

Wed 4th Sept at St Margaret's Church

The meeting was opened by the Vice Chairman Jim Clancy. Approximately 30 people including residents, police, councillors and service providers were in attendance at the meeting.

Apologies: PCSO Jackie Fulham & Cllr Pringle.

Benefit Changes: Martin Bond from PCC explained the outcome of the "Changes are Coming" booklet regarding the changes to benefit payments distributed to the meeting. Martin went through the 6 chapters of *Under Occupancy, Council Tax Support, Benefit Cap, Care and Urgent Needs Support Scheme, Universal Credit & Personal Independence Payment*.

Questions received were:

Q. Are the benefits figures you quote fortnightly?

A. No, they are weekly figures.

Q. If you take in a boarder, there is a risk of their unknown character.

A. Care must be taken. It is down to the tenant to check out the potential new boarder.

Q. How do you find out about under occupancy?

A. We receive the information from Landlords and the Department for Works and Pensions.

Q. Social Landlords have insufficient stock of 1 & 2 bedroom properties. How can people downsize if there are not enough properties available to accommodate them?

A. There are lots of problems being encountered and some of them are being addressed.

Q. If you take in a Non Dependant, will you have to carry out a Self Assessment?

A. Yes, you will have to carry out a Benefits Assessment due to the extra income.

Police Update: Given by CBM Andy Caunce:

A vehicle on Granton Walk had its number plates stolen whilst parked up overnight. These plates were later found to be used on a car which was involved in a burglary of a petrol station in Blackburn, where a large amount of cigarettes were stolen.

A Community Road Watch event was held with the assistance of the Special on Tanterton Hall Road and Tag lane on 15th August. Other roads tried (Whitby Ave/Barry Ave were too quiet). Only 1 car was speeding on Tanterton Hal Road doing 35mph. 9 cars were speeding on Tag Lane, with the fastest doing 39mph. Numerous tickets and words of advice given to these drivers.

An attempted robbery has occurred on a member of staff from Betfred on Granton Walk. He had been walking down Tag Lane to the Post Office with the takings when a male jumped out of a car and tried to grab the bag. Luckily it was bin day and he ran into the path of some burley bin fellas who persuaded him to drop it. He ran from the scene but the car was located nearby. Since then 1 male has been arrested and is on Police bail and another male arrested from out of the area is also on bail

The Co-op Store on Granton Walk had its shutters forced and offenders gained entry stealing a large amount of cigarettes before setting off the alarm. Police were there within 4 minutes but this was too late. CCTV is currently being analysed. Security has been tightened at the store.

2 separate cars have had all 4 tyres slashed on the same night on Redcar Avenue. No further enquiries available as no forensics/witnesses/CCTV available.

A noise/antisocial behaviour dispute on Golf View has resulted in a male being arrested for criminal damage for a smashed window. Currently on bail.

2 lawnmowers have been stolen from the waste recycling centre on Tom Benson Way after the offender had bent some railings to gain entry. The area is covered by cameras and stills photographs are in the process of being copied to hopefully identify the offender.

In another offence at the site, a male from Penwortham was detained and charged with theft and being found on enclosed premises, when remote security alerted Police.

An address on Tag Lane has had a plant pot thrown through its front window in the early hours. No further enquiries available.

A girls mountain bike was stolen from an insecure shed on Mayfield Avenue. House to house enquiries carried out, but nothing seen.

A ball has smashed a window on Threefields. There is an Anti Social Behaviour issue on the area and the Neighbourhood Policing Team are looking into this.

The day after the last Pact meeting, damage was reported at Ingol Primary School. An 8ft x 4ft double glazed window worth £200 was smashed. No offenders for this unfortunately.

Matters arriving from previous minutes:

1. **Tanterton Playing Field:** Ongoing, PCC Parks Department are still pursuing funding streams, but annual holidays are slowing things down.
2. **Litter – Cigarette Butts:** CO-OP area is still clean and is being cleaned on a regular basis. Pool House School is clean, most likely due to the holidays. John O’Gaunt frontage also cleaned.
3. **Tanterton Community Centre:** A business plan created by the action group made up of local people has been put forward ready for PCC opening up for bids to run and operate the facility. It seems as though there is a lack of urgency from PCC causing concern to the action group who are chomping on the bit to run the centre. PCC have completed the survey, but have not issued the results. Market testing for groups to run the three centres available will be put to tender shortly. The action group are concerned that by the time PCC have concluded the tendering process, that the past users will have found other venues for their activities. Our city councillors to push PCC to speed up the process.

Community Tasking/Information:

- **INTACT;**
 - An invite was put out to the residents at the last Pact meeting to attend the opening of the Community Cafe. We are pleased to tell you that over 300 people attended the event.
- **Gateway;**
 - Only 5 reported incidents for August this year compared to 15 for August last year.
- **Places for People;**
 - Only 5 reported incidents for August this year compared to 12 for August last year
- Preston Bus drivers are speeding again on Tag Lane.
 - Details of bus time required so that we can report it to the operator.
- Free dog micro chipping is available this coming Saturday at Tanterton Community Centre car park on board the Citizen Zone bus.
- LCC designed gating at the top of Whitby Avenue are now being re-designed to suit residents requirements for access and to prevent ASB.

The Policing priorities were set as:

- **Ingol & Tanterton** - **Speeding**
- **Ingol Schools** - **Anti-Social Behaviour**
- **Ingo Golf Course** - **Motor bikes**

Date & Place of next PACT meeting

October 2nd Tanterton Christian Fellowship at 6.00pm