Town Centre Neighbourhood Panel
25th April 2019

Present:
Margaret Bannister EBC Ward Councillor
PC Scott Franklin-Lester Police
Theresa Grimshaw Resident
Stephen Holt EBC Ward Councillor
Helen Hughes Resident
Barry Jeanneret EBC Neighbourhood 1st
Adrian Ley (Chairman) Resident
Henry Padden Business Owner
Jay Patel Resident
John Pattenden Resident
Roy Peacock Neighbourhood Watch
Gillian Rose Resident
Robert Smart EBC Ward Councillor
Barry Taylor EBC Ward Councillor
Steve Wallis EBC & ESCC Ward Councillor

Apologies:
John Case Resident
Tricia Wood Resident

1 Police Update

- Street Drinkers

SFL reported that the Police will continue to deal robustly with issues of begging and street drinking where appropriate using our powers of dispersal. They work with mental health teams, the Council, housing, Salvation Army, Mathew 25 and Adult Social Care to deal with any ongoing issues.

As the summer approaches they will continue to remove alcohol from those causing problems under the public space prevention order. They we can respond effectively.

- Other Police Activities

Drug dealing continues and the Police are tackling the issues associated with it. They will be happy to receive any information about locations, vehicles times and dates.

In recent weeks they have dealt with several Cannabis factories, seizures of class A drugs using both plain clothes and uniformed officers.

Please feel free to text SFL on 07912 895048 call 101 or pop into 1 Grove road to pass on any information.

- Priorities continue as
  1 Street Drinkers

2 Update on Licensing
No licensing issues to report.

3 Town Centre Neighbourhood Management
• **Elms Avenue**
  BJ reported on recent and ongoing action concerning food waste from businesses in Terminus Road and Seaside Road not being dealt with appropriately. Environmental Health and Food Safety are involved and enforcement action is being taken.

• **Neighbourhood First Update (BJ)**
  NF also taking action to address quality of service from current waste contractor as Council prepares to take this service back in house. NF also carrying out programme to remove unused garden waste bins.

4 **East Sussex County Council Highways Department**

• **Condition of Pavements**
  The Panel confirmed its concern about the quality of payments and agreed that new funding sources to address this issue are required as ESCC rejected the proposition for 50% of the Eastbourne Parking net revenue be used each year for some 10 years towards pavement refurbishment/repairs. A local petition was now being progressed for the residents to have their say.

  https://www.inyourarea.co.uk/feed/bn211EX/Eastbourne,Meads,Roselands/ugc-posts,ugc-voting-petition,marketplace-listings

• **South Street and Memorial Roundabout**
  A panel member expressed concern about the speed on the roundabout and reported that traffic regularly goes the wrong way down South Street. It was noted that these were both identified as problematic areas in Phase 2 of the Eastbourne Town Centre Movement & Access Package being carried out by ESCC Highways Department. AL agreed to seek an update on progress.

5 **Devonshire Ward Initiatives**
  A new round of Community Grants will be awarded in May.

6 **Lower Meads Ward Initiatives**
  Devonshire Park project progressing with Congress Theatre and external works being completed. Snagging now taking place and details of a trip hazard were reported.

7 **Neighbourhood Watch Update**
  RP said the there was very little change from the last meeting in terms of the Committee. A recent Ward Coordinator could no longer contribute due to family reasons and was no longer in Eastbourne, but fortunately, another volunteer has taken on the Ward Coord role for Old Town. So we remain looking for a Chair and Deputy Chair, a minutes secretary and Ward Coords for the wards of Devonshire, Upperton, Sovereign, Ratton, St Anthonys and shortly for Meads, as I have to give up for family and health reasons.

  The ENWA AGM was held on a Saturday morning in January with the result of a 62% increase in attendance. There were some constructive and positive contributions which the Committee are committed to pursuing. One is the use of electronically distributing our Newsletter, A Pilot trial with accompanying survey feedback return will be done in the Meads Ward for the Committee to consider the results before deciding the next steps.
RP was not aware of any significant crime issues for the Lower Meads area. But, added that for much of the Town Centre Panel area he had seen on the Police website, (www.police.uk) that over 200 reports were made in February, many for ASB, Violence and Sexual Offences and Drug matters, with the majority being in the Devonshire Ward.

RP reported on the ASB issue in Sydney Road that he had been involved in helping residents to keep a diary of incidents as well as reporting each to the Police and EBC.

8 **Any Other Business**
A group of residents attended the Panel to explain their concerns about the rollout of the new 5G technology. Full details are available on the internet and a petition to oppose the roll out has been started.

9 **Date of Next Meeting:**
1900 hrs on Thursday 25th July 2019 at Eastbourne Town Hall

Future dates:
31st October 2019
30th January 2020