

Notes from BTC and Police Meeting 4<sup>th</sup> April 2018.

Delegates :- Police – Sgt. Andy Rollett ; PC Cath Gilmore & PC James Surtees

BTC – Cllr Chris O’Neill

Apologies – Cllr Marcus Dearden

Also attending :- Cllr John Goode; Cllr Andrew Quarrie & Cllr Ros Dawson.

Points covered :-

- 1) Drugs in Bingley area – the Post Master has reported drug deals are happening on Saturday mornings outside Gilstead PO. The Police are aware of this and about to start investigations.  
RD reported seeing a drug deal by Myrtle Park / swimming pool. Police said they are largely reliant of Community information on where deals are taking place. The easiest way for the public to report deals and drug info is via <https://www.westyorkshire.police.uk/report-it> or by e-mailing [shipleynt@westyorkshire.pnn.police.uk](mailto:shipleynt@westyorkshire.pnn.police.uk)
- 2) Traffic Issues – regards speeding taxis and other vehicles on Park Rd, it is planned to install a “data logger” (black wires across the road), which will provide stats regards the amount of speeding. This is likely to be installed around the Vets Surgery area, although CO & RD also suggested the Villa Rd area. The installation of this device has been delayed by the poor weather. All 9 regular PC’s operating from Shipley PS are to attend a course between now and July which will enable Speed Guns to be used “evidentially”. This means there would be a move from issuing warning letters to drivers caught speeding, to taking them to court. School Parking – Police have tried talking to schools and using Wardens, with little long term effect. The 6 PCSO’s in the Bingley & Bingley Rural team are to be linked to a school each and will be expected to visit their school on a regular basis to try to improve this parking problem.
- 3) Police Resourcing – Shipley PS has recently gained, or very soon will gain, 2 extra sergeants ; 4 regular PC’s and 3 PCSO’s. The attached document shows how these have been allocated across the area. It is expected these new numbers will bring increased public visibility of officers.
- 4) Speedwatch – the Community Speed Watch gun is presently still under repair. Shortly the “Smiley Sid” speed cameras will be in use, and could be allocated to Councillors to use in their areas / across Bingley. They come with a moveable screen which displays the speed each motorist is detected at and Smiles – or otherwise! CG is to clarify the cost of these devices, such that BTC could consider partially, or fully funding one – as other local councils have done. **CG to inform RD of this cost.**
- 5) ASB in 5 Rise Centre. Police are aware of this, the problem is pupils at BGS & Beckfoot causing trouble after school closing times. This issue has escalated recently with the employed Security Guard being bullied and subject to racial abuse. The Police are to

consider “drop back” of some officers (alter shift pattern) such that PCSO’s will be available in 5 Rise at the problem hours. Police advice is for 999 to be used for current, on going serious incidents, with others being reported via 101 / the methods mention in 1) above.

**BTC is to write to the school heads to ask them to direct attention to this problem.**

- 6) Private Matter From A Councillor. – Discussed and matter now closed.
- 7) BTC Councillor Bullying – Police pointed out that someone challenging your view expressed on social media is not an offence. Comments made on an open forum are also not reportable. If Councillors feel they are receiving offensive or aggressive input onto their personal social media sites this can be reported to 101 / as in 1) above.
- 8) Pubwatch – Cllr Quigley is the BTC rep on Pubwatch. Police said the Pubwatch scheme works quite well in Bingley, and CG is hoping to make it more effective.
- 9) E-Mails re Bingley Night Time Violence – the Police had had few, if any, reports on violence on the scale reported in e-mails from the public. As one member of the public had not responded to CO with specifics the content of the mails could be taken no further. As is often said – the Police can only respond to incidents as and when they are reported to them.
- 10) AOB – a) the Police have no issue with BTC running a Farmers Market on the Saturday of Bingley Music Live. **BTC to address this matter with BMDC.**  
b) the public raised matter of pub’s / cafe’s having chairs on the pavement is a BMDC and not a Police matter. **AQ said he would keep an eye on this situation** and have a quiet word with owners who cross the line on blocking pavements etc.  
c) CO confirmed with AR that he is the contact regards a Police stall at Eldwick & Gilstead Gala.
- 11) The date of the next meeting has been altered to Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> July at 12:00. Venue TBA.

It was suggested that the level of Police attendance should be pitched at Sergeant and PC level, as well Insp. Deacon level. **CA / AR to sort this internally. AR will also liaise with CO about the dates of meetings after 02/07/18, to match Police shift patterns.**

Meeting ended @ 16:00

