

Town Centre Neighbourhood Panel
10th September 2009

Present:

Margaret Bannister	EBC Ward Councillor
Brian Burton	Police
John Dullaway	Resident
Lisa Dullaway	Resident
PC Scott Franklin-Lester	Police
Nigel Goodyear	EBC Ward Councillor
Mario Giorgi	
Pam Hagon	Resident
Marie Hennelly	Resident
Sarah Jenkins	Police
Militsa Katsavis	The Dolphin
Julian Ledger	Call A Cab Ltd
Adrian Ley (Chairman)	Resident
Brian Larrett	Resident
David Mitchell	Resident
Kevin Mitchell	Resident
Jan Newens	Neighbourhood Watch
Jay Patel	Resident
Roy Peacock	Neighbourhood Watch
Panayiotis Photious	Odyssey
Kareen Plympton	EBC Licensing Manager
Patrick Reade	Resident
Judith Robinson	Resident
E Sheere	Resident
Steve Wallis	EBC Ward Councillor
Neville Wood	Resident

1 Welcome and Introductions:

The Chairman welcomed new attendees to the meeting and introductions were given around the table.

2 Apologies :

Richard & Liz Goude	Resident
Jan Lyalls	Resident
Pauline Peagam	Salvation Army
Chris Richards	EBC Town Centre Manager

3 Minutes of Previous Meeting:

The Chairman described the procedure in which minutes and the agenda will be emailed to all attendees who provide an email address. They will also continue to be published on the Neighbourhood Panel Web Site. <http://www.eastbournenp.org/>

4 Matters Arising - Update on Priorities

Priority 1 - Street Drinkers in the Town Centre

SFL gave a brief update on street drinking. He stressed that the thrust of this initiative was to discourage antisocial and threatening behaviour by a core of problematic drinkers. Police will only intervene to challenge antisocial behaviour in accordance with

recent government advice on drinking in public. It was reported that the area outside the Post Office was again causing concern.

Priority 2 - Anti-Social Behaviour, Late Night Licensing

SFL stated that the situation remains very much as reported at the last meeting. The patrol beats of PCSOs have been adjusted to include some fixed periods at problem areas. He described the arrangements for Operation Blitz which targets youth antisocial behaviour and drinking and agreed to bring some invitation packs to the next meeting.

KP described how the Licensing Team at EBC work with licensed premises to improve their practice and ensure that they meet their license conditions. She reported that the Licensing Action Group meets monthly to review premises causing concern. She also described the out of hours service for addressing noise which runs between 10pm and 2am alternate Friday and Saturdays. The number for this service is 410051.

KP gave an update on the license for the Funktion Rooms which had been suspended following the tragic death which happened there. Strict conditions have been applied and the premises are subject to a period of close monitoring to ensure compliance.

Priority 3 - Student Briefings to Address Antisocial Behaviour

SFL confirmed that arrangements are in place to visit a large number of educational institutions to brief the students on acceptable behaviour and the consequences of not doing so.

5 District Panel Update:

The Chairman reported that a protocol for how the Community Payback Service (CPS) carry out the alleyway clean up programme is being produced to ensure that the Community Policing Inspector can coordinate the programme effectively.

6 Devonshire Neighbourhood Action Plan Update:

No new information.

7 Review of Panel Priorities:

Condition of Town Centre Pavements

Cllr NG reported that a conditions survey is being conducted and he will try to get some information for the next meeting.

Cycling on Pavements

Nothing to report as no member of the enforcement team was present at the meeting. It was agreed that a member of the enforcement team should again be invited to the next meeting.

Benches outside Post Office

Concern was raised about the further problems which occurred at this point. It was agreed that they should be removed to see if this made a difference.

Late Night Parking in Devonshire Place.

Problems caused by illegal parking from 10pm onwards were described. It was agreed that enforcement by the Police should be considered as the Parking Enforcement Officers do not operate at this time.

Driving with Excessive Speed in the Town Centre

Vehicles going too fast for the road conditions were identified in Elms Avenue, Bolton Road, Lismore Road, Susans Road and Pevensey Road.

It was agreed that the three priorities for the meeting were:

- 1. Benches outside Post Office**
- 2. Late Night Parking in Devonshire Place**
- 3. Driving with Excessive Speed in the Town Centre**

8 Any Other Business:

The meeting expressed horror and concern about the unprovoked and serious assault on two panel members which occurred outside The Pier Hotel.

JL stated that a meeting was being held to talk to residents with concerns about Dial A Cab's application. KP confirmed that licences would be revoked if conditions were not adhered to.

9 Date of Next Meeting:

The date of the next meeting was confirmed as 15th October 2009 at 1900hrs at the Town Hall.

The following meeting was agreed as 26th November 2009 at 1900hrs at the Town Hall.