

AGENDA ITEM 10c

Notes from Tavistock Matters Meeting Held on 5th September 2018

Attendees:

Cllr Sellis
Rob Palmer
Roger Bird
Carl Hearn
Louisa Daley
Insp Mark Sloman
Cllr Jory

Apologies:

Cllr Squires
John Ward
Cllr Moody
Cllr Evans
Cllr Johnson

Notes of the last meeting 20th June were reviewed and there were no outstanding actions.

Tavistock Viaduct is owned by WDBC. A conversation was held regarding the increase in people in distress on the viaduct. Louisa advised that she is working on, through the Community Safety Partnership, a Suicide Prevention Toolkit which will be on the agenda for the next meeting. Likewise discussion over helpful signage to those in distress on the viaduct for the next agenda.

Action: LD to add to agenda for 5th December

Police Update:

Mark Sloman advised that crime had reduced compared to year on year from 2017.

There had been an increase in Domestic Violence figures but this is thought to be due to a proactive new team in Tavistock and associated football and drinking during the World Cup.

Vehicle crime had seen an increase in the Spring but had now plateaued.

Police had experienced some issues with Social Care in the area – particularly on a Friday afternoon – MS updated on a case where officers had to use their tea fund cash to purchase nappies for a lady fleeing Domestic Violence.

Tavistock College are holding a parents forum on 18th September.

Following the Redeeming our Communities meeting in June MS advised that Carphone Warehouse had been approached by police to provide internet safety packs to all parents who are purchasing phones for their children.

Street Pastors:

Pastors reported that bottles and glasses are still being taken outside of Jack Chams. Also that Street Pastors are often having to provide first aid to customers from Jack Chams where there should be a first aid kit and staff should be trained to basic first aid.

Action: LD to update WDBC Licensing and MS to update Police Licensing

Street Pastors advised an apparent decrease in violent crime in Tavistock in the night time economy.

Street Pastors advised that town centre bins are overflowing on Saturday evenings particularly – resulting in bottles being left next to bins which can be a danger.

Action: LD to liaise with WDBC regarding bin collection times

Crossing by Texaco Garage:

Short discussion over trial period as advised by Cllr Sellis. Cars will be allowed to park on one side of the road from 1800-0800 hours. This is a trial. Other updates regarding reports from Highways officers to be included in the agenda at the next meeting.

Action: LD to include on next agenda

Redeeming Our Communities:

ROC met in June 2018, there were approximately 170 people who met to discuss how the community can work better together.

A steering group was created with 5 strands including:

Communication

Loneliness

Young people

Mental Health

Action: RB and RP to send LD info regarding ROC to be distributed to the group

Community Safety issues:

School Pastors updated that they had been able to provide support to Tavistock College every day in the last week of term following the tragic death linked to drugs and prior to the funeral.

**The next meeting will be held on Wednesday 5th December
at Tavistock Police office 1630-1800 hours.**