

To note this report.

7. Terms of reference for the Public Safety & Traffic Committee
A copy of the Terms of Reference was presented to Members as an attachment to the agenda.

RESOLVED

That the Terms of Reference for the Public Safety & Traffic Committee be adopted.

8. To Co-opt a member of Pub Watch onto this Committee
The Chair asked Members if they would consider co-opting a member of the Pub Watch onto this Committee.

RESOLVED

That a member of Pub Watch be co-opted onto the Public Safety & Traffic Committee.

9. Horsforth Policing Update

a. From WYP

There was no member of the West Yorkshire Police in attendance at the meeting.

Councillor Barker reported that burglaries were down. He reported that properties are being left insecure and that last week there were four burglaries. Police and PCSO's are carrying out high visibility patrols and concentrating on the Kobe bar area, Town Street, New Road Side and Hall Park. Councillor Scott informed Members that he is aware of patrols being carried out at the Cricket Club and the Westbrook lane and Brownberrie lane areas.

Councillor Barker informed Members that some vandalism has occurred at the Japanese Garden with part of the bridge being broken.

Councillor K. Arbuckle asked if there are any plans to fill gaps in the wall. Councillor Barker informed Members that he has not heard of any plans but he will ask the parks manager if there are any.

Older youths have also been seen using the children's play area which is likely to result in items being damaged.

RESOLVED

To note Members reports.

That the Town Clerk is to ask Sgt Perkis if he can send additional patrols to the park area particularly concentrating on the Japanese garden and the wall in that area as a deterrent to vandalism. He is also to ask if the children's park area can be patrolled and for older youths to be moved on if in that area.

- b. Report from PCSO's – There were no PCSO's in attendance.
- c. An update on the use of SID
Councillor Barker reported that 2 hours use of SID on Scotland lane has resulted in 40 people being cautioned.

Councillor K. Arbuckle asked if a request can be made for SID to be used at the corner of Wood Lane and Outwood Lane facing away from the A65 at 8am and on Outwood Lane near the post box facing towards Jackman Drive on Outwood Lane. Reports have been received that cars are speeding along these roads at key commuter times in the morning.

RESOLVED

To note Councillor Barkers report.

That the Town Clerk makes a request to Sgt Perkis for SID to be used at the corner of Wood Lane and Outwood Lane facing away from the A65 at 8am and on Outwood Lane near the post box facing towards Jackman Drive on Outwood Lane.

Members asked if there is any publicity for the PACT meetings. Councillor Barker advised Members that these meetings are held monthly but is unaware of the publicity used for the event. Councillor Barker will obtain a list of meetings and distribute to Members.

RESOLVED

That Councillor Barker obtains a list of PACT meeting dates and distribute to Committee Members.

- 10. A report on the use of laser Speed Guns in Horsforth
Councillor Barker reported that the police were present on Broadgate lane. It is envisaged that a report on the use of the speed gun will be provided in about three month's time.

RESOLVED

To note Councillor barkers report.

- 11. Pub Watch
A report on Pub Watch activities provided by a Member of Pub Watch
No member of pub watch in attendance.

- 12. Items for future agenda
CCTV – the use of temporary cameras

The next meeting of the Public Safety & Traffic Committee will be held on the 28th October 2010.