

COULBY NEWHAM COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting 27th October 2014 in Langdon Sq Comm. Centre

PRESENT Councillors Jan Brunton and Geoff Cole, Sharon Carr (MBC Neighbourhood Safety Team Manager) PCSO Rob Brooks (Coulby Newham Police Station) Fire Officer Meirion Hughes (Coulby Newham Fire Station) Joan Davies (Deputy Chair) Joan Cook (Sec) plus residents_

APOLOGIES Debi Whitehead

The meeting opened with a 2 Minute Silence **in honour of Stuart Bargewell** a resident and friend who passed away on 16th October.

Fire Station Shift Manager Hughes told the meeting of 34 incidents the Brigade had attended in October to date, including the big fire at Crathorne Hall when Coulby's Fire Team worked successfully with Teams from other areas to stop further damage. In Coulby Newham 9 incidents have been attended to date.. Before he could tell any more Fire Officer Hughes received an emergency call and had to rush out to the waiting tender Update - 10 incidents.

PCSO Brooks read out a message from Chief Inspector Lamplugh advising residents to be extra careful regarding security now that dark nights are upon us. There has been several burglaries when residents were actually at home – access gained via open windows and unlocked doors.

With Mischief Night in mind the Police and other agencies are working together to minimise criminality. The Chief Inspector said Zero Tolerance is the operative phrase and youngsters should know that any offences may be put on record and may affect their future.

Residents were pleased to hear that offences of damage and vandalism etc. on Mischief Night will now be treated as Criminal Damage not just overexcitement. The misery caused is the same.

The crime figures for Coulby Newham show 43 incidents of Anti Social Behaviour in September – compared to 42 in September 2013. Of these 9 were neighbourly disputes and 30 were 'nuisances' . Among other crimes, which totalled 32, were vehicle crime, stolen handbags, some violence – all in single figures. The Police are currently tackling the selling of illegal fireworks eg from the back of vehicles or back doorsteps. This is quite worrying because they may have been imported and dangerous - not subject to UK safeguards.

PCSO Brooks was asked about sale of fireworks from within shopping centres . He said there are rules for these including a total weight limit.

Told about vehicles double parking and causing obstruction on the road at The Covert, he said he will investigate.

The proprietor of **Lingfield Ash Newsagent/Post Office** is notifying residents that he intends to apply for **a Liquor Licence** to sell alcohol from those premises. The outline hours are 6am – 10pm every day of the week.

The Deadline for comments is Friday 14 November.

Residents present said there are already enough outlets in Coulby Newham where alcohol can be purchased. Is another one necessary? From experience, an Off Licence is an attraction to youngsters. They know that somehow some under age drinkers still manage to get hold of cans and bottles and meet up nearby . This often leads to gangs and litter left around for others to clean up. Anti Social Behaviour was anticipated. Any Licensee of Lingfield Ash Shop would have no control over activities outside those premises.

The meeting wondered if Lingfield Ash fellow tenants had been asked by Erimus for their opinions on an Off Licence there. Lingfield Ash, also Beechfield and Willowbank residents would be most affected.

It was pointed out that Ash Hill shop has reverted to the bungalow it was originally planned as. . The original Trading Post shop is now a Baptist Church and Hollowfield shop is now a Clinic. The PARKWAY Centre is fulfilling all needs now

Residents present were concerned about the present parking around Lingfield Ash shop. Even though the layby outside the shop has been extended there are still problems for drivers parking and so exiting Willowbank and Lingfield Ash is risky. Last week the bus lay by was occupied too so the bus driver had to double park while he attended to certain duties. The two car drivers had to wait there till he'd completed inspection and could then move the bus..

Asked about the 'No Selling Liquor from these Premises' Clause in the Erimus Lease Councillor Cole said the rules were being changed .

Mr Patel was not present at the meeting to give further information. The subject will be discussed again at Forum 5 meeting in Lingfield Ash Hall on Monday 10th November.

A vote was taken . Unanimously - Against.

The Deputy Chair is in the process of acquiring a **Stencil and Special Paint** to have some bright Reminders marked out on fouled footpaths around Coulby Newham to remind Dog Owners not to allow their dogs to deposit there. .

Several residents present knew of areas in need of those Reminders. Footpaths around Lingfield Countryside Centre, and footpaths around Blackthorn and Lingfield Ash and Newham Grange Farm were noted.

Neighbourhood Safety Team Manager Sharon Carr explained the changes in the way Anti Social Behaviour will be tackled under the new powers issued by the Government via the Crime and Policing Act of 20th October this year. The new rules should make it easier and quicker for the Police , Council and Landlords to take action. Nineteen points utilised until now have been reduced to 6. **'The Home Office Power and Tools'** **Website** explains all.

Sharon outlined Civil Injunctions, Dispersal Powers, Public Space Protection Orders, Closure Powers, Community Protection Notices, Criminal Behaviour Orders and more.

She said victims can have a say in punishments, drug offenders will have to attend sessions, dispersal orders mean leaving an area for 48 hours and instead of the Magistrates Court an offender may have to appear directly at the Crown Court , to name just a few points. .

A **Community Trigger** can be activated by one person if the same Anti Social problem has been reported 3 times within 6 months or 5 times by several people or groups within 6 months and no action has been taken. The Community Trigger ensures a Review will be carried out between the above agencies who will discuss what actions have been considered and make recommendations . They will report back to the victim within 15 days.

The Community Trigger phonenumber is 01642 728750 manned 8.30am – 5.00pm Mon –Thurs and 8.30am – 4.30pm Friday. Outside these hours there is an Ansaphone.

COUNCILLORS' UPDATES

Councillor Brunton told the meeting of a **Safe Haven** for over indulgent revellers who may be in need of help, mainly at weekends. Helpers and an ambulance will be quietly on hand in town to come to the rescue and take the heat off A & E. A suggestion was made to charge for the service - but this was not thought a good idea.

Cars have been left '**For Sale**' on the grass verge at the Gunnergate Lane/Newham Way junction. To be investigated..

*"What's happening about the **Hand Carwash** applied for to operate in TESCO side car park? The Application was accepted by Middlesbrough Council with alterations on site and size.*

" No news to pass on. The Applicants have 3 years in which to activate their plans'

An Application has been made for 2 x 8' high **Aldi signs** on former Arundale land perimeters on Stainton Way and Dalby Way (highways on each side of the site) to stand from June 2015 – June 2025 . It was hoped that the site would be occupied earlier in those 10 years and not left empty, land banked and derelict. .

The 20mph speed limit imposed recently and it's permanence was questioned at the last meeting. Councillor Brunton has investigated and said the limit would remain as, despite recent accidents here and removal in some other towns, the figures show it's proving successful in Middlesbrough.

She circulated leaflets on help **for Alzheimer** sufferers and said **a Help Group** based in Middlesbrough Town Library is doing some excellent work there.

Councillor Cole told the meeting that on Saturday 8th November 10am – 4pm under the **Safe and Active Travel** Programme drivers can call in for a **Free Car Winter Check** at the Bickley Way Fire Station. Tyres etc will be looked at and a Free Tyre Tread Measuring Tool given .

The Deputy Chair asked if anyone would be kind enough volunteer to plant winter spring/ flowers in the

3 x 'Welcome To Coulby ' small planters at the road entrances to the estate. The Council gardeners will take over for summer bedding. 3 x Volunteers came forward.