



Skipton Town Council

Community Safety Working Group

10:00am 13th Jan 2025

Meeting held via Teams

In attendance: Councillor Brian McDaid (Chair Cllrs Andy Solloway and David Noland NYC, Sarah Howsen Skipton BID, Stacey Reffin Community Safety Officer NYC, Kirsty Mellin North Yorkshire Youth, Louise Close Chief Officer Skipton Town Council, Jenny Dean Deputy Clerk Skipton Town Council, Victoria Alderson Craven College, James Dearing, Ryan Dearing and James Bell- Connexin, Neil Jackson NYC Street Lighting

Cllr McDaid welcomed everyone to the meeting, the purpose of the meeting being to discuss the options regarding CCTV at the Bus Station.

Stacey reported that since the last meeting she has been made aware of some additional funding that may be available. This additional funding would allow the purchase of two fixed cameras at the bus station and also potentially a deployable camera which could be moved depending on incidents of ASB. An application could be made to this fund.

Sarah suggested that Connexin answer any technical questions first and give an overview of what is possible with regards to connecting to the existing CCTV system.

James explained that a point to point link is required, and this can potentially be done from the column (connexin ref SL10) on Swadford Street. This would need to have line of sight to a column in the Bus Station for the first camera, and then that could then be pointed to connect with another column in the bus station for a second camera. A site survey would need to be carried out.

Neil expressed concerns regarding the number of items already attached to SL10, and suggested that this column may need to be changed to a stronger column. Street Lighting would also need to be assess the other posts in question to see if they are suitable for a camera and any associated equipment attached. Neil will look into this and will liaise with Connexin regarding the weight of the proposed equipment.

Neil will try and find out what he can from the records from when the lights were installed, and what information is on file about the columns.

Connexin will arrange to do the site survey once it has been ascertained if the columns are suitable.

James also asked if the tree on Swadford Street could be trimmed back as that will affect the line of sight between columns. Stacey will liaise with the NYC Tree Officer regarding this.

There was a discussion about the use of the speakers with camera, advising a person that they are being recorded. James will investigate if it is possible to try once for a trial period, as it concerns were raised about whether this would cause a problem for residents living nearby.

Sarah raised concerns about the length of time it took for engineers from NYC to attend, particularly when faults may be down to issues such as blown fuse. Neil said that there are inspectors for each area, and issues such as that should be looked at within a couple of days. The cameras should be fitted on one fuse system, and the light on another fuse system.

The cost for the two fixed cameras at the bus station is approximately £7,157.38. Stacey will look at applying for the hot spot funding, and Cllr Solloway has made a commitment towards this, as has Stacey from the Community Safety budget.