

# Town Centre Crime-Disorder Meeting Agenda

Wednesday, 9 October 2019 at 2.30 pm

Committee Room 1 - Muriel Matters House, Breeds Place, Hastings TN34 3UY

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	<p>This is the last in a series of six meetings held during the latter summer season 2019.</p> <p>Agreed that the group will schedule a series of meetings from April 2020 to cover the 2020 summer season.</p> <p>In the interim, if circumstances warrant, ad hoc meetings will be arranged on request. <b>Action ALL</b></p>	

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## TOWN CENTRE CRIME-DISORDER MEETING

24 SEPTEMBER 2019

Present: Mike Hepworth (Chair), Cherry Longley, Christine Barkshire-Jones, Rob Cowan, Aidan Cornwall, Paul Cosson, John Whittington.

### 1. APOLOGIES

John Bownas

### 2. NOTES OF LAST MEETING (12TH SEPTEMBER 2019)

Agreed.

Matters arising: The notes were briefly discussed, outstanding action points for JB and CBJ in due course. **Acton CBJ & JB**

### 3. IDENTIFIED HOTSPOTS - UPDATE

**Wellington Square:** Generally much clearer, no problems to report.

**Sunken Gardens, Robertson Terrace:** Ditto

**Cycling Shop, Harold Place:** PC advised that there are sporadic small congregations.

**Outside Jempsons/Former Toilets, Harold Place:** PC advised of sporadic episodes. Wardens have monitored – for example, the following day, and found no activity.

**Central St. Leonards:** PC advised the Wardens are undertaking patrols and have liaised with Renaissance House occupants regarding issuing notices (which was agreed) – these would be for breaches of PSPO drinking.

JW advised that at a recent meeting of the Alcohol Action Group an EH officer, Rother DC advised that there is has been an increase in this sort of activity in Bexhill. AC concurred and advised that the Police have been involved in some dispersal activity.

**Promenade Shelter, end of Sea Road:** This is the worst shelter in that it ‘houses’ approx. 10 to 11 persons now. MH advised that HBC Councillors wish to see a more informal approach to its clearance, therefore letters have been hand-served to advise that the council wishes to redecorate shelters in a few weeks’ time and that they need to move out of the shelter. Notices will be erected by the Foreshore team (supported by Wardens) who will undertake the redecoration work. Discussions ensued regarding the potential of boarding up the shelters for the winter period, however this would likely mean that the shelters in Grosvenor Gardens (for example) would also

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needs to be boarded up. As the weather deteriorates it is hoped that occupation along Sea Road will diminish.

#### 4. ENFORCEMENT / LEGAL ACTION - UPDATE

RC/PC/AC advised as follows:

Dean Quinnell – Hearing 7th October – Breach of PSPO plus an ASB element. Witness statement from Police to be forwarded to RC – who will then serve ASAP The wardens will serve the summons. **Action AC**

18 September CCTV operators viewed 3 different incidents of assault / ASB involving Nigel Torrence, Dean Quinnell and Billy Nash. Nigel and Dean are the subject of HBC PSPO enforcement so a decision is to be made if this is to be progressed by HBC as ASB or the Police. These two incidents occurred in the middle of the town centre. Billy Nash then assaulted Dean Quinnell on the beach; this was a more obvious case of assault rather than ASB.

**Actions: PC to show AC the footage and arrange for a copy to be given to AC. AC to advise RC on what actions the Police are pursuing and what that will leave HBC enforcement to progress.**

Craig Kirwan – Hearing 14th October – Breach of CPN plus two breaches of PSPO.

Peter Payne – recently deceased

Rob Lowe – Breach of PSPO and failure to surrender alcohol – pack almost complete and to be passed to legal shortly

Emma Power – Breach of PSPO and failure to surrender alcohol – pack almost complete and to be passed to legal shortly

Richard Brown – CPWN issued

Michelle Meager – Known drinker, not at prosecution stage as of yet

Nathan Davies – Known to associate with the street drinker, no real evidence against this person yet.

Jodie King – Breach of PSPO and failure to surrender alcohol, prosecution pack pending

Natasha Bourne – recently deceased

Paul Howarth – recently deceased

Tom Yaggis – prosecution pack in the pipeline, serial offender, looking to go straight to prosecution once next encountered.

Chris Reader – Unpaid FPN for drinking – papers ready next week

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Nigel Torrence – Unpaid FPN for alcohol offence – papers to follow

Marcus Bevan – CPWN issued at the moment – AC advised that the Police cautioned him too.

John Rainbow – AC advised that he was given verbal warning for ASB and alcohol, RC advised that a written warning needs to be sent ASAP.

Ella Albiez – Serial aggressive beggar – prosecution pack pending

### **Sea Road Caravans:**

One caravan – in the process of serving papers

One caravan – occupant changed and therefore all preceding work nullified. However decision taken that any future papers will be served via “occupier” rather than named individual. **Action HBC Legal**

One caravan – papers completed, needs signatures. **Action HBC Legal/PC**

**Tent on West Marina beach** – PC advised that this will be subject of a Part 55.

**Lady in van at chalets car park (West Marina)** – the lady has serious mental health issues – Part 55 recovery to be progressed but Legal likely to seek further advice because of the health complications. **Action HBC Legal**

## **5. INFORMATION SHARING - UPDATE**

AC advised that a Police team are currently drafting a new agreement (pan agreement) and will be in touch with CBJ in due course.

## **6. BLUE LIGHT PROJECT & STREET COMMUNITY PROJECT WORKER - UPDATE**

MH advised that Georgina Bouette, Community Manager at Arun District Council gave a presentation regarding their Street Community Outreach Keyworker Project at a recent meeting of the Safer Rother & Hastings Partnership Board. The project started in August 2015 and started work with approx. 130 street drinkers. Of those 27 were targeted over 2/3 years. Key outputs and achievements of the project from working with 27 clients are shown below (extracted highlights taken from the presentation):

### ***“Criminal Justice Outcomes:***

*Reduced involvement in reported anti-social behaviour by 96% (211 reports in the year pre-intervention and 9 posts).*

*Reduced criminality and offending reduced by 97% (512 offences pre and 13 post intervention).*

*Project has delivered total criminal justice cost saving of £1,785,098 (Manchester Unit Cost Database 2015 v1.4) with total project funding of £186,000 over four years.*

### ***Welfare Outcomes:***

*100% of clients rough sleeping were assisted to obtain accommodation (21).*

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*100% of clients threatened with homelessness assisted to either remain in or secure new accommodation (6).*

### **Health Outcomes:**

*35% of clients using drugs became drug free during keyworker intervention (8 out of 23 using illicit substances).*

*14% of alcohol dependent clients achieved sobriety (3) and 76% (16) significantly reduced their daily consumption / strength.*

*71% of clients formally diagnosed with a mental health need due to advocacy and persistence of keyworker (10 out of 14 clients)."*

MH advised that unfortunately the CGL/STAR senior and operational managers were unable to attend at the last minute. Tom Hook, ESCC, was present.

The action from the meeting is to set up a sub-group and look at the potential around this project more closely.

MH went on to advise that he had some discussions with Tom Hook and it would be helpful if we could send him Hastings perpetrators listings. CBJ requested that she/MH discuss this in the first instance. CBJ to also draft some wording for MH's forthcoming email. **Action CBJ/MH**

### **7. BREACH OF LICENSING CONDITIONS - UPDATE**

AC advised that the Police is to focus on three premises using overt CCTV between 8am-10am – PC advised that one premises is unfortunately obscured somewhat by a street tree. The footage will be reviewed in approx. 2 weeks' time. AC further advised that the Police CCTV monitoring system at Hastings is broken.

### **8. ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

AC advised that he is working on serious organised crime and will shortly set up a local group re drug organisation in Hastings. He asked if HBC officers wished to attend. AC commented that the group would require targeted action to a degree and he felt that the council could assist to that end. MH and CBJ expressed their concern regarding legalities around this and MH felt that the group would benefit from a multi-agency however MH suggested that if AC has any specific targets to forward details to JW in the first instance. AC advised that he will schedule a first 'briefing' based meeting and invite various officers.

### **9. DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

Group agreed to rearrange this meeting previously scheduled for 7<sup>th</sup> October. **Action CML**

New arrangements confirmed as:

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**24 SEPTEMBER 2019**

Wednesday, 9<sup>th</sup> October @ 1430hrs in Committee Room 1, Upper Ground Floor,  
Muriel Matters House, Breeds Place, Hastings, TN34 3UY.

Meeting closed: 1445hrs.

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- I acknowledge that these people have rights to privacy by virtue of Article 8 of the Human Rights Act and I confirm that I will respect that person's right to privacy.
- I also accept that the information which I have heard and which I have given is disclosed by way of justification in accordance with the prevention of for example, disorder or crime as envisaged by Article 8(2) of the European Convention.

People named during meeting (not subject of individual form) as per individual meeting notes. **Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

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