

Town Centre Neighbourhood Panel
25th November 2010

Present:

Ray Barron	Resident
Srg Gareth Evans	Police
PC Scott Franklin-Lester	Police
Nigel Goodyear	EBC Ward Councillor
Ian Grabiner	Student Police Officer
Pam Hagon	Resident
Marie Hennelly	Resident
Adrian Ley (Chairman)	Resident
Jan Lyalls	Resident
David Mitchell	Resident
Netta Nielsen	Resident
Roy Peacock	Neighbourhood Watch
Stephen Priestley	Resident
V A Thomas	Resident
Steve Wallis	EBC Ward Councillor
Georgina Wood	Resident

1 Welcome and Introductions:

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

2 Apologies :

Margaret Bannister	EBC Ward Councillor
John Bradshaw	Resident
Beryl Healy	ESCC Ward Councillor
Kareen Plympton	EBC Licensing Manager
Judith Robinson	Resident
Eve Sheere	Resident
Dianne Vernon-Dixon	Resident
Rosemary Watson	Resident

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

On Going Priority – Anti-Social Behaviour, Late Night Licensing – Police

SFL gave an update covering a number of areas.

Anti-Social Behaviour – A street drinking operation at the end of October resulted in one person in custody for possession of a class A drug.

Drugs – Five in custody for Possession with Intent with ½ Kg of cannabis following a stop in Seaside Road. One other also in custody for recall to prison and for Possession with Intent as found with 40-50 wraps of a Class A drug and £1500 cash.

Speeding patrols – Road Safety Week, this week, school patrols and speed checks around town.

Non Dwelling break-ins - Following a break in to a hairdressers in South Street all hairdressers were contacted, crime prevention advice offered and cctv posters were issued. Two males have subsequently been arrested and bailed pending further enquiries following the break in to Ernest Jones in the Arndale Centre on 25/10/10.

PCSO Patrol Areas – These reflect the panel priorities and cover: The Avenue/ Wharf Road for street drinkers and drug dealing: ‘Op Clifford’– allocated street drinker operation: Trinity Place/Trees for ASB in and around car park: Elms Avenue – night time for ASB and the Mosque/Synagogue.

Other Incidents of Note - During October 2010 many PCs/PCSOs were required to help in Robertsbridge with scene guards and house to house enquiries with regards to the murder of the farmer. Op Epsom - Rape of female near Ceylon Place is continuing.

PCSO Deployment - PCSO Easton has moved to Panel 13 to cover maternity leave. PCSO Sue Robinson has moved from Hampden Park to help cover Panel 12 while a PCSO has a knee operation, so Panel 12 still has three PCSOs.

Next Street meetings -

November 26th Gildredge Road end of Hyde Gardens

December 1st o/s Edinburgh Woollen Mill, Terminus Road

On Going Priority – Anti-Social Behaviour, Late Night Licensing - Council

KP sent her apologies as she has broken her shoulder. AL presented her report. The situation at the Vernon House Hotel has caused further concerns. There have been issues with control and supervision at the site and resultant noise/disturbance.

Residents met with KP and Cllr Goodyear earlier this week to look at the premises again. The Licensing Officers have also attended the premises and the Designated Premises Supervisor and the Manager of the site are attending a meeting next week as a means to consider a way forward, including an Action Plan. The premises is regularly monitored as part of the call out service (alternate Fri and Sats 10 - 2) and one of the Licensing Officers is on duty and will re visit the site. The call out mobile number is available from KP. KP emphasised that the Licensing Team are acting swiftly and robustly on this.

The Licensing Policy Statement and Sex Establishment Policy consultations have concluded,. Thanks to those who offered feedback,. The Sex Establishment Policy is likely to be adopted in March 2011 following the various legal processes. The Licensing Policy Statement has been made more robust and includes a revised Cumulative Impact Policy which should help to manage the number and type of licensed premises in the town centre.

The Licensing Team and Police are in the process of undertaking pre Christmas visits to premises to check on marketing and drinks promotions, reminders about proxy purchasing, underage, drunkenness etc. Over the Christmas and New Year period, the Safe Space Vehicle, offering practical support, basic first aid and a safe space for people who find themselves vulnerable due to drink/drugs/separation from friends etc is returning. It caters mainly for the 18-35 age bracket who are frequenting the night time economy. Marketing material leading up to Christmas and beyond reminds revellers to be considerate to residents in the vicinity, use the toilet before they leave a venue etc.

The recent conviction of a Door Supervisor from a Town Centre venue for a violent attack on a club goer sends a clear message that this behaviour will not be tolerated.

There is some suggestion that the Funktion rooms will re-open in late Jan/Feb 2011. The Council are anticipating a variation application, to include a smoking shelter on the roof. This will be advertised on the premises and in the newspaper.

Didac School

Panel members reported on a great improvement to the situation at the Didac School since the last panel meeting.

5 District Panel Update:

The last meeting considered how the panels have developed over the last year and in particular if there is a need to produce a common terms of reference. Considerable variation of practice was noted with some focussing mainly on Police matters. It was agreed that as far as the Town Centre was concerned the focus should continue to be on both Police and Council matters. The residents expressed appreciation for the attendance from the Police together with Council Officers and members of both the local and County Council.

6 Neighbourhood Management Update:

Nothing to report..

7 Review of Panel Priorities:

The existing priorities were confirmed.

8 Any Other Business:

It was agreed that the Chairman would forward emails on scams and other alerts to all panel members who had provided an email address.

9 Date of Next Meeting:

The date of the next meeting is Thursday 27th January 2011 at 1900hrs at the Town Hall.