

Town Centre Neighbourhood Panel
26th May 2011

Present:

John Bradshaw	Resident
PC Scott Franklin-Lester	Police
Alan Gander	Resident
Debbie Gander	Resident
Nigel Goodyear	EBC Ward Councillor
Liz Goude	Resident
Bob Gough	Crime Reduction Partnership
Pam Hagon	Resident
Marie Hennelly	Resident
Adrian Ley (Chairman)	Resident
Kevin Mannall	Community Liaison Manager
David Mitchell	Resident
Netta Nielsen	Resident
Kevin Mitchell	Resident
Roy Peacock	Neighbourhood Watch
Kareen Plympton	EBC Licensing Manager
Judith Robinson	Resident
Eve Sheere	Resident
Dianne Vernon-Dixon	Resident
Steve Wallis	EBC Ward Councillor

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
Richard Goude	Resident
Beryl Healy	ESCC Ward Councillor
Brian Larrett	Resident
Jan Lyalls	Resident
Jay Patel	Resident
Neil Stanley	EBC Ward Councillor

3 Report back on actions since last meeting:

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

SFL reported on a new initiative being started on 1st June 2011 for a three month trial period. The order is in force in the area enclosed by the B2103 from Silverdale Road to Channel View Road, extending from the low-water mark to the northernmost extent of the carriageway, and including the pier; the area encompassed within the boundary formed by the B2103 at its junction with Devonshire Place, South Street into Gildredge Road, Terminus Road into Upperton Road, Enys Road, Eversfield Road, Upper Avenue, and Cavendish Place to the Pier; and the parkland area of Gildredge Park for dispersal.

A police officer can, if the presence or behaviour of two or more persons has resulted, or is likely to result in the public being intimidated, harassed, alarmed or distressed,

- Tell the group to disperse
- Require individuals who do not live there to leave

- Direct persons, who do not live there, not to return for up to 24 hours.

Anyone who does not follow this direction may be arrested.

Measures to address the problems in Elms Avenue continue to be under consideration and architects have been looking at options.

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

KP provided an update on the cross-agency Street Drinkers Group and distributed a questionnaire inviting feedback on how people are affected by street drinkers. A mixture of enforcement and support is being applied to try to bring about a change in street drinker's behaviour.

The latest information on the Funktion Rooms is that they will open under a new name at the end of June.

Vernon House Hotel is currently closed and will be monitored on its reopening.

4 Neighbourhood Management

BG reported that two meetings of the Operations Group had been held since the last Town Centre Panel meeting. KP had given an extremely useful input on what to cover in making representations against licensing proposals. There has also been considerable discussion about improving the environment with concerns being raised about rubbish disposal and the area outside the railway station. Large communal bins are being investigated. Similarly a number of measures to improve the situation at the station pending a major redevelopment of the area have been identified.

The overall plans are still in an outline form and include new ideas such as Street Markets.

It was suggested that empty residential property above commercial premises was an area which should be looked at.

David Mitchell will be joining the Group.

5 Residents Feedback

The three updates above were well received and the residents expressed their appreciation for all that was happening.

Concern was raised about the condition of pavements on Devonshire Place up to the victory roundabout. KP agreed to refer to appropriate officer.

The dangerous parking outside a school (not in Town Centre Panel area) was also raised and SFL agreed to forward the concerns.

6 Date of Next Meeting:

The date of the next meeting is Thursday 28th July 2011 at 1900 hrs at the Town Hall.

The dates for the rest of the year are:

29th September 2011

24th November 2011.