

Community Safety Sub-Committee – 13 September 2001

Minutes of the meeting of the **Community Safety Sub-Committee** held on **14 June 2001** when there were present:

Cllr Mrs H L A Glynn – Chairman

Cllr Mrs J E Ford
Cllr J E Grey
Cllr D R Helson
Cllr V H Leach

Cllr R A Pearson
Cllr Mrs W M Stevenson
Cllr Mrs M J Webster

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Mrs R Brown and D M Ford. Apologies were also received from Chief Inspector Chris Bragg.

SUBSTITUTES

Councillors C R Morgan and P F A Webster.

OFFICERS PRESENT

P Warren - Chief Executive
S Garland - Community Safety Officer
A Wyatt - Committee Administrator

179 ESSEX POLICE ORGANISATIONAL STRUCTURE

Prior to commencement of the meeting, Members were advised by the Chief Executive of the outcome of a meeting of the Police Authority where it had been

“Resolved that the Authority adopts Option A, that is, the status quo, and retains the current geographical structure but seeks to achieve greater efficiencies and improved services through the rationalisation of administrative and other support functions where possible”.

180 MINUTES

The Minutes of the meeting held on 14 March 2001 were approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

181 CRIME AND DISORDER REDUCTION STRATEGY UPDATE

The Sub-Committee considered the report by the Chief Executive which updated Members on the progress made in implementing the

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District Crime and Disorder Reduction Strategy. Noting the points outlined in the report and also those issues raised within the Crime and Disorder Reduction Strategy schedule, the following points were made:-

Youth Substance Misuse Officer

It was noted that the sum of £40,000 had been set aside by South Essex Health Authority to provide a Youth Substance Misuse Officer. The job specification and description was being drawn up and the post would be advertised in due course.

7.1 Primary Objectives Reduce the number of incidence of criminal damage (vandalism within the Rochford District)

Action 2A – Members noted that a review of incidences of criminal damage throughout the District had recently been completed, with the Police targeting resources at the worst affected areas as a direct consequence.

Action 11 – Members requested that Officers look at the current charges for school holiday activities with a view to their possible reduction in later years.

7.2 Primary Objectives Speed reduction and related matters such as illegal parking and highway safety

Action 7 – Noting that leaflets were going to print on the matter at the present time, Members considered an article should be included in a forthcoming edition of Rochford District Matters mirroring the sentiments of the leaflet.

7.3 Primary Objectives Drug and alcohol related abuse

Action 9 – Members were pleased to note that only 23 incidents were recorded for the year 2000 related to drug related debris, with only 1 reported incident so far for the year 2001.

7.4 Primary Objective Fear of burglary

Action 5 –Members considered it appropriate for the implementation of CCTV schemes in Sheltered Housing to be included within the schedule. Furthermore, it was considered that a recently published article on the appropriateness off CCTV should be circulated to all Members.

RECOMMENDED

- (1) That the report be noted and update reports be submitted to future meetings of the Sub-Committee.
- (2) That the items outlined above be agreed.

182 ESSEX POLICE IN PLAN 2001/2002

The Sub-Committee considered the report of the Chief Executive which apprised Members of the Essex Policing Plan for 2001/2 and specifically those aspects relating to the Rayleigh Division,

Noting the details of the report, Members considered that a statistician from the Essex Police Authority should be invited to a future meeting of the Sub-Committee to provide guidance on how the specific crime reduction percentages had been reached for the Rochford District.

RECOMMENDED

That Members note the content of the Essex Policing Plan for 2001/2 and those objectives specifically relating to Rayleigh Division .

183 HULLBRIDGE YOUTH ISSUES

The Sub-Committee considered the report of the Chief Executive which apprised Members with youth issues in Hullbridge with particular reference to issues of Crime and Disorder in Pooles Lane Recreation Ground. Noting the difficulties which had been experienced at the Recreation Ground in Hullbridge, Members considered that at this early stage, a site meeting would be of benefit in order to ascertain a realistic way forward and on a show of hands it was

RECOMMENDED

That a Member site visit take place as outlined in the report, together with an all party panel meeting to be arranged with the Parish Council, Essex County Youth Services and the Police to discuss the way forward. (CEX)

184 GREAT WAKERING CYCLE SPEEDWAY CLUB (Minute 305/00)

The Sub-Committee considered the report of the Corporate Director (Finance & External Services) which sought Members approval to

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award the Great Waking Cycle Speedway Club a one-off grant of £3,700 to be funded from the Crime and Disorder Reduction Strategy Budget. Noting the background to the proposal, Members were advised of a new scheme “Award of All” which could be used to fund similar projects in the future.

Nevertheless, Members considered that the grant should be approved in this instance and it was

RECOMMENDED

That a one-off grant of £3,700 be awarded to the Great Waking Cycle Speedway Club. (CD(F&ES))

185 BID TO ECC COMMUNITY SAFETY PROJECT FUND

The Sub-Committee considered the report of the Chief Executive which sought Members endorsement for a bid submitted by the District Council for funding from the Essex County Council Community Safety Budget for a one-day event addressing youth issues in relation to crime and disorder.

It was noted that the event would be aimed specifically at the age group 15 to 18 years and Members requested that Officers investigate the potential for an event for those children which fell between Crucial Crew age group and this particular event.

Furthermore, it was requested by Members that Officers look into the possible filming of this event for educational purposes and also whether existing films or documentaries could be used to further enhance the issues which would be discussed at this event.

RECOMMENDED

That the bid for the afore-mentioned proposal be endorsed and that the bid be match- funded by up to £2,000, to be funded from the Crime and Disorder budget provision, subject to the proposal being approved by the County Council. (CEX)

186 YOUTH ISSUES, RAYLEIGH HIGH STREET

The Chairman admitted this item of Members business on the grounds that it was pertinent to the matters being discussed by the Sub-Committee. Members had before them a copy of a letter which had been received by a Member of the Sub-Committee from Essex Police specifically relating to the issue of youths and the use of skateboards within Rayleigh High Street.

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Members noted that it was the Police view that the youths concerned were causing a nuisance and that there may be an accident if their actions continued unchecked. Considering that there was no legal standing for the prohibition of skateboarding within Rayleigh High Street, Members considered that Officers should write to Rayleigh Town Council and invite a meeting with Members of the Community Safety Sub-Committee and other appropriate organisations to consider a skateboarding facility within King George's Playing Field.

RECOMMENDED

That Officers write to Rayleigh Town Council and invite representatives from that body to meet with Members of the Community Safety Sub-Committee and other appropriate organisations to consider a skateboarding facility within King George's Playing Field. (CEX)

Exclusion of the Press and Public

RESOLVED

that the press and public be excluded from the meeting for the remaining business on the grounds that exempt information as defined in paragraph 14 of Part 1 of the Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972 would be disclosed.

187 CCTV RAYLEIGH HIGH STREET

The Committee noted the report of the Chief Executive which advised Members of progress on the installation of the CCTV system in Rayleigh High Street.

The meeting closed at 9.45 pm.

Chairman

Date