



Skipton Town Council

15th February 2023 Community Safety Working Group

Present: Councillor Brian McDaid (Chair), Councillor Lewis Morgan, Councillor Winston Feather, Councillor Claire Nash, Councillor Robert Heseltine, Councillor David Noland, Councillor Andy Solloway Stacey Reffin Community Safety Officer CDC , Sgt Paul Evans NYCC Police, Gareth Dixon Craven College, James Neill Skipton Youth Council, Sera Brook Chair of STAND and Jenny Dean Deputy Clerk Skipton Town Council.

Apologies: North Yorkshire Police Crime & Fire Commissioner Zoe Metcalfe, Amanda Bowers Community Engagement Officer, Inspector Julie Earnshaw North Yorkshire Police, Sarah Howsen Skipton BID, Emma Pears SELFA, Louise Close Chief Officer STC, Adam Jackson Ermysteds and Jibril Khalil Skipton Academy

1. Welcome

Councillor McDaid welcomed everyone to the meeting.

2. Introduction

A round of introductions took place, and welcome to those who were new to attending the meeting.

3. Minutes

The minutes from the last working group have been circulated and were approved.

4. Update on actions from the meeting on the 15th December

Action: Sarah to follow up with NYCC, and if needed contact Cllr Andy Solloway

Sarah has updated the group the CCTV camera should have been working from the 9th Feb. Jenny Dean will follow up with Sarah.

Cllr Nash asked who monitored this CCTV, Stacey Reffin reported that it is not a monitored continuously but recordings are made available if there is an incident.

Action: NYCC Councillors for Skipton to be invited to the next meeting

All NYCC Councillors were invited are in attendance.

Action: Skipton Town Council to consider how it can keep residents informed about this meeting, and the actual crime stats for the area.

Following the last meeting the notes were given to Lesley Tate at the Craven Herald, and this will continue to be done. Community Safety is now a standing item at Full Council Meetings.

Action: Youth Council to discuss/survey what activities could be considered

The Youth Council has put together a survey, Jenny will circulate the link to the group. The deadline for completing the survey is the 6th March.

Action: All secondary schools in Skipton to be invited to future meetings

Jenny sent an invite to Ermysteds, Skipton Academy and Skipton Girls High School. As this meeting is in half term apologies were received from Ermysteds and Skipton Academy. The next meeting will be in term time, Jenny to follow up with the Girls School and to invite the PRU.

Action: Commissioner Zoe will have a conversation with the integrated care board.

Commissioner Zoe has a meeting scheduled for the 23rd Feb, and will send an update following that meeting

Action: Stacey Reffin, along with Cllr Feather, to look into the Street Angels Scheme, and whether it can be resurrected.

Cllr Feather has been contacting previous members to see if they would be willing to volunteer again. Stacey will contact other areas that have schemes in place such as Burnley. Cllr Feather would be willing to co-ordinate the volunteers, and Sgt Evans said the Police would be able to provide some training as they did in the past. Sera reported that at the moment a room at the side of POP Bar is used as a safe place to bring people if they need some assistance. If the Street Angels Scheme was resurrected than Sera can help with communicating this to the premises around town.

Action: Emma Pears to work with Cllr McDaid to arrange a meeting with NYCC Youth and Sport services to find out what else happens around the county, where are the commissioned services and where are the gaps.

Emma has met individually with Emma Lonsdale - Children's Commissioning Manager, NYCC and Laura Young - North Yorkshire Sport. I have a meeting scheduled with Rachel Rabjohns - North Yorkshire Youth next week and will feed back to the group afterwards.

Emma Lonsdale - NYCC currently has 17 commissioned Youth Clubs through North Yorkshire Youth. 3 of these are in Craven - Glusburn, Greatwood (currently detached youth work on the estate as the youth club is not running) and Settle (no in-person youth club running since 2020). Carers Resources have a Young Carers contract, Humankind have the young people's substance misuse contract, Compass Phoenix have an emotional wellbeing contract. There is also Early Help through NYCC and the Healthy Child Team via Harrogate NHS.

Emma has also provided several links that Jenny will circulate.

Action: Commissioner Zoe and Inspector Earnshaw to send a report to future meetings with any updates they have.

Sgt Paul Evans is in attendance to provide an update.

5. Update on local crime figures

Sgt Evans reported that in Skipton from the period of the 18th November 2022 to today there have been 264 criminal offences. This includes a wide range of crimes from some being minor to others

more serious. It also includes domestic incidents. There have been 29 burglaries in the last 90 days. Sgt Evans reported that often spikes in incidents can be attributed to just one or two individuals.

There have been several break ins to sheds at the allotment sites at Broughton Road and Middletown, and the Police are working with the Council on this.

Over the last 90 days there have been 4 incidents of antisocial behaviour at the Bus Station, and 2 crimes. A problem-solving approach has been used to look at the bus station, but no pattern to incidents has been identified.

Work is ongoing regarding issues involving anti-social behaviour towards people mooring their boats on the canal.

Sgt Evans expressed that the vast majority of young people in Skipton do not cause any issues, but there are a small number that most of the incidents of anti-social behaviour can be attributed to. Those individuals will be dealt with. Often the reason behind the behaviour can be very complex, and lockdown has had a big impact. Early intervention and support is key. The Police are reintroducing themselves into the schools and the college.

At the last meeting there had been some issues discussed regarding individuals coming from outside the area causing issues, this appears to have stopped.

Sgt Evans feels that the messages from STAND are getting out to people on nights out in Town, and he feels that the premises are taking their responsibilities seriously.

Sgt Evans also reiterated the importance of problems being reported. If problems are not reported, then the Police don't know they are happening.

6. Glass on the Pavement

A discussion followed regarding glass on the floor outside establishments particularly around the bus station. Cllr Feather reported that a large amount of what the Street Angels did was collecting glass and bottles. Cllr Morgan said that the problem was not just in the area around the bus station.

A lack of bins, particularly recycling bins was discussed. Even though not everyone would use a bin, if the facility to put glass in a bin was there it may reduce the amount of glass.

Sera Brook discussed how it can be difficult for some of the larger establishments to stop everyone with a glass leaving. Also, some of the glass doesn't come from the bars, but comes from people getting off buses and bringing bottles from home.

Would NYCC install additional bins or is this something that the Town Council could look into. The emptying of the bins would need to be considered along with locations.

The potential of a joint campaign along the lines of 'Keep Skipton Tidy' was discussed, and how schools could be involved in designing logos and the community being involved in litter picks. Cllr Noland suggested that the Councillors could lead a monthly litter pick on a Saturday or Sunday morning. Jenny will liaise with Cllr Noland about a date for an initial litter pick.

James will take the idea of a 'Keep Skipton Tidy' campaign back to the Youth Council to see if this is something that they could lead on.

Sgt Evans and Sera will discuss the issue of glasses to the next STAND meeting to see if there can be highlighted potentially with signage at exit points.

Beer mats were highlighted as a good way of getting messages across. Stacey may have some budget available, and BID could be approached. Jenny will liaise with Stacey.

Cllr Hesletine said this should be raised with the Licensing department as this would be part of the licensing conditions for venues in Town.

7. Open Discussion

There was a discussion about the number of activities that are available for young people in Skipton, particularly the sports facilities available at Sandylands. Could there be an open day planned there in the future to show the range of activities available there?

The use of facilities such as Craven Arts House was also discussed for those who are not interested in sporting activities. The results of the Youth Council Survey should provide some useful insight into where there are gaps and what activities young people would be interested in.

Cllr Nash highlighted that the Town Council is currently putting together a park strategy, which will include looking at what facilities there are available and identifying any gaps. This strategy will allow any future funding available, such as s106, to be used in a targeted way.

Cllr Solloway informed the group that NYCC would be looking at its Licensing Policies and potential deregulation of some licenses, such as Taxi licenses. He would update the group with more information when he had it. Skipton Magistrates Court would also be coming back into use.

Gareth Dixon informed that group that the college are looking at how the building they have on the High Street can be used by both the college and the wider community. The college are currently looking at the feasibility of the site. There was a discussion on how this links in with the High Street still being the Hub of a community, all be it in a different way than in the past.

Summary of Actions Agreed

Action: Jenny to follow up with Sarah Howson to check that the CCTV on Keighley Road is now operating

Action: The next meeting will be in term time, Jenny to follow up with the Girls school and also to invite the PRU.

Action: Street Angels. Jenny to put something on the Council webpage for recruiting volunteers. Stacey to look at what is done in other areas.

Action: Jenny Circulate Emma's links (see below)

Action: Jenny will liaise with Cllr Noland about a date for an initial litter pick

Action: James will take the idea of a 'Keep Skipton Tidy' campaign back to the Youth Council to see if this is something that they could lead on.

Action: Jenny and Stacey to liaise re beer mats

Action: Sera to discuss the issue of glasses being taken out of venues with the STAND members

Information from Emma Pears:

Laura Young North Yorks Sport- Examples of other youth activities around the County:

<https://www.happyhealthykidz.co.uk/> - I have not seen this delivery but others on the team were happy with what they saw

<https://flashcompany.art/our-projects/> - these guys are fab, I have seen them in action and they have a wide range of participants with some being referred by social services
Brimham's active – these are essential Harrogate council and run inclusive holiday schemes

<https://embersoutdoorlearning.co.uk/> - These guys are a forest school

<https://flyingfutures.org/camps/holiday-camps/> - Again, I've not seen these in action but their description sounds inclusive

<https://www.wildexplorers.org.uk/our-story/> - these guys are qualified Montessori teacher and Beccy a qualified counsellor and run a forest school type activity

<https://www.nymaz.org.uk/> - Music based delivery

<https://tadcasterbarn.co.uk/> - Tadcaster Barn – these guys actually get specialist SEND support in if they get more than a couple of children who may require smaller ratios

<https://treetopsforestschoo.co.uk/holiday-clubs> - I've not seen these but hear they had great feedback