

Minutes of SNAP meeting held on 08/05/18
Kings Centre, Gorleston
At 19:00hrs

1 Open and Introduction

Matthew Yaxley (Chair) opened the meeting and introduced himself. He welcomed everyone to the first combined locations SNAP meeting.

2 Attendees

Matthew Yaxley (Chair), Naomi Richards (Vice Chair), Tina Cleveland (Secretary), Insp. Paul McCarthy, Insp. Donald Dallas, PC Dan Potter (Engagement Officer), Jim Carter (Gorleston), George Albon, Alan Grey, Michael Field, Norman Rouse, Sgt Julie Johnson, Julie Woods (Magdalen), Pauline Euinton, Rona Benson (Gorleston), Doreen Baxter, Barry Baxter, Cllr Paula Waters-Bunn, PC Michael Lay-Flurrie, John Waller (Bradwell), PC Natalie Simmons, Margaret Greenacre (Belton), Trevor Greenacre (Burgh Castle), Cllr John Tonks (Hopton), Melanie Blanch (MAP)

3 New SNAP model

Inspector McCarthy explained a bit about how the new SNAP had developed following on from the loss of the PCSO's. He said that most people from all areas live, work and shop in Gorleston so it made sense to combine all areas. He explained that due to a larger Police presence at the meetings this will mean a more meaningful meeting.

4 Apologies for absence

PC Richard Bladon, PC Dave Howarth, Louise Tully, David Hughes, Paul Gaskin, Bill Richmond, Brian Swan, Peter Kirkpatrick & Labour Councillors

5 Overview of Crime Figures and emerging trends

Inspector Dallas introduced himself. He said that the team work hard and are dedicated and caring. He stated that when he mentions Gorleston he is speaking about the whole area including, Cobholm, Southtown, Bradwell, Belton, Hopton and Southern villages. He said that crimes are changing and a lot goes on behind the scenes and that crime figures are not always a true reflection as one person could do 10 crimes. He advised that Police UK has all the crime figures, but it does state "at or near" to protect identities.

He stated that ASB is a problem, but they need the help of the public, parents & schools. One big problem is motorcyclists. Inspector Dallas stated that if the public sees a problem they need to report it, contact the Beat Managers. He said they were tackling drug crime is really hard and 12 months ago knife crime was really bad but with all crimes the Police need to prioritise.

Alan Grey said there were still problems in Bells Road with 5 wing mirrors knocked off cars to which Inspector Dallas said there were a number of patrols on a Friday night in the area. He asked if these had been reported to which Alan Grey stated they hadn't. Inspector Dallas re-iterated the importance of reporting crimes.

Amy of Great Yarmouth MAP asked if crimes are reported that they are investigated. Inspector Dallas stated that all crimes reported are investigated.

Norman Rouse said he had an issue with Mobility scooters and asked if the drivers need to take a test. Inspector Dallas said that when someone purchases a mobility

scooter they should be given lessons, but he stated that he could not see the law changing regarding the scooters.

Matthew Yaxley (Chair) asked if individual questions could be kept to the end of the meeting when the Police would be available to answer them.

Tony Greenacre asked if knife crime figures were increasing. Insp. Dallas stated that they are improving but they do fluctuate. Knife Crimes tend to be by people involved in drugs etc and rarely involves the general public.

Cllr Paula Waters-Bunn asked if there were any crime trends in the area that we need to be aware of. Insp. Dallas said that there wasn't but that the general public just need to be aware and inform Beat Managers of anything suspicious. He said that there are plain clothes officers out every day.

6 New priorities considered and agreed

All areas put their priorities forward to be considered, 6 priorities were raised but as agreed only 5 priorities (1 per area) was manageable. Margaret Greenacre – Belton/Southern Villages – Stated there was a problem with ASB, scooters and Quad bikes. Insp. Dallas said motorbike ASB was an issue across the whole of the area.

Trevor Greenacre said that ASB in holiday camps was an issue. Sgt Johnson said that posters were available for display. She said they needed to analyse hot spots as crime goes up during holiday time.

Cllr John Tonks asked if during the air show if ASB not tolerated posters could be displayed. Sgt Johnson said that these areas are covered by the Public Place Protection Order and signs were displayed in relevant areas. She advised that if there is a hot spot then this needs to be reported to the Police or the Council. Insp. Dallas said posters were shown to deter people from coming to Great Yarmouth and how in the past when these signs were on display at places like the train station it made it look like Yarmouth wasn't a safe place to visit. Yarmouth and the surrounding area needs the tourism industry and the meeting were informed there were no plans to put these signs up in these places again.

Cllr Paula Waters-Bunn said that Southtown /Cobholm was a problem with cars racing round using Southtown as a rat run. She said 2 children had been knocked down and that Stafford Road was particularly a problem. Insp. Dallas advised a local speed watch group to be formed. PC Dan Potter said they had tried to do this, so it was suggested that maybe a group is formed who travel to different problem areas.

Jim Carter – Gorleston – stated that cyclists was a problem in Gorleston and also retail shop theft.

Julie Woods – Magdalen – stated that cyclists were also a problem around the college/Magdalen Green area.

Below are the agreed priorities.

Gorleston – Cyclists - High Street ASB

Magdalen – Cyclist - Magdalen Green/6th Form

Bradwell – Respect/Green zones

Belton – Motor Cyclist – Fritton Woods & Burgh Castle

Cobholm & Southtown – Speeding - Suffolk Road & Stafford Road

7 Date of next meeting

Tuesday 4th September 7pm Kings Centre, Gorleston

8 Close

Meeting closed at 8:00pm