



# Skipton Town Council

## 28<sup>th</sup> September 2023 Community Safety Working Group

**Present:** Councillor Brian McDaid (Chair), Councillors Winston Feather, Lewis Morgan Skipton Town Council, Stacey Reffin Community Safety Officer NYC, Sarah Howsen Skipton BID, Inspt Julie Earnshaw NYCC Police, James Neill Skipton Youth Council, Sam Warwick North Yorkshire Council, Jenny Dean Deputy Clerk Skipton Town Council, Councillor Andy Solloway North Yorkshire Council, Jibrán Kahil Skipton Academy

**Apologies:** North Yorkshire Police Crime & Fire Commissioner Zoe Metcalfe, Amanda Bowers Community Engagement Officer, Councillor David Noland North Yorkshire Council, Adam Jackson Ermysteds, Rosemary Simpson Craven College

### 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 on the 5<sup>th</sup> July 2023 have been circulated and were approved.

### 4. Update on actions from the meeting on the 5<sup>th</sup> July

**Action:** Jenny to circulate a date for a first visual audit, everyone to put forward suggestions of locations if they have an area that they think should be covered.

This was completed and is an agenda item.

**Action: Sgt Evans to provide Sarah with some detail on crime involving local businesses.**

This is outstanding and is carried forward.

**Action: Jenny to circulate dates for an initial Community Day Planning Meeting.**

This was completed and is an agenda item.

**Action Cllr Morgan to liaise with the Youth Council regarding making a video to help launch the campaign.**

This is outstanding and is carried forward.

**Action: James to put together a report on the Survey findings for circulation**

This was completed, the Youth Council currently have an article in the Craven Herald regarding the survey results.

## **5. Update on local crime figures**

Inspector Earnshaw gave an update on the crime figures for the last 90 days. There have been in the region of 200 crimes (North Ward 64, West 63, South 58, East 15).

Anti Social Behaviour 62 incidents (North 27, West 16, South 17, East 2)

Hate Crime North 7, West 3, South 1 and East 0

The busiest period is between 16:00pm and Midnight, with the busiest days being Fri, Sat and Sunday. Sunday is busy due to the spillover from Saturday night into the early hours of Sunday morning.

Cllr Feather asked if it was possible to have detail on offenders (age etc). Inspector Earnshaw would look into this for the next meeting.

It has been the case recently that one incident caused a spike as there were several offences committed during that one incident. Overall Inspector Earnshaw felt that the figures have improved over the last 12 months. There have been more response Officers recruited, which is encouraging.

There was a discussion about difficulties with reporting issues via 101. Insp Earnshaw reported that the number of staff in the call centres was increasing, and that reporting online is an option.

There was a discussion regarding STAND, Sgt Evans can give an update at a future meeting. The group is active and in regular communication with each other, but do not have regular in person meetings due to the time constraints of the those involved. Cllr McDaid asked if there was any support STAND needed from this group to let us know, Sarah would take that back to STAND.

Inspector Earnshaw gave an update on the Youth Bus, which has been received well so far. It has been in the Bus Station, and is going to be at Cavendish Street car park this week and then by the Ginnel Park. Jenny is working with Stacey to put together a funding bid to encompass the Youth Bus and Community Day to hopefully be able to continue having some Youth Bus sessions.

## **6. Community Day at Sandylands**

An initial meeting was held in August with a plan to decide on a date today. Date agreed to be Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> May 2024. Cllr McDaid reported that the Trustees at Sandylands are in full support of this event.

**Action: Jenny to ask who wants to be part of a mailing group for planning this event and then to circulate a date for a meeting later this Autumn.**

**Action: Jenny to include the Community Day on the funding bid to the PFCC Community Fund.**

## **7. Keep Skipton Tidy**

James gave an update on the campaign, and showed the group the poster that has been designed. The competition will be launched in February and run until July 2024.

The Youth Council are also working on a campaign regarding Vaping, and they will update us on any actions/plans they have.

James gave a run down of some of the survey results, one of the things that Young people said they needed was a 'safe space' to meet. The Youth Council has had several new members join which is really positive.

Inspector Earnshaw mentioned a project that she had seen called 'Young People Count' in Pocklington, which provided a space for young people to meet.

**Action Jenny to have a look into the details of Young People Count.**

## **8. Visual Audit**

Thank you to those who joined the visual audit. The main issue identified was the railway bridge on Keighley Road and how it does not give a good first impression when coming into Skipton. Cllr Solloway has put this forward as a potential project to NYC, if any funding was to be made available to the Area Constituency Committee.

Plan to do another visual audit, this time down Broughton Road, at the end of October/beginning of November.

**Action Jenny to circulate a date for the next visual audit**

## **9. Open Discussion**

Cllr McDaid said that some residents had reported concerns to him regarding the traffic and parking around the Gargrave Road area at school pick up and drop off times. There was a discussion about this, and that it is the volume of traffic at those times, and that some people have to travel quite a way to school and so walking or public transport is not always an option.

Cllr Solloway raised that Sandylands do not have a footpath leading to the site, and a recent survey showed that 30% of people using Sandylands walk there. Cllr Solloway will be raising this with North Yorkshire Council.

Sarah updated that BID will be funding the Street Marshalls at Christmas again. The dates will be the 16<sup>th</sup>, 22<sup>nd</sup> and 23<sup>rd</sup>, 26<sup>th</sup> and 31<sup>st</sup> December.

Stacey reported that it is Business Crime Awareness Week from the 16<sup>th</sup> Oct. The Police will do some communication regarding the App BID encourage businesses to utilise to communicate with each other.

Next Meeting Date TBC.

## **Summary of Actions**

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