

Williton, Watchet & Quantocks Area Panel

Notes of Meeting held on 10 June 2014

at the Council Chamber, Council Offices, Williton, at 7.00 pm

Present

E May (WSC); D Talling and P. Grandfield (East Quantoxhead PC); P Gill (Kilve PC); L. Whetlor (Watchet TC); G Tizzard (West Quantoxhead PC); Julie ? (Watchet Town Warden); D. Drabble (Sampford Brett PC); PS Manu and Inspector Carey (Avon and Somerset Constabulary); D Westcott (WSC); A Knight (WSC); S. Dowding (WSC); B Cleere (WSC); J. Holbrook (WSC); D. Peake (SCC); Austin Thompson (Devon & Somerset Fire and Rescue); Mike Webber (Member of the Public)

1. Have Your Say – Community Issues/Concerns

Holford

- Concern regarding rumble strips causing traffic noise. Also concern that speed had not actually reduced as a result of the strips and that the Highway Authority were unwilling to review the situation.
- Concern was also raised about the overgrown verges at Kilton Corner and whether the parish council could commission work themselves to cut them back.

David Peak (SCC) confirmed that he would discuss solutions in respect of the rumble strip and that there were processes by which the Parish Council could commission work on the verges directly. He would pick these matters up separately with the Parish Council.

Levels of Police Cover

Concerns were raised about forthcoming changes in the deployment of police staff in the area. Inspector Carey outlined that there would be one less PCSO (leaving 2 covering the area) and that in addition there would be 4 PCs covering Watchet and Williton. Police support would also be available on a flexible basis from the Wellington area if necessary.

2. Election of Chairman

Cllr E. May was elected as Chairman of the Panel

3. Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence were received from V. Boxall (Stogursey PC); S. de Renzy-Martin (Watchet TC); J. Richards (WACET); S. Goss (WSC); C. Morgan (WSC); H.J.W Davies (WSC and SCC)

4. Notes of the Meeting held on 4 March 2014 and Matters Arising

The notes of the above meeting were confirmed as a correct record.

5. Police Report

A verbal report was received from Inspector Carey on the following:

- 1 incident in Stogumber at the White Horse pub.
- 2 reports of rogue traders
- Telephone scam (national) where people were being asked to withdraw large amounts of cash
- Counterfeit £50 notes
- A drink drive campaign being run to coincide with the World Cup
- Plans for music festivals under way
- Car break-ins at Treborough and Dunster. Valuables taken.

6. Highways Report

David Peake provided a report (attached to notes) on planned highway works.

The County had taken a severe battering over the winter with 13 storms over the period Dec 2013 to Feb 2014, including 172 call outs on 14 February due to fallen trees and flooding.

Cllr Westcott raised the issue of road closed signs being left up after the works had been completed. David Peake noted this and apologised.

Cllr Whetlor asked for safety issues at Headland and museum (Watchet) to be looked into.

Holford PC representatives raised the issue of frequent heavy slurry tankers on the road to Cannington, causing damage to the road surface.

Mike Webber (Member of Public) raised concern about road safety issues in Liddymore Road (Watchet), near the Co-op. Cllr Westcott confirmed that white lines had now been painted in the location, which should help to address the concern.

7. Devon & Somerset Fire & Rescue Service

Austin Thompson confirmed that a zebra crossing outside Danesfield School was being pursued.

Industrial action was planned in the coming weeks.

There had been number of traffic accidents recently in Washford and at Halsway Hill.

8. **Community Impact Mitigation Fund for Hinkley Point C**

James Holbrook gave a presentation (slides attached to these notes) on the arrangements for the above fund.

James stressed the importance of projects making a case based on impact from the nuclear build.

Expressions of interest for the funding could be submitted at any time, but the first bids were due on 1 July.

In response to a question, James confirmed that this fund could not be used to support feasibility studies.

9. **Allotments**

No report was discussed

10. **West Somerset Council**

Brendan Cleere reported on the following:

Killick Way Public Conveniences Work had finished turning this building into a workspace whilst retaining two public conveniences. A tenant had been identified for the work space.

CCTV Watchet Following some delays, this work was nearing completion. A total of 13 cameras would be installed, which would be monitored from Minehead.

Roughmoor Enterprise Centre Three units were reported as vacant but there were parties interested in all three.

11. **Note Taker**

Brendan Cleere would take the notes at the following meeting

12. **Date of Next Meeting**

16 September 2014 at 7.00 pm in the Council Chamber, Council Offices, Williton

The meeting ended at 8.48pm.