

# Abergele Town Council

## MINUTES

A meeting of the Police Liaison Sub-Committee, was held at 6.30pm on Monday 23rd July 2018 in Room 4, Council Offices, Llanddulas Road, Abergele.

234/18 **Attendance Register**

The Mayor, M D Bird;

Cllrs: D M Armstrong; A. Hunter; C. McCoubrey; R.M. Medicott; A. Wood;

In attendance: PS123 A G Verburg; PCSO3697 F Roberts

Mrs L Whalley (Deputy Clerk)

235/18 **Apologies for Absence**

Cllr: D A MacRae

236/18 **Absence without Apologies**

None

237/18 **Declaration of Interest**

- Members were reminded that they must declare the nature and existence of any personal and/or prejudicial interests, using the form provided for this purpose. **None Declared.**

238/18 **Minutes**

The Minutes from the last meeting of the Police Liaison Sub Committee, held on 12<sup>th</sup> March 2018 were **RECEIVED** and **APPROVED**.

239/18 **Matters arising**

**Section 1**

a) Pub Watch

a. Currently there is some difficulty in gathering support from Abergele Landlords to participate in a Pubwatch scheme. Despite the efforts of NWP to emphasise the importance of such a scheme there remains a high level of reticence. NWP are trying to foster a joint Pubwatch scheme between Towyn & Kinmel Bay and Abergele.

In the meantime, multi-agency inspections regularly take place.

b) Trading Standards

a. There are reports that rogue traders/cold callers are calling on residents in the area and giving quotes for work without informing the customers of their rights to cancel.

c) Crime Prevention

a. NWP aim to ensure that all victims of a crime or ASB receive a visit from a PCSO some time following the crime. There are limited resources covering a large area so by default PCSO's will be placed where demand is greatest but without excluding victims of crime in other areas.

Probation services keep NWP informed when particular individuals are returned to the area following release from prison.

**Section 2**

e) Shop lifting

a. Shop lifting has increased in the Abergele area especially in local supermarkets where there has been an increase in local juveniles indulging in shoplifting sprees. NWP working with the local school on this matter.

- b. The local Shopwatch scheme is poorly supported with businesses being very reluctant to take part due to incidental costs. Businesses in Pensarn are more proactive but the local supermarket has not responded to recommended changes to layout to deter persistent shoplifting.
- f) Traffic
  - a. Double parking on Market Street and parking on Bridge St for the takeaway is becoming more frequent and deliberate. Reference was also made to the ongoing persistent congestion outside the schools. Members expressed their dismay at the PCC's response that parking offence powers are not likely to be returned to Police Officers, however, NWP assured the committee that Warranted Officers still have powers where parking is causing an obstruction on the highway, but they have to apprehend the driver in person and can no longer issue tickets to leave on the vehicle.

### **Section 3**

- g) Antisocial Behaviour
  - a. There are pockets of ASB in and around Abergele and there are concerns in particular that 'cuckooing' is prevalent in the Peel St and Water St areas. NWP are bringing pressure to bear on Social Housing Managers to deal with difficult tenants more effectively by making more use of 'Acceptable Behaviour Contracts' and eviction orders. Private landlords are also compelled to deal with anti-social behaviour but NWP cannot become embroiled in mediation. Pensarn also has ongoing situations which are being dealt with in the same way. It has been observed that there is a more visible police presence in the area of late. The Park Hotel is under new ownership after having been the target for vandals.

Meeting closed 19:10

Signed: ..... (Chair)