

CLIMATE CHANGE AND COMMUNITIES SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

Minutes of a meeting of the Climate Change and Communities Scrutiny Committee of the Bolsover District Council held in the Council Chamber, The Arc, Clowne on Tuesday 22nd March 2022 at 1000 hours.

PRESENT:-

Members:-

Councillor Nick Clarke in the Chair

Councillors Anne Clarke (Vice-Chair) and David Dixon

Officers:- Karen Hanson (Executive Director – Resources), Victoria Dawson (Assistant Director of Housing Management and Enforcement), Matt Liddy (Community Safety and Enforcement Manager), Deborah Whallett (Housing Enforcement Manager), Melanie Osbourne (Senior Parenting Practitioner), Carolyn Bowen (Assistant Community Safety Officer), Ellie Bircumshaw (Anti-Social Behaviour Case Worker), Dan Kowalczyk (Anti-Social Behaviour Case Worker), Joanne Wilson (Scrutiny & Elections Officer) and Tom Scott (Governance Officer).

Also in attendance was Councillor Mary Dooley (Portfolio Holder – Enforcement and Partnerships).

The Executive Director – Resources left the meeting during Minute No. CLI45-21/22. A user of the parenting support service entered the meeting during Minute No. CLI47-21/22.

CLI39-21/22 APOLOGIES

Apologies for absence were received on behalf of Councillors Evonne Parkin, Janet Tait, and Mark Seston (Community Safety Officer).

CLI40-21/22 URGENT ITEMS OF BUSINESS

There were no urgent items of business to consider

CLI41-21/22 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest made.

CLI42-21/22 MINUTES

Moved by Councillor Nick Clarke and seconded by Councillor Anne Clarke
RESOLVED that the Minutes of a Climate Change and Communities Scrutiny Committee held on 22nd February 2022 be approved as a correct record.

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CLI43-21/22 LIST OF KEY DECISIONS AND ITEMS TO BE CONSIDERED IN PRIVATE

Committee considered the List of Key Decisions and items to be considered in private document presented by the Scrutiny & Elections Officer.

Moved by Councillor Nick Clarke and seconded by Councillor Anne Clarke
RESOLVED that the list of Key Decisions be noted.

CLI44-21/22 WORK PROGRAMME 2021/22

Committee considered the remainder of their Work Programme for 2021/22.

The Scrutiny & Elections Officer explained that an informal session for Members to discuss their review work would take place on 12th April 2022.

Moved by Councillor Nick Clarke and seconded by Councillor Anne Clarke
RESOLVED that the Work Programme 2021/22 be noted.

CLI45-21/22 ANNUAL REVIEW OF COMMUNITY SAFETY PARTNERSHIP

The Executive Director – Resources introduced the report and appendices and explained how they provided the necessary background information for the Committee’s annual review of the Community Safety Partnership (CSP). She added that the last year had been very busy for the Community Safety Partnership, and the ‘CAN Rangers’ were now known as the ‘Community Enforcement Rangers’.

The Executive Director – Resources noted that she wished to place on record her pride at the work her team did in response to the incident regarding ex-District Councillor Ken Walker and his wife Freda. The team had carried out a lot of work in reassuring people in the area and had also carried out installation of alarms.

(The Executive Director – Resources left the meeting at this point)

The Housing Enforcement Manager gave a presentation with an update on the CSP and its current delivery. This included:

- 1) Why we have a Partnership
- 2) Statutory organisations in the CSP
- 3) Priorities
- 4) What we have achieved
- 5) Domestic Abuse update
- 6) Police and Crime Commissioner’s new priorities

Councillor Mary Dooley queried why Amber Valley had shown a 12% lower rate of Domestic Abuse than was forecast in 2022. The Housing Enforcement Manager agreed to investigate this and respond to Councillor Dooley outside of the meeting.

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The Community Safety and Enforcement Manager gave a presentation regarding the changes to the Enforcement Team. This included:

- 1) A new structure
- 2) Community Enforcement Rangers
- 3) Partnership working & joint initiatives
- 4) Recorded jobs (February 2022)

Councillor Nick Clarke raised that he felt there were issues with people parking their non-electronic vehicles on EV charging point spaces. The Community Safety and Enforcement Manager explained that officers would need to look at orders to control parking.

Councillor David Dixon queried how the Ranger 9pm -12 midnight shift worked. The Community Safety and Enforcement Manager explained that two Rangers were always on duty, with an additional Ranger at weekends. There were approximately 2-4 more during the day, and two more at night. He added that there was an overtime budget for emergencies.

Councillor David Dixon queried if the Rangers could take undercover footage. The Community Safety and Enforcement Manager explained that the Regulation of Investigatory Powers Act 2000 prevented this.

Councillor David Dixon queried if officers had spoken with Parish Councils about use of their cameras. The Community Safety and Enforcement Manager explained that officers were asked to liaise with Parish Councils.

Councillor Anne Clarke referred to car parking in Bolsover town being much busier after the closure of the Co-operative store. The Community Safety and Enforcement Manager explained that the emergency services would take care of car parks which were not the Council's.

The Anti-Social Behaviour Case Worker (Ellie Bircumshaw) gave a presentation with an ASB Summary. This included:

- 1) Who am I and what have I been doing?
- 2) Aims for the next year

Councillor David Dixon queried the CSP's plans to educate children. The Anti-Social Behaviour Case Worker explained that roadshows were being considered, and officers had spoken to Year 5 and 6 children about fire safety.

The Housing Enforcement Manager stated that links with Safer Neighbourhood teams had vastly improved because of the Community Safety and Enforcement Manager and the Community Safety Officer.

Councillor Nick Clarke referred to incidents regarding people digging up young trees. The Community Safety and Enforcement Manager confirmed that officers were aware of these incidents.

RESOLVED that the reports be noted.

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CLI46-21/22 EXCLUSION OF PUBLIC

Moved by Councillor Nick Clarke and seconded by Councillor Anne Clarke

RESOLVED that the public be excluded from the meeting during the discussion of the following items of business to avoid the disclosure to them of exempt information as defined in Part 1 of Schedule 12A to the Local Government Act 1972 (as amended by the Local Government (Access to Information) (Variation) Order 2006).

CLI47-21/22 ANNUAL REVIEW OF COMMUNITY SAFETY PARTNERSHIP – EXEMPT DOCUMENTS

The Senior Parenting Practitioner provided a presentation to Members in relation to the parenting support service. A user of the service was in attendance at the meeting to provide their experience of using the service.

The meeting concluded at 11:45 hours.