

Wed 7th November at St Margaret's Church Hall

The meeting was opened by the Vice Chairman Jim Clancy. Approximately 34 people including residents, police, councillors and service providers were in attendance at the meeting.

Apologies: Cllr Brown.

Police Update.

A warm welcome was given to our new Police Sgt Paul McLernon, who has replaced Sgt Helen Dixon. Sgt McLernon has over 21 years service, but is new to neighbourhood policing.

Theft Act Warrant carried out at an address on New Rough Hey. Cannabis found at the address.

Offender was issued with a cannabis warning due to having no previous convictions.

A peddle cycle was stolen from a SECURE garage on hillcrest Avenue. Entry was forced with bolt cutters and offenders made off with the bike. Two bikes have also been stolen from another address on Bexhill Road. Offenders entered INSECURE shed and made off with two bikes.

A debt collecting enforcement officer has attended an address on Dalmore Road to affect a warrant, was refused entry and bitten by the occupant. Offender was arrested and charged.

A drunken male was abusive to officers when making enquiries at his home address, assaulting one officer. Male was tazered, arrested and charged with a public order offence for his behaviour,

A male was arrested on Tag Lane during a stop check for possession of suspected cocaine and driving under the influence of drugs. Currently on bail pending the analysis of the white powder.

A robbery took place on a member of staff from the bookmakers on Granton Walk at the bus stop on Tag Lane. A handbag, credit cards, purse and a small quantity of cash was stolen. It is suspected they were hoping to obtain takings from the bookmakers. CID have taken charge of all enquiries.

Problems at Cottam Brickworks have occurred where the plastic fencing used to enclose and capture the great crested newts is being damaged by slashing and setting fire to it. Possibly ASB from youths or people attempting to sabotage the development. Residents in the surrounding houses have been spoken to, to encourage them to phone the Police if they see any suspicious activity in the area.

There have been numerous calls from an address on Dalmore Road complaining about excessive noise nuisance from a neighbouring flat. Environmental Health involved and has issued the resident with a 12 month abatement notice. Community Gateway are also involved a male has been issued with a 12 month undertaking.

A local male who is a drug addict has recently been charged for numerous shop lifting offences across Preston. All offences have been captured on CCTY and the offender admitted to all of them.

No ASB calls at the NISA store over the past month.

No calls about parking at Bargain Booze. Regular checks done by Neighbourhood Police.

SPID has been put back on Whitby Place.

ASB Calls 2011 = 44.

Damage to property 2011 = 3

Burglary 2011 = 1

Vehicle crime 2011 = 3

ASB Calls 2012 = 23

Damage to property 2012 = 3

Burglary 2012 = 6 (spike)

Vehicle crime 2012 = 4

Q. Shed alarms, considering the recent increase in break-ins, are the Police in a position to distribute free or subsidised alarms?

A. There are reductions available from Homebase and we will see if there is any funding available.

Q. Are these shed thefts committed by the same person?

A. They could be. We have one person in custody at the moment.

Q. Ivan Leach, rumours are running rife, what is the Police update?

A. We have a duty of care to the community and we are actively looking for him. But we have to assess our policing deployment regarding the requirements at the time. This is not helped by scaremongering headlines in the press. There were many hoaxes on Halloween, which did not help.

Q. There's message from Lancashire Police condemning the day release of this violent criminal?

A. We are concentrating on in finding him. We will look at the sentencing after he has been caught.

Q. What will the Police do about the scaremongering by the LEP?

A. We will be contacting the LEP as part of our normal Policing business.

Q. Preston bus has been seen several times exceeding he 20mph speed limit on Whitby Ave?

A. We will enforce any speeding violations.

The Policing priorities were set as:

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| • Tanterton Shops and Community Centre | - | Anti-Social Behaviour |
| • Ingol & Tanterton | - | Speeding |
| • Bargain Booze Zebra Crossing | - | Parking on Zigzags |

Matters arriving from previous minutes:

- 1. Cottam Lane:** Canal bridge area. Cllr Winlow is trying to make contact with the new Canals and Rivers Trust who have taken over from the disbanded British Waterways with regards the dog bin which requires relocation to the other side of the bridge and closer to the access point onto the lane/towpath
- 2. Land at Tanterton Hall Road/Footpath to Mayfield Avenue:** Places for People have talked to their landscaping department and have cut back the undergrowth and several trees have been removed. Landscaping with paths, benches and grassed areas is underway.
- 3. Junction of Tag Lane/Village Green Lane:** The owners of the land have cut back the overgrown area and will continue to maintain this area.
- 4. Ingol Social Club:** Lancashire County Council are consulting the local residents with regards to installing double yellow lines on the corners and bends on the road network around the club. Cllr Shannon asked for residents to photograph persistent and badly parked vehicles so that the owners can be spoken too. Pressure has to be put on these vehicle owners to respect the local community and use the existing car park at the rear of the club. The club owners also have a responsibility to make the car park more user-friendly.

Community Tasking/Information:

Q. Tanterton football pitch: The pitch is so waterlogged, that the local football team can no longer play their home games in Tanterton, but have to travel to Bamber Bridge.

A. Preston City parks department have checked the field drains and all are clear and should be able to cope in normal conditions. Cllr Shannon will investigate further and invite Matt Kelly, head of parks, to a future PACT meeting to discuss this problem.

Cllr Shannon informed the meeting that outline planning permission has been granted for the Cottam Hall development.

INTACT: The meeting was informed of new courses in English & Maths and the upcoming Christmas Fayre along with opening of the Cafe.

Community Gateway: It was reported that everything seems okay with only 12 reported incidents.

Date & Place of next PACT meeting

December 5th Tanterton Community Centre at 6.00pm