



Skipton Town Council

Community Safety Working Group 10:00am 14th March 2025

Held at Skipton BID Office, above Oxfam Book Shop on the High Street

In attendance: Councillor Brian McDaid (Chair), Councillors Winston Feather, Claire Nash & Lewis Morgan Skipton Town Council, Insp Julie Earnshaw North Yorkshire Police, PCSO Emily Crossley, Sarah Howsen Skipton BID, Stacey Reffin Community Safety Officer NYC, Sheila Forder PFCC Office, Kirsty Mellin North Yorkshire Youth, Louise Close Chief Officer Skipton Town Council, Jenny Dean Deputy Clerk Skipton Town Council, Noah Garbutt Skipton Youth Council, , Karla Burton North Yorkshire Sport, Amy Robinson Craven Community Hub Ltd

1. Chair's Welcome

Cllr McDaid welcomed everyone to the meeting

2. Introductions and apologies

Cllrs Andy Solloway and David Noland NYC, Emma Nicholson, Adam Jackson, Rosemary Simpson.

3. Minutes from the last meeting held on the 11th Dec 2024 and CCTV meeting on the 13th Jan 2025

The minutes of the last meetings were agreed to be a true and accurate reflection of the meeting

4. CCTV at the Bus Station

Funding had been secured for one camera, however, plans for installation of the camera have been delayed due to North Yorkshire Council refusing to a branch from a tree being pruned. The branch requires pruning to allow line of site between the cameras. Stacey and Sarah have a meeting following this one with the NCY Arborist team to discuss further.

Thank you to Sarah and Stacey for all their work on this issue

5. Police

Insp Earnshaw gave an update on the local crime figures. The crime figures are down on the previous year. There have been some spikes, such as retail crime in December.

There was a knife bin installed in Skipton. Over the first three weeks 60 items were deposited in the bin.

The Police are working with a multiagency approach including schools, housing and social care for some good preventative work with individuals who are of concern.

There was a discussion about illegal vapes, and work that is ongoing with Trading Standards. Emily will out some information on the Community Messenger system regarding what to look for

with vapes and will look at putting a presentation together for schools. There was also a discussion about the rise in the use of snuzz, which is tobacco that goes along the gumline.

Brain raised whether Hate Crime was an issue in the area. Insp Earnshaw reported that it is not a big issue in this area, and that there were no patterns or trends. A lot of the incidents are against Police Officers. Hate Crime is discussed as part of the Independent Advisory Group Meetings.

Sarah made the group aware that Skipton Pride will be held on the High Street on the 3rd August, and that publicity for the event would be ramping up in the coming weeks.

6. Youth Provision

Kirsty gave an update on the Youth Club. 29 young people have accessed the club so far. They have benefited from visits from the Public Safety Officer. And will be doing work on online safety, drugs, county lines, inclusivity, healthy relationships amongst other topics.

Year 6 children can attend from Easter onwards to assist with the transition to secondary school.

Some resources have been purchased for the club with the grant this group received from the Police, Fire, Crime Commissioners fund. This is from the underspend left due to the reduced number of youth bus sessions.

Kirsty advised the group of some apps that have been drawn to their attention that some young people are using at the moment including Yobo and Yandere Simulator which is a game about stalking. Emily will have a look into these and see if she can put out some information that parents may find useful.

Karla is working with Skipton Academy Stepping Up Programme, Craven PRU and SELFA with 121 athletic mentors. She is working with Emma regarding what activities can be provided at Greatwood Community Centre and also Craven College to upskill some of their students.

Brian advised that he had spoken with Daile at Sandylands about holding the Community Day again, and a provisional date has been set as the 31st August.

7. Update from the Youth Council campaigns

Noah updated the group on the Youth Council's latest campaigns, including the Keep Skipton Tidy Campaign where they have a litter picking competition from now until 1st June. Noah to send details to Jenny to circulate to the group.

They have 3 new members- 11 in total.

The Anti vape campaign will be ending soon; NYC are now looking into introducing vape alarms in schools.

8. Open Discussion

Kirsty asked about putting posters in notice boards by the bus station. Jenny advised that she had asked Katie Entwistle at NYC if we could use the notice boards at the bus station but had been told that we couldn't. Stacey will look into this; she has access to the boards at the toilets in the Town Hall car park.

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