



Skipton Town Council

7th December 2023 Community Safety Working Group

Present: Councillor Brian McDaid (Chair), Stacey Reffin Community Safety Officer NYC, Sarah Howsen Skipton BID, Inspt Julie Earnshaw NYCC Police, Louise Close Chief Officer & Jenny Dean Deputy Clerk Skipton Town Council, Councillor Andy Solloway North Yorkshire Council, Tom smooth Community Enrichment Officer Craven College

Apologies: North Yorkshire Police Crime & Fire Commissioner Zoe Metcalfe, Amanda Bowers Community Engagement Officer, Councillor David Noland North Yorkshire Council, Councillor Winston Feather, Councillor Feather, James Neill Youth Council

1. Chairs Welcome

Councillor McDaid welcomed everyone to the meeting

2. Introductions and apologies

Introductions were made, and apologies are noted above.

3. Minutes

The minutes of the last meeting were approved

4. Update on actions from the last meeting

The visual audit had been arranged but cancelled due to bad weather.

Jenny has been in touch with Young People Count in Pocklington, who have invited us for a visit to get an understanding of how they run.

<https://www.facebook.com/ypcount>

Action: Jenny to arrange a visit to Young People Count in the new year.

A mailing list has been put together for the planning of the Community Day. Jenny will email the group before Christmas with a view to meeting in the New Year.

The application to the PFCC fund was successful. Jenny and Brian will liaise with Inspire Youth about their availability for Youth Bus sessions in Skipton.

Stacey asked that consideration be given to where would be appropriate for the bus to go to. Jess from Inspire Youth has a list of the pros and cons of the locations already used.. Could we do some different locations, moving the bus around to different locations? North Yorkshire Youth are commissioned by NYC could we link this into the Youth Bus Sessions. Stacey will provide their contact details.

5. Update on local crime figures

Inspector Earnshaw updated the meeting on the Crime figures for the last 90 days.

Data can be used to determine when the busiest times are to allocate shifts accordingly.

Councillor McDaid asked for an explanation on the type of crimes that come into the category of Fraud, which Insp Earnshaw gave.

There was a discussion about the recent incident at the Bus Station. CCTV in the area doesn't cover the back end of the bus station. CCTV it is funded by BID to support the businesses in that location which is why it doesn't cover the bus station. Overall, the CCTV installed by BID in the town is working well and has been used to good effect when there have been incidents. If a camera could be funded, then it could join the same network system. BID could then fund the monitoring and maintenance of the camera.

Action: Sarah to find the cost of purchasing a CCTV camera. Cllr Solloway to look into funding opportunities at NYC to cover the cost. Everyone to consider if there are any other funding streams that could be investigated for the cost of a camera.

The previous CCTV decommissioned in 2010, was specific funding for car parks due to the number of vehicle crimes at the time. The bus station was not covered then.

A priority for the group is to get CCTV in that area. Brian will respond to comments made on social media about this issue.

Cllr Solloway asked about the crime figures being broken down into ward areas, as sometimes an offence may be allocated to a particular ward but if it happened on the other side of the street, it would be another ward. Insp Earnshaw reported that Police staff do have areas allocated by wards, and this is mainly done for contacts in the areas such as Schools, but Skipton is very much seen as a whole.

Over Christmas, Police staff will be working the later shifts. BID have street marshalls arranged again this year. Community Safety Hubs have promotion posters on issues such as getting home safely that will be distributed in the coming weeks.

Craven College doing talks and workshops for students on issues such as safe drinking.

6. Focus on Supporting older people in the community

The Police are running an engagement event at Overdale park for the next two days covering topics such as home safety and security, dark nights and domestic violence.

Action: Insp Earnshaw to provide some feedback following these events to help inform any future actions by this group.

Craven College would like to establish a befriending in the community. Tom looking into it further in the new year. Cllr Solloway suggested that Tom gets in touch with Skipton Step into action. Tom also to speak to the Youth Council about that.

Action: Tom to contact Skipton Step Into Action and the Youth Council.

Action: Jenny to invite Skipton Step Into Action to the next Community Safety Working Group Meeting.

The Swadford Hub is also seen as a place older people like to meet.

7. Update in Funding Bid to PFCC Community Fund

The Community Fund application was successful. There are other funds that can be applied for from the PFCC, there may be potential for an application to be submitted for funding the CCTV Camera.

Action: Jenny to look at whether there are other funding sources from the PFCC for the CCTV Camera.

8. Community Day at Sandylands

Action: Jenny to email those who are interested in assisting with the planning of the event, with a view to meeting in January.

9. Keep Skipton Tidy

An update from circulated from James and the Youth Council. The update included an update on the Youth Council's Campaign regarding the use of VAPs.

Lousie and Sarah updated the group on the new bins on the High Street, which have been funded by BID and HAZ. The smaller bins will be removed and replaced with 10 larger 240 Litre bins, and 2 of the Belly Buster bins. These bins are easier for emptying. The area around the bus station will be included. The smaller bins going back to North Yorkshire. Once they are in place, then they can be reviewed to see whether there are any needed in other locations.

10. Visual Audits

Action: Jenny to circulate a date for a visual audit on Broughton Road towards the end of January.

11. Open Discussion

ClIr McDaid raised that there was a discussion at the last Full Council meeting regarding vandalism and graffiti in parks. There was a suggestion of graffiti walls being installed in designated areas.

Louise reported that the Council could look to include that in its park strategy, and there are some parks would be receiving s106 funding, and funding options are being investigated for improvements in other parks. Louise would like the Town Council to apply for Green Flag status. This could potentially increase the respect and pride in the parks.

Tom will speak to the students union about what college students would like to be see in the park.

Stacey updated the meeting on the homeless man who has been sitting outside Greggs, who is genuinely homeless, he has a dog which can sometimes make it more difficult to house. Market Traders have given him some money and. NYC have offered him support, but people can not be forced to accept support.

Louise asked for clarification on what we should do if we see a homeless person. Stacey advised that they can be advised to present to NYC reception or Pinder House will offer a place to shelter for a few hours and give something to eat/drink. Out of hours, NYC do have a rucksack and sleeping bags and you can call the NYC phone number and you will be directed to an out of hours number.

Next Meeting is to be confirmed.