

Police And Communities Together (PACT) Portishead

Minutes of meeting held 24th November 2011 – Eve Wigan Room, The Folk Hall

Attendees: Dave Townsend (DT) – Chairman PACT
Michael Parker (MP) – Vice-Chairman PACT
Simon Tamilla (ST) – Avon & Somerset Police
Plus attendees as recorded on attendance sheet

Apologies: Jim Robinson – Avon & Somerset Police

1. DT opened the meeting and welcomed the attendees.
2. ST provided a brief overview of health and safety regarding the actions to take in the event of a Fire alarm.
3. There were no updates to the PACT process or procedure.
4. ST was asked to feedback on the previous (September 2011) meeting's priorities, of which, there were three:
 - 4.1. Following a notice from developers in the Marina area that Lower Burlington Road, Burlington Road, Eastcliff and Lockside roads had been adopted by North Somerset District Council – it was requested that the status was confirmed. This priority to be answered by the Local Town Council. Whilst the Town Council supported waiting restrictions in Harbour Road they did not support them in other areas of Portishead, such as Port Marine, making it difficult to enforce inconsiderate parking.
 - 4.2. Following general concern in the marina area regarding parked cars on pavements and generally parked inappropriately, it was requested that the area was patrolled and assessed. It was suggested the Police assess inappropriate parking on a case by case basis and deal in accordance with the powers that they have. The Traffic Regulation Order position was still unclear; however tickets would be issued where appropriate.
 - 4.3. It was requested that Anti-Social Behaviour (ASB) patrols continue in Wyndham Way and adjacent roads, i.e. Wyndham Way, Old Mill Road, Serbert Way and the High Street. Only a handful of calls were received over Halloween and Guy Fawkes. There were far fewer rogue fireworks, believed to be due to PCSOs visiting local schools, publicising the £80 fine that could be invoked for firework misuse.
5. ST was asked to provide an overview of any current or forthcoming initiatives.

- 5.1. In the run up to Christmas there will be a home security campaign to highlight the dangers of having high-value Christmas presents visible to opportunist burglars and boxes left out after Christmas advertising the arrival of brand new high value items.
6. DT opened the floor to discussion for the purpose of identifying new police priorities. The proposed reduction of street lighting was raised. The District Council is to review, in consultation with the Town Council, where street lights might remain lit after 12am, midnight; it is believed that only Bristol Road and Clevedon Road are currently under consideration. The local Portishead Police have not been consulted; **ST will make enquiries as to whether Avon & Somerset Police Authority have been consulted.**

This led on to a discussion of the detrimental effect that a loss of street lighting would have on the value of the CCTV systems in the town. Recent graffiti affecting the entire length of the High Street had not been caught on CCTV. To balance this, ST explained how CCTV had provided important clues in the recent successful prosecution of a graffiti artist from Portishead. Further discussion of the monitoring of CCTV feeds from around the District led to ST offering to invite a CCTV representative from Weston super Mare to the next PACT meeting.

Another incidence of graffiti, the bus stop outside High Down School, which despite being over painted was still legible. After the meeting, this was raised with the Deputy Town Clerk, who has passed it on to North Somerset District Council. As the bus shelter is one of the new ones, there is still some money in the budget for replacing panes, and it is on the list for their contractor to do. NSC may also consider replacing the clear panes at the bottom of the shelter with solid ones.

In addition there was a discussion of issues with underage drinking in Portishead and how local police address it. Also recent Portishead wide cold calling by AAP Fundraising on behalf of Shelter; charities are exempt from cold calling restrictions, but should not call after dark. They should have a license from the District Council but do not need to inform the Police, though they usually do. **ST will arrange contact with AAP Fundraising for information.**

Finally, the following Priorities were raised:

6.1. Graffiti throughout Portishead, but particularly in the High Street.

6.2. St Barnabus Centre, West Hill, usually around 12pm midday, has an issue of parked cars on corners causing an obstruction nuisance.

7. Following a vote by a show of hands, the above items 6.1 to 6.2 were selected as priorities for the coming two months.

With no additional items, DT thanked the attendees and closed the meeting.

Next meeting: January 24th 2012 at 19:00 same venue.