

Notes on the NAP Meeting for Great Baddow & Galleywood held at the Millennium Centre on Wednesday May 29th, 2019 at 7:30pm

Present: Richard Beck (Chairman) , Dave Allan, Lorraine Allan, Dan Glading, Bob Hendrie, David Stephenson, Tory Miller (Parish Clerk Galleywood), Richard Hyland (Galleywood City Councillor & Chairman of Galleywood Parish), Andrew Sosin

1. **Apologies:** Chris Shaw, Bob Clarke, Norman Taylor.

Gill Smith and Stephanie Scott are no longer City Councillors and no longer wish to attend. Richard Beck will ask Liz Ahmed and Anthony McQuiggan if they wish to attend as they live locally.

Everybody attending the meeting introduced themselves. RB talked about the set up of this NAP.

2. Minutes of last meeting and Matters Arising

- I. Norman Taylor asked for an amendment to the minutes in item 8 – Delete "Galleywood" and add "Chelmsford area". This was agreed and the amended minutes were agreed.

II. Active Citizens

CS had said there was information on the police website about active citizens under volunteering on the police website. RH advised the website as <https://www.essex.police.uk/join-the-police/volunteering/active-citizens>. He advised that the site said the principal activities of active citizens would be:

- A. Help us run community days of action
- B. Patrol with local police officers and community support officers
- C. Provide reassurance and crime prevention advice.
- D. Assist with some administration.

3. Youth Café –there was no one from YMCA or a report (** see note 1 at end)

LA advised about a letter from a resident in Bell Street on youngsters jumping on cars and pulling plants out of plant pots. Youths gave a poor response when challenged. Who is responsible? She was advised that it was the police. YMCA staff cannot reprimand people outside the hall. It was questioned whether the youths were actually attending the youth café? Inspector Fraser Macleod had arranged to attend the youth café next Tuesday. RH commented that we should ask Ben Gibbons, (YMCA Chelmsford) for advice on this matter. The complaint should be referred to Sarah Daniels of YMCA, Ben Gibbons and Clare Milligan of GBPC. [Steve Scott-Haynes is community police Inspector].

(**See Note 2 at the end for further information.)

4. Speedwatch

RB will send out details of this by e-mail, this information should have been sent out with the previous minutes. RH advised that Speedwatch Galleywood had an activity outside Jubilee Park this afternoon. In Great Baddow there are not yet 10 volunteers despite requests for volunteers in various places. Information is available from Mary Wiley there is an Introduction course of 2/3 hours. Dave Allan & Alex Nelson have already completed the course.

5. Meadgate Drug Dealing

Bob Hendrie reported on the Meadgate stabbing incident that he had witnessed. He reported that since the incident there have been police in the area regularly. DG, Bob Hendrie, BC hope to get a neighbourhood watch going in the area. DA advised of a drug camp on the other side of the bypass accessed from the tunnel from Mascalls Way; he had witnessed drug dealing in Whitehouse Crescent from a big car. RH advised of the assault on the Co-op manager in Meadgate. Most of the police activity in Meadgate is carried out by police specials. There have also been drug incidents in Dorset Avenue (near shops) and on Galleywood Common.

(*** see note 3 at end)

RH asked why there were no drug incidents in the following table, were they shown as anti-social behaviour?

Table taken from: <https://www.essex.police.uk/your.area/Chelmsford.maldon>

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr
Missing People	83	86	105	73
Domestic Abuse	351	348	378	341
Mental Health	100	96	72	86
Anti-social Behaviour	370	391	435	434
Crimes Solved	225	234	237	216
Intelligence	682	660	806	816
Stop & Search	257	268	240	237
Road traffic collisions	87	76	87	44

RH asked if we could be advised what activities the police are taking to reduce the trend increase in crime especially anti-social behaviour. The City Councillors intend to set up a meeting with police and Spencer Clarke of City Community Safety team. We are looking to see the forecast increase in police numbers on the ground in our area. The police are attending the AGM of Galleywood Parish tomorrow.

6. Date of Next Meeting –September 18th Wednesday –to be confirmed.

Further relevant information that became available immediately after the meeting

Note 1

Sarah was unable to attend as she had a family emergency, she will send a report that I will pass on. (Richard Beck)

Note 2

A resident of Bell Street has written a letter stating that on the night of the youth club some teenagers were messing around on the bonnet of their car. There has also been damage to the residents' front gardens and the language the teenagers are using is equally not appropriate.

Lorraine Allan is going to send a copy of the resident's letter to the Gt Baddow Parish Clerk (although it is the responsibility of St Mary's church) and to Sarah Daniels. The relationship of teenagers and the youth club is yet to be confirmed but the incidents always happen on the same day and at the same time. Insp. Fraser MacLeod is going to try to pay a visit to see if he can calm the situation down and to clarify exactly what is leading to the youths behaving in this manner.

Note 3

There has been a police presence in Meadgate which seems to be making a difference. Insp. Fraser MacLeod has been working with the local neighbourhood association which has helped pinpoint hotspots of where the drug dealings are taking place. The local neighbourhood association has also been working with Open Road as they try to help rehabilitate drug users and they also know most of the people in the area who take and deal in drugs. The Open Road team also liaise with the police so this is very helpful as it is another line of contact. There is also a neighbourhood watch group that is being set up in Meadgate which is different to the association; this is also helpful as it is another line of contact.

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Text of attachment with information on Community Speedwatch that should have been included with minutes of the previous meeting:

Good morning Richard

Thank you for contact Community Speed Watch. We currently have over 900 volunteers working in 90 groups across the county. We are currently experiencing unprecedented demand from new groups and are have a waitlist for start-up. We anticipate that this will now be during May/June.

We have the following criteria for starting a new Community Speed Watch and if you feel that you could meet the requirements, please let me know and I can add your group details to be considered as soon as we are able.

Criteria for new groups:-

- Number of volunteers required : Minimum of ten, ideally more, as we recommend that monitoring takes place in groups of three.
- Commitment of volunteers : There are no restrictions and we ask volunteers to do whatever they feel comfortable with. Each group works their own rota depending on availability of volunteers.
- Coordinator : Each group will need a dedicated person to coordinate them. This person will be responsible for the equipment, the volunteers and ensuring log sheets are completed and returned to the police for processing.
- Sites : Ideally there should be a minimum of two sites within the community. These should be in a 30mph or 40mph zone. They must be evaluated and approved as being suitable for CSW activities. Sites must be visible, consideration must be given to the safety of volunteers and motorists when choosing sites. There must be a safe place to stand off the road which does not obstruct any pedestrian right of way. If there are no pavements you may be able to use a village green or wide verge. Access to that site must be safe, do not expect volunteers to walk along the road or put themselves at risk at any time. Where can volunteers park if they have to drive to the site? You don't want them parked in the line of vision? Signage needs to be placed approximately 100 meters in each direction and in a suitable location.
- Equipment : We can loan a device subject to funding where groups fulfil the criteria (we do however, currently have a waitlist). Hi-Vis jackets, signs and training will be provided.
- Monitoring : We would expect a minimum of two hours monitoring a week whenever possible.

This can take place at any time during day light hours and subject to weather conditions. Volunteer safety is paramount and we ask you not to carry out monitoring during poor visibility or slippery road conditions.

- Objectives of CSW : To educate road users to speed restrictions and the effect that their speeding is having on local communities. All offenders recorded by CSW are processed by Essex Police and the car details are checked on the police system. A letter is sent for the first offence and second offence and on the third instance they are added to a tasking list to be dealt with by Essex Police Casualty Reduction department. Information provided may also be used for police intelligence.

I look forward to hearing from you

Kind regards,

Mary Whiley

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