

## COULBY NEWHAM COMMUNITY COUNCIL

### Minutes of the meeting held Mon 1<sup>st</sup> June 2015

**PRESENT** Councillors Jan Brunton, Geoff Cole and Joe Culley, Barry Coppinger - Police and Crime Commissioner for Cleveland - and assistant Rachel Kipling, PC Alan Sanderson and PCSO Tony Hill (Bickley Way Police Station) Debi Whitehead (Chair) Joan Cook (Sec) plus residents

**PCSO Tony Hill** read out the first message to Coulby Newham residents from Chief Inspector Dave Sutherland who has recently take over the post held by Inspector Dave Lamplugh. Chief Inspector Sutherland said he is impressed by the hard work being done all over the town and noted various projects, several involving working with the most vulnerable people.

Regarding Community Policing – he appreciates the wide variety of situations our local officers have to deal with on a daily basis. He said co-operation from members of the public is very important and we can help by giving information – either directly to the Police or to Crimestoppers, by protecting our own properties and by getting involved.

PCSO Hill then reported the Anti Social Behaviour figures for Coulby Newham for the month of April – as 69 and May - 47. Long term solutions are being looked at for these situations.

The present Police Priority for Coulby Newham is Harvington Chase area but as youngsters have been gathering at Lingfield Park in numbers sometimes nearing 50, the meeting agreed that this area should be a second Priority

He said if you see Police Officers in the Parkway Centre they are taking part in ‘Operation Boost’ – to be highly visible and a deterrent to thieves. They will walk through the Centre when en- route somewhere else and walk around there when not working on a specific duty. PC Sanderson quoted -‘*Prevention is better than Detection*’

In reply to a report of cars racing along Coulby Manor Way at speeds of 50 – 60 mph around 9.30pm he said new Police initiatives mean a concerned member of the public accompanying a Police Officer to the offending spot. A SPEEDWATCH Smiley Face/Sad Face warning poster may be used to draw offenders attention to their mph.

Not speeding - but taxis have been spotted parking up in Bus Lanes along Newham Way. To be checked on. The meeting acknowledged that taxis waiting around the area mean saving in both time and fuel– but in the right spots, not in bus lay bys.

*“Are drivers allowed 28 days grace after tax has expired?” “No!”*

A resident Congratulated our 3 Councillors on winning their seats in Coulby Newham Ward. New **Councillor Joe Culley** introduced himself to the meeting.

**Councillor Brunton** said she is once again in the Cabinet post of Executive Member for Education and Skills. Regarding Coulby Newham, she told the meeting that no Business Plan has been put forward for Lingfield Countryside Centre. There has been some interest shown in using the building. A Nursery and Working Units are a possibility - with community use. It was noted that the rooms in the buildings are small.

A resident present said “Asbestos is still present in the Countryside buildings”

**Councillor Cole** is once again Chair of the Planning Committee.

Regarding Coulby Newham, the Planning Committee will shortly have to make a decision on the Planning Application for a KFC on Arundales site. They are waiting for Reports on Noise and Cooking Smells. He asked if anyone had any final comments to make.

Residents said there are no details about hours of opening, or on ventilation. Councillor Brunton said the Planning Committee can impose conditions pertinent to individual situations.

A Planning Application has been submitted to tuck a Cobblers Unit/Shop in the corner of the Parkway Social Club – at the other end of the building to the Taxi /Barbers. A new outside door would be fitted for customers use. This would be in keeping with the main Club entrance. There were no objections – much support.

*“Could a bollard be concreted in the middle of the footpath/cycletrack entrance between 55-57 Willowbank to stop access. Someone is dumping carpets and other items in and near the woods there?”*

The councillors said they knew about this.

Since taking office just over a year ago **Police and Crime Commissioner for Cleveland Barry Coppinger** has attended 270 Community Meetings. He came along tonight to bring Coulby Newham residents up to date with progress.

Hate crimes - regarding various genders. A new group has been set up within the Constabulary to deal with this type of offence.

The Commissioner is trying hard to eliminate Race Hate crimes . The Football Club's slogan 'Show Race the Red Card' is well known . Football fans, especially younger ones, identify with footballers . Schools are coming on board too. Later this month even more groups will come on board in a special Race initiative.

There is now a Victim Support Website involving 30 organisations that those at the raw end of crimes may contact . The victim's needs will be assessed and help offered. When children have been involved..witnessed or suffered abuse Barnardos is especially helpful. In those situations the Police, via Operation Encompass, will let the appropriate people such as school teachers know to make sure they are treated with care and consideration.

Trafficking and Slavery are not too obvious but do go on. Immigrants pay to be brought here for a better life then Slave Masters make them work for them eg looking after cannabis farms. This sometimes leads to benefit fraud. The issue is being given more publicity to raise community awareness.

Approximately 1,000 offenders have now taken part in Restorative Justice in which the offender mostly of petty crimes and mostly the under 18's and the victim, will agree to meet face to face. The young offender can be made to see the effect his actions have had on the victim. The victim can have some part in influencing his punishment - which may mean it does not go on record. The Commissioner gave an example – one young lad would have lost his chance to join the Forces if convicted of stealing but the proprietor allowed him to pay back by working in his shop. He's in the Army now.

Regarding prisons, Probation Services in Cleveland Constabulary area are 'In House' - not contracted out as in some other areas. This allows better management of prisoners' progress.

There was more ...

#### ***Residents asked ...***

*Is there any check to see if the young offenders who take part in Restorative Justice go on to re-offend?*

This is under review at the moment.

*55 Police Data Offences were reported in the Gazette not so long ago. Is there any update on these?*

I will check .

*Regarding future Government cuts -is Community Policing safe?*

Yes. It's a priority.

*Most Mobility Scooter drivers are responsible and considerate but some are not.. They drive on main roads, hold up the traffic, are not immediately visible and without insurance. Can anything be done for safety's sake?*

Drivers can book a 2 1/2 hour course with Shopmobility. The Department of Transport has issued recommendations – but not rules.

*Perhaps Government Legislation for scooters - and bikes could start here – now!*

*Now that the Police Headquarters site has been sold what are the Plans for the new one?*

The new building will be next to the Unicorn Stables? I am keen to see better co-ordination between Fire and Ambulance services and hope this will involve the new Headquarters. The new Ambulance CEO is encouraging joint work with the Police. The Fire Service has just moved into a newly built Main Station.

Building will be a 2 year project and will be managed by Liz ?. She is making it known that the Police want firms involved to employ local/ north east workers - and to pay them a decent living wage.

The Commissioner has made sure that all Police staff are receiving a fair, living wage.

*Is it true electricity is to be supplied to the new headquarters from Stokesely?*

*Details will be available in the near future*

**Co-ordination** is the Commissioner's ongoing operative word! He is trying to get those involved in Cleveland's community safety in various ways to work together for mutual benefit.

**eg. 'Cleveland Connected' is a crime and community safety message and advice system operated by Cleveland Police working in partnership with other relevant community safety organisations, agencies and Watch Schemes.**

*13,000 residents have now signed to get connected*

The Website is [www.clevelandconnected.co.uk](http://www.clevelandconnected.co.uk) and click **JOIN**