

**Tavistock Matters 20<sup>th</sup> June 2018**

**Tavistock Police Office 1630 – 1800 hours**

**Attendees:**

Rob Palmer (Street Pastor) Roger Bird (School Pastor) PS Pennie Channing, Insp Mark Sloman, Cllr D Sellis (DCC) Cllr J Moody (WDBC) John Ward (ASB Officer) PCSO K Williams, Cllr J Evans (WDBC) Cllr P Squires (TTC) Carl Hearn (TTC) Louisa Daley (WDBC)

**Apologies:**

Cllr Oxborough

**Introduction:**

LD welcomed the group and set out the aims for the meeting, which includes general matters for community safety within Tavistock.

No individuals relating to crime and disorder will be discussed in the meeting.

The meeting is for operational purposes, there are already strategic groups which sit to address issues in a wider context which this meeting can feed into if appropriate.

The notes from the meeting will be action based, they will not be full detailed notes.

**Connectivity:**

MS and PC provided a presentation on Connectivity and how the force sees the importance of this and engages with the local community.

Cllrs asked for direct email addresses for Tavistock Officers, these are as follows:

[Tavistock@devonandcornwall.pnn.police.uk](mailto:Tavistock@devonandcornwall.pnn.police.uk) – the neighbourhood email address

[Mark.sloman@devonandcornwall.pnn.police.uk](mailto:Mark.sloman@devonandcornwall.pnn.police.uk)

[Pennie.channing@devonandcornwall.pnn.police.uk](mailto:Pennie.channing@devonandcornwall.pnn.police.uk)

[Graham.callender@devonandcornwall.pnn.police.uk](mailto:Graham.callender@devonandcornwall.pnn.police.uk)

[Catherine.veale@devonandcornwall.pnn.police.co.uk](mailto:Catherine.veale@devonandcornwall.pnn.police.co.uk)

[Kevin.williams@devonandcornwall.pnn.police.uk](mailto:Kevin.williams@devonandcornwall.pnn.police.uk)

**Tavistock Viaduct:**

There has been an increase recently in people in distress being seen on the viaduct and several police officers have needed to talk people down from jumping from the viaduct. This follows the sad death of man recently from the same area.

There were some discussions about how this can be reduced. In the meantime LD to find out who owns the viaduct and report back at the next meeting for further discussion.

Action: LD to contact WDBC Assets to determine the ownership

### **Anti Social Behaviour (ASB) Update:**

JW advised that generally ASB is on the decline.

The previous Designated Public Place Orders (DPPO's) have now been converted to the newly legislated Public Space Protection Orders (PSPO's) in Tavistock (and surrounding areas where appropriate.)

Mobile Locality Officers are being given training in June 2018 in order for them to hold powers for ASB reduction purposes.

### **County Lines:**

MS updated the group regarding County Lines. It is important the Cllrs are aware of this in order to provide information where appropriate to constituents.

### **Police Update:**

KW updated on Project Genesis – the Police Neighbourhood Policing Review. There has been recent information to suggest that the reduction of PCSO's will sit at approximately 200 instead of the originally proposed 150. Out of this figure of 200, 20 will be tri service officers.

MS provided information on local and national crime statistics.

### **Councillors Update:**

Discussions were held over a previous incident regarding dumped bags of drug paraphernalia.

Action: MS to contact Cllr Moody to look into this further

Cllr Sellis advised that there is a Health and Wellbeing group in Tavistock and also that there is a ROC (Redeeming Our Communities?) event due to be held in Tavistock shortly.

Action: LD to put both on the next agenda

Cllr Sellis is keen to look at Community Payback again – a scheme where people under a community probation order do work in the community.

Action: LD to look into whether this is still being run under the new CRC (Community Rehabilitation Company)

Cllrs asked if there had been any community tensions with the refugee families which have settled in Tavistock. Police advise that there have been no issues.

### **Street and School Pastor Updates:**

RP advised that the Street Pastors patrol every Saturday night and every other Friday night. They have also begun a Friday lunch time session between 11am - 2pm as the town is particularly busy at this time.

The evening patrols are quite busy with issues of note being vulnerability issues due to diabetes and the lack of taxi's continuing to be a cause for concern late in the evening.

Action: LD to raise with Licensing

RB updated that there has been a hugely positive response by Tavistock College in relation to the School Pastors. They visit on a weekly basis but also on ad-hoc occasions where necessary.

Future projects include looking at including older community members as pastoral support. RB will update the group as and when this happens.

**Next meeting:**

The next meeting will be held on 5<sup>th</sup> September 2018 at 1630 hours at Tavistock Police Office.