
Minutes of the meeting of **Community Safety Sub-Committee** held on **15 January 2002** when there were present: -

Cllr Mrs H L A Glynn (Chairman)
Cllr R A Amner
Cllr Mrs R Brown
Cllr V H Leach
Cllr R A Pearson

Cllr Mrs W M Stevenson
Cllr Mrs M S Vince
Cllr R E Vingoe
Cllr M J Webster

APOLOGIES

Cllr Mrs J E Ford
Cllr D R Helson

OFFICERS PRESENT

P Warren – Chief Executive
S Garland – Community Safety Officer
A Wyatt – Community Administrator
Representing Essex Police – Inspector Ian Kennedy

209 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Cllr Mrs W M Stevenson declared a non-pecuniary interest in the item “CCTV Funding in Local Shopping Parades”, by virtue of being the Hullbridge Parish Councillor. Cllr R E Vingoe declared a non-pecuniary interest in the same item by virtue of being a Hockley Parish Councillor.

210 MINUTES

The minutes of the meeting held on 19 November 2001, were approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

211 POLICE REPORT

The Sub-Committee considered the report of the Chief Executive, which apprised Members of the current situation relating to the Police Action on Crime and Disorder.

During discussion the following points were clarified: -

Clement’s Hall

Noting the concerns raised at the Leisure Sub-Committee in relation to Youth Nuisance at the Clement’s Hall site, Members were please to note all Contractors bidding for the new leisure contract had indicated positive approaches to security at leisure sites.

Fireworks

Noting the Police view on this matter, Members expressed concern at the extended period fireworks were on sale and the subsequent prolonged period they could be heard throughout the District, particularly during the night and early morning. It was agreed that the Home Office would be written to requesting further legislation controlling the sale/use of fireworks.

Sentencing

In raising concern that sentences did not always reflect the crime committed, Members were advised that the Home Office had responded to this Authority's views on the consultation "Review of Sentencing Framework" and had thanked the Council for its input.

Alcohol

Members were surprised to note the Police power to confiscate alcohol from under 18s only related to open vessels; they were unable to confiscate any unopened cans or bottles.

Division Commander

Members wished to place on record their congratulations to Chief Superintendent Noakes on his achieving this rank.

Crime Statistics

Noting the Crime Statistics for the District, Members requested direct comparison with previous years figures in order to be able to assess whether trends were up or down. Furthermore, the Sub-Committee, were advised of the decision taken by the Police Authority to disband the diving unit and to reduce the Marine Division of Essex Police. This, coupled with the loss of the Motor Cycle Division and Horse Division was not welcomed by Members.

RECOMMENDED

- (1) That Officers write to the Home Office and Local MPs expressing this Authority's concern relating to better control/regulation of fireworks. The following three main problems need to be addressed:
 - (a) The extended period fireworks were available for sale which led to a prolonged period fireworks were let off, to the detriment of general public amenity.

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- (b) The lack of regulation from point of sale onward, considering fireworks were becoming larger and so contained more explosive devices.
 - (c) The increasing antisocial use of fireworks during the night and early morning.

(2) That, Officers write to Essex Police Authority seeking justification for the decision to disband the Diving Section and reduce the Marine Division of the Police Service. In particular, they be requested to provide details of the subsequent improvements to the Service from these losses, as well of the loss of both the Motor Cycle and Horse Back Divisions. (CEx)

212 CCTV FUNDING IN LOCAL SHOPPING PARADES

The Sub-Committee considered the report of the Chief Executive which sought views as to whether the under-spend from the CCTV Local Shopping Parade budget should be allocated for further CCTV schemes in Local Shopping Parades. Noting the £6,300 under-spend and the four potential sites for the cameras, Members agreed, on a show of hands, the following priority list: -

- 1 Hullbridge, the Parade at Ferry Road, between the Charity Shop and the Doctors Surgery, especially covering Dillons.
- 2 Parts of Hockley Town Centre.
- 3 Grove Road Shopping Parade.
- 4 Hambro Hill Shopping Parade.

It was noted that cameras for Grove Road could be provided from alternative sources depending upon Police Crime Statistics. Furthermore, it was agreed that the allocation of funds for CCTV were dependent upon suitable locations being identified for camera installation. Should no suitable sites be found for the first priority location, the allocation would then pass down the priority list.

RECOMMENDED

- (1) That the remaining £6,300 from the £40,000 be allocated to finance additional CCTV installations at Local Shopping Parades.
- (2) That the list above be taken as those areas which should benefit, in order of priority, from the residual funds from the initial £40,000 made available for CCTV in Local Shopping Parades (CEX).

The meeting closed at 9.05 pm.

Chairman

Date