

CHARNWOOD COMMUNITY SAFETY PARTNERSHIP

THURSDAY, 12 NOVEMBER 2020

MICROSOFT TEAMS

MINUTES

PRESENT:	Councillor Deborah Taylor (Chair)	Charnwood Borough Council
	Councillor Leigh Harper-Davies	Charnwood Borough Council
	Matt Allingham	Leicestershire Police
	Insp Mark Botte	Leicestershire Police
	Victoria Charlton	OPCC
	Chris Hedworth	Leicestershire County Council
	Maddie Clay	Leicestershire and Rutland Probation Trust
	Ant Dales	Loughborough University
	Caroline Morris	Turning Point
	Hazel Sandal	Violence Reduction Network
	Andy Daybell	Leicestershire Fire and Rescue Service
	Julie Robinson	Charnwood Borough Council
	Allison Fadesco	Charnwood Borough Council
	Leye Price	Charnwood Borough Council
	Vikash Mistry	Charnwood Borough Council
	Sally Watson (minutes)	Charnwood Borough Council

1. APOLOGIES

Apologies were received from the following:

Tim McCabe	Charnwood Borough Council
Steve McCue	West Leicestershire CCG
Andy Rhodes	Loughborough BID

2. MINUTES

It was highlighted that there was an inaccuracy in the minutes, whereby Loughborough University representative Manuel Alonso was incorrectly recorded as Manuel Alfonso. Following this correction minutes of the meeting held on 6th August 2020 were approved.

3. ACTION LOG

Updates from the actions of the meeting held on 6th August 2020 were reviewed and updates were provided as follows:

Meeting Date	Action	Complete By
060820 Item 2	<p>The first paragraph of the Terms of Reference referred to the 'Antisocial Behaviour, Crime and Policing', and 'Act 2014' should be inserted here.</p> <p><i>Complete.</i></p>	Julie Robinson/ Committee Clerk
060820 Item 5	<p>That the Drugs Data be included in each Performance Update presentation in order to allow Partners to easily statistics to previous quarters.</p>	Allison Fadesco
060820 Item 7	<p>That Insp Mark Botte develops the process of theft reporting and reduction from commercial premises outside of Loughborough.</p> <p><i>Discussion shad been ongoing regarding the development of a process of theft reporting and reduction from commercial premises outside of Loughborough.</i></p>	Insp Mark Botte
060820 Item 7	<p>That a meeting take place with key partners and Officers to review the Youth JAG structure, to discuss solutions to the barriers experienced and to potentially establish new ways of managing youth crime.</p> <p><i>There was ongoing work to address the review of the Youth JAG structure, with consideration to solutions to barriers experienced, with a potential view to establish new ways of managing youth crime.</i></p>	Insp Mark Botte
060820 Item 7	<p>Councillor Deborah Taylor consult organisations on the issues and barriers which were preventing thorough engagement with the work of the Youth JAG.</p>	Councillor Deborah Taylor
060820 Item 7	<p>That Julie Robinson discussed the Prevent Steering Group meeting attendance with Rob Mitchell in order to establish a suitable delegate to attend.</p>	Julie Robinson

	<i>A representative had been identified to attend the Prevent Steering Group on behalf of the Community Safety Partnership.</i>	
060820 Item 10	That information regarding the development of an online service to support young people be communicated to the Community Safety Partnership.	Chris Hedworth
060820 Item 10	That information on the Leicestershire County Council Community Safety team review and offer be circulated to the group.	Chris Hedworth
060820 Item 10	That intelligence obtained by partners at Leicestershire County Council was supplied to the Youth JAG on a regular basis.	Chris Hedworth
060820 Item 13	That the Youth JAG be discussed in depth as part of the Strategic Update at the meeting of the Community Safety Partnership on 15th October 2020.	Insp Mark Botte

4. PERFORMANCE UPDATE (A. Fadesco)

A presentation detailing Charnwood performance figures was provided. The following summarises the key points:

- i. Increases in crime included violence against the person with injury (+59%), domestic related violence with injury (+91%), hate crime (+62.7%), antisocial behaviour (+46%) and Sentinel reports for antisocial behaviour incidents (+45%). This was compared to the same quarter of the previous year.
- ii. Crime reductions included total crime (-4%), residential burglary (-30%), burglary – business and community (-20%), theft from motor vehicle (-32%), theft of motor vehicle (-32%), shoplifting (-33.2%), robbery (-15%) and cycle theft (-28%). This was compared to the same quarter of the previous year.
- iii. Drugs data indicated the following between July-September 2020;
 - There were 585 drug users working with drug support services within Charnwood Borough.
 - There were 3 young people identified through the Charnwood JAG at risk of becoming involved in County Lines.

- There were 56 drug users actively engaged with the Falcon Centre/Exaireo.
 - There were 111 individual substance misuse sessions held via the Falcon Centre/Exaireo.
 - There had been 36 informal discussions (gaining trust/respect) undertaken via the Falcon Centre/Exaireo.
 - A total of 5 drug users had been assessed for rehabilitation services by local support services.
 - There had been 36 arrests for drug related offences within Charnwood Borough (people arrested for drugs offences such as possession, PWITS, supply, conspiracy, aid, abet, etc).
 - There had been 6 Section 8 Notices (Misuse of Drugs Act 1971) issued within the Borough.
 - There had been a reduction in Serious Acquisitive Crime (SAC) particularly within the Bell Foundry People Zone and Loughborough Town Centre.
- iv. It was acknowledged that the way in which beats were separated could cause misrepresentation in the statistics provided. Beats could incorporate a number of villages to form a large area.
- v. A recent vehicle crime on the Woodhouse beat was discussed and more information regarding arrests was requested by Councillor Harper-Davies. Matt Allingham agreed to provide suitable data to Councillor Harper-Davies following the meeting.
- vi. There was a meeting scheduled with the OPCC in order to discuss issues relating to the performance data packs provided. These issues included reporting periods being inconsistent with the way in which the Community Safety Partnership presented data, as this was problematic when collating data.
- vii. It was requested that more narrative be added to the slides provided at future meetings. For example, an explanation on why there had been significant increase or reductions in a specific crime group. Police colleagues should be consulted if relevant data was not available to the Council.
- viii. Much of the crime increases outlined were associated with Covid-19 and lockdown rules. For example, increases in anti-social behaviour and domestic violence were considered to be due to an increased amount of time spent at home. However, due to the nature of these crimes during lockdown, officers had been able to manage and record these situations more effectively.

AGREED

1. That the information be noted.
2. That more information on the recent vehicle crime on the Woodhouse beat be provided by Matt Allingham to Councillor Harper-Davies.
3. That more narrative be provided with performance slides in order to provide more information on significant increases or reductions in crime. Liaison with Police colleagues would be beneficial in order to provide relevant information.

5. DELIVERY GROUP UPDATES

(a) Strategic Group (J. Robinson)

An update including the Partnership Locality Fund 2019/20 was outlined. The following summarises the key points:

- i. There was more information available from the Safer Communities Strategic Board, on data locations in relation to crime reduction. This information could be circulated to the group following the meeting.
- ii. The PSPO in Loughborough Town Centre had been extended by three years up to 20th October 2023. The PSPO and the Civil Injunction will operate in tandem, targeting different aspects of anti-social behaviour, with the over-arching aim of creating a safer environment in the Town Centre.
- iii. The Police had been leading on a domestic violence high risk pilot.
- iv. Home Office Safer Streets Funding had been utilised to address the threat of crime within the Warwick Way and Dishley Estate in Loughborough East. A multi-agency team had been established to mirror the operating model of the People Zone. The community engagement work undertaken would remain separate in the two areas and would be subject to Covid-19 restrictions.
- v. There had been an increase in Sentinel reporting on Covid-specific offences, including licensing issues and noise and behaviour issues within the home.
- vi. Work on the Drugs Strategy was continuing and meetings were taking place virtually. A draft Drugs Action Plan had been developed and proactive work with schools to raise awareness of substance misuse had continued. An update on this work would be delivered at the next meeting of the Community Safety Partnership.

(b) JAG Delivery Group (M. Allingham)

An update of the JAG Delivery Group was provided. The following summarises the discussion:

- i. It was acknowledged that significant pro-active work on the night-time economy had been undertaken by the partnership, which had resulted in the compliance of businesses in the Borough, with regard to Covid-19 regulations.
- ii. As a national, Police-led initiative, Neighbourhood Link had invested in Charnwood Watch. There was a good level of public engagement with Charnwood Watch and priorities were being highlighted to Police through this channel. There were approximately 5,000 users of Charnwood Watch and the Police continued to promote the initiative to further improve the effectiveness and to increase the representation of the public. It was suggested that the Council and partners promote Charnwood Watch through their social media accounts.
- iii. A meeting had taken place in order to discuss and find solutions to the issues faced by the Youth JAG.

AGREED

1. That the information be noted.
2. That further information from the Safer Communities Strategic Board on data locations in relation to crime reduction be circulated to the group.
3. That all partners promote Charnwood Watch through their social media accounts in order to increase the number of users.

6. VIOLENCE REDUCTION NETWORK (H. Sandal)

A presentation and a verbal update on the Violence Reduction Network (VRN), with a particular focus on the Charnwood area, was provided. The following summarises the key points;

- i. A meeting had taken place with partners to establish a strategic plan in order to reduce serious violence. This would include contextual prevention and public health intelligence.
- ii. A strategic needs assessment had been created by the VRN which outlined the extent and nature of violence in Leicester, Leicestershire and Rutland and risk and protective factors to consider. As part of the strategic needs assessment, it was highlighted that 24% of serious crime in public places was committed by under-25s and as a result, the VRN had placed a significant focus on this group.

- iii. The VRN defined serious violence as 'public place violence resulting in significant physical injury with or without weapons'. While all age groups were incorporated into the work of the VRN the initial priority focus was serious violence by or against a person under 25 years. The priority focus excluded sexual violence and serious violence in domestic settings, such as domestic abuse. The specific crime reports that required reporting to the Home Office included homicide, violence with injury and robbery.
- iv. Data on the volume of serious violence offences between April 2019 and October 2020 that was of interest to the VRN suggested that the figures in Charnwood were relatively stable. Irregular activity demonstrated within the data coincided with the introduction and changes of Covid-19 lockdown rules. This data did not include domestic violence.
- v. Data collated by the VRN suggested that:
 - Between 2018/19 and 2019/20 there had been an increase in all serious crime of all ages of 5.25%. Regarding the under 25s age group, there had been a decrease of 7.7%.
 - The most frequent crime type was assault with injury.
 - The most frequent Police beat was Loughborough Town.
 - Peak timings were Sunday (all ages and under 25s), 6pm (all ages) and 3pm (under 25s). It was recognised that these timings coincide with the end of the school day and when younger people collate and that there could be a correlation to consider. The partnership was involved in working with schools in order to reduce incidents of crime. There was a focus on encouraging more engagement with schools across the Borough. These figures were not unique to Charnwood.
 - The group most at risk of being a victim of serious crime was males aged 15-19.
 - The group most likely to commit a serious violent offence were males ages 15-19
- vi. The data presented was based on Police data, however the VRN was reporting on different incidents from other groups such as the OPCC, and had different definitions and priority areas.
- vii. A video on the signs of child exploitation had been created and shared amongst some of the partners. It was suggested that this video be shared more widely amongst the partnership and further.

AGREED

1. That the information be noted.
 2. That the information video on the signs of child exploitation be shared with the partnership.
7. TURNING POINT (C. Morris)
- (a) A report detailing substance misuse trends was provided. The following summarises the key points:
- i. There had been an increase of over 200 clients across Leicester, Leicestershire and Rutland since the beginning of the Covid-19 pandemic in March 2020. This was considered to be partly due to a reduction in the successful completion of treatment, although this is improving.
 - ii. Due to the Covid-19 pandemic, the majority of appointments were taking place via telephone, although where necessary face-to-face meetings had taken place. In addition, needle exchange and drop-in services remained on site. It was considered that the use of telephone appointments could be beneficial in that clients were more inclined to attend appointments as it was easier than presenting on site and could be seen as less confrontational. However, this was not ideal for first-time meetings as it was difficult for staff to assess the physical wellbeing of an individual at the start of their treatment.
- (b) An LLR Substance Misuse Community Safety Partnership meeting report was provided and the following was highlighted.
- i. There had been an increase in Nitric Oxide use across the County and this was considered to be mainly younger individuals. The Young Person's team within Turning Point were in the process of producing a poster and other awareness materials in order to address this.
 - ii. A national drug alert had been issued regarding illicit and fake benzodiazepines, which presented the risk of overdose amongst other potential issues, as the contents was unknown.
 - iii. With the increase in clients across the Borough, there had also been an increase in aftercare engagement, including phone calls and online groups.
 - iv. It was suggested that the LLR Substance Misuse Community Safety Partnership minutes be provided to future meetings of the Charnwood Community Safety Partnership where possible.

AGREED

1. That the information be noted.

2. That the minutes of the LLR Substance Misuse Community Safety Partnership be provided to future meetings of the Charnwood Community Safety Partnership where possible.

8. LOUGHBOROUGH STUDENTS STREET SUPPORT SCHEME AND LOUGHBOROUGH UNIVERSITY UPDATE (A. Dales)

A verbal update regarding Loughborough University matters, including the Student Street Support Scheme was provided. The following summarises the key points:

- i. Four individuals (2 groups of 2) had been deployed on Friday and Saturday nights between 10pm and 2am, covering three routes. These routes are set by the weekly Antisocial Behaviour group, attended by the Police, Charnwood Borough Council and Loughborough University and are based on data detailing the location of incidents. The routes had tended to remain the same, and centre around the areas of Ashby Road, Burleigh Road, Radmoor Road and Pagett Street.
- ii. The scheme's operation since September 2020 had been successful and volunteers had been reporting incidents before members of the public are highlighting incidents to the Police or the University. This was a significant improvement on the success and the effectiveness of the scheme in 2019/20.
- iii. The University was working towards the safe exit and entrance of students for the Christmas break and to ensure students were compliant with Covid-19 regulations during this period.

AGREED that the information be noted.

9. LEICESTERSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL UPDATE (C. Hedworth)

A verbal update regarding Leicestershire County Council matters impacting on Charnwood was due to be provided, although the representative from Leicestershire County Council became disconnected from the meeting and so no update was provided.

10. POLICE AND CRIME COMMISSIONER UPDATE (V. Charlton)

A verbal update on the work of the Police and Crime Commissioner was provided. The following summarises the key points.

- i. The recent community safety survey had received over 3,600 responses, including 786 in the Charnwood area. Analysis was being undertaken and reports would be circulated in due course.

- ii. The Community Leadership Programme developed by the VRN and the OPCC was due to commence on 30th November 2020. 34 applications were received and 20 delegates had been identified. Updates on the development of the programme will be provided at future meetings of the Community Safety Partnership.
- iii. Work was being undertaken in order to improve the data packs provided by the OPCC, including the contextualisation of information and the streamlining of data.
- iv. The Strategic Partnership Board meeting had taken place and featured a presentation on adverse childhood experiences. The recorded meeting and the presentation would be shared with the group when made available.
- v. Financial support was being sought in order to facilitate the People Zones and this work remained a priority for the OPCC. A new Community Safety Officer had been appointed in order to support the work of the People Zones and it was expected that this would enhance the work undertaken.

AGREED that the information be noted.

11. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

There was no other business for the group to consider.

12. FORWARD PROGRAMME AND MEETING DATES FOR 2020/21

A report was provided to agree the Partnership's forward programme of work.

- i. It was highlighted that there was an inaccuracy in the Forward Programme whereby Geoff Feavyour was still listed as the Loughborough University representative. This was now Ant Dales.
- ii. There were issues regarding the availability of data and the meeting dates of the Community Safety Partnership. The meetings currently scheduled may not coincide with the availability of data from the OPCC. This would be discussed outside of the meeting.

AGREED

1. That the information be noted.
2. That reference to Geoff Feavyour be replaced with Ant Dales as the representative from Loughborough University.
3. That the meetings cycle, in relation to the availability of data packs be discussed outside of the meeting.

COMMUNITY SAFETY PARTNERSHIP

ACTION LOG

12th November 2020

Meeting Date	Action	Complete By
121120 Item 4	More information on the recent vehicle crime on the Woodhouse beat be provided by Matt Allingham to Councillor Harper-Davies.	Matt Allingham
121120 Item 4	More narrative be provided with performance slides in order to provide more information on significant increases or reductions in crime. Liaison with Police colleagues would be beneficial in order to provide relevant information.	Allison Fadesco/ Matt Allingham
121120 Item 5	Further information from the Safer Communities Strategic Board on data locations in relation to crime reduction be circulated to the group.	Matt Allingham
121120 Item 5	All partners to promote Charnwood Watch through their social media accounts in order to increase the number of users.	All
121120 Item 6	The information video on the signs of child exploitation be shared with the partnership.	Hazel Sandal
121120 Item 7	Minutes of the LLR Substance Misuse Community Safety Partnership be provided to future meetings of the Charnwood Community Safety Partnership where possible.	Caroline Morris
121120 Item 12	Reference to Geoff Feavoyour be replaced with Ant Dales as the representative from Loughborough University.	Clerk
121120 Item 12	The meetings cycle, in relation to the availability of data packs be discussed outside of the meeting.	Julie Robinson