

Bridgend Community Safety Partnership  
**Bridgend Town Centre ASB Management Meeting**  
**Monday, August 2<sup>nd</sup> 2021 @ 10:00**  
**Via Microsoft Teams**

<b>Attendees</b>			
Name:	Organisation:	Name:	Organisation:
CHAIR Ritchie Smart	Station Manager, Bridgend & Pencoed, SWFRS	Judith Jones	Partnership Manager, CSP, BCBC
Donna Crossman	Youth Services Manager, SWFRS	Andrew Highway	Town Centre Manager, BCBC
Dave Easterbrook	Crime Reduction Coordinator, BBAC	Andy Griffin	Team Leader, CCTV, BCBC
Hannah Richards	Senior Partnerships and CSP officer. BCBC	Daniel Williams	Jobcentre Manager, DWP
Gareth Newman	Inspector, Bridgend & Porthcawl, SWP	Heather Dobbs	CSP Officer, BCBC
Irene Blower	CSP, BCBC	Jamie Cullen	Operational Manager, CCTV, BCBC
Kevin Reeves	YJS	Louise Tew	CSP Sergeant, SWP
Rachel Bell	Manager, Rhiw Shopping Centre / Chair, BBAC	Rhiannon Stone	Bridgend Town Council
Tony Bradshaw	Bus Station / Shopmobility Supervisor, BCBC	Becky Hancock	ADFERIAD
Phil Angell	BCBC Parking		
<b>Apologies</b>			
Sue Cunningham	BCBC Housing	Anoushka Thomas	POBL
Andy Elias	SWFRS	Elizabeth Walton-James	BCBC Safeguarding
Glynis Evans	BCBC Mental Health	Joanne Ginn	BCBC Housing
John Rees	BCBC Cleaner Streets	Joy Nicholls	SWP CRTA
Mark Davies	SWP Inspector	Matthew Rowlands	Noddfa Community Project
Ryan Jones	BCBC Housing	Sam Gunnarrson	Bridgend College
Sian Hooper	Cleaner Streets	Sally Lloyd	SWP YJS

Item:	Agenda:	ACTIONS:
1.	<b>Welcome, Introductions &amp; Apologies / Aims of the group</b>	

1.1	<i>Verbal</i>	<p>Chair RS welcomed everyone to the meeting and invited them to introduce themselves.</p> <p>Apologies as listed above.</p> <p>RS stated that one of the aims of the group is to gain an understanding of the work we all do - to present in more detail the roles of people within the partnership, so that we can support one another with issues that arise. RS added that this is an excellent group to participate in.</p>	
2.		<b>Minutes of the last meeting / Matters Arising</b>	
2.1	<i>Verbal</i>	<p>Minutes were approved as a true record.</p> <p>ACTIONS from last meeting:</p> <p>2.3: Disc rollout – presently no capability to run this system – remove it for the time being.</p> <p>6.2: DW to email AH – re: local businesses / employers – to be carried forward to the next meeting.</p> <p><b>ACTION from last meeting (6.2): DW to email AH – re: local businesses / employers – to be carried forward to the next meeting.</b></p> <p>7.1: TB reported that there has been no further information available about DP / JLE, and there have been no recent problems, so no further action necessary at this time.</p> <p>7.2: Re – issues around SAX Nightclub – completed.</p> <p>7.4: Problematic busker – information on reporting ASB circulated on email (including Sgts in Bridgend &amp; Porthcawl). The busker is still occasionally seen in Porthcawl Town Centre.</p>	<b>DW / AH</b>
3		<b>Youth Provision - South Wales Fire &amp; Rescue Service - DC</b>	
3.1	<i>Verbal</i>	<p>DC from SWFRS reported as follows:</p> <p>The SWFRS Community Safety Team runs 4 main youth interventions.</p> <p>Fire-Setting Intervention Scheme – this consists of 3 programmes:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. A home visit aimed at younger children – e.g. those playing with matches at home, etc.</li> <li>2. This is aimed at an older age group, e.g. those involved in setting fires, etc.</li> <li>3. Fire Safe Programme – aimed at individuals charged with Arson – 10 sessions.</li> </ol> <p>Phoenix Programme:</p> <p>This is available to 11 –25 year-olds, although it is currently targeting 12/13s. The programme works with individuals on the cusp of offending, and involves SWFRS working closely with partner agencies. This is an accredited course.</p>	<b>DC / HR</b>

		<p>Crimes &amp; Consequences:</p> <p>This course can either be done over 1 day or in 6 individual sessions – re: more flexibility. It involves SWFRS working closely with YOS / SWP – to challenge attitudes and encourage independent thinking.</p> <p>Fire Cadet Programme:</p> <p>There are 12 Fire Cadet units across the service area. FC is a 2 year course for 13-16 year-olds. On completion of 2 years, FCs can stay on for another year as ‘Ambassadors’ replicating the management structure within SWFRS. The FC programme offers BTEC certificates on completion of the course. Next FC course is commencing in September 2021. The course is now full for this year, but SWFRS is looking to extend for next year.</p> <p>These are the 4 main programmes being run, and within the SWFRS Community Safety Department there is also the Fire Crime Unit – re: ASB issues - refuse fires / fires in bins / fly-tipping. Additionally, SWFRS have a Road Safety Team, dealing with issues around vehicles.</p> <p>Information on all these programmes and how to make referrals to be sent to HR for distribution to interested partners.</p> <p>Any queries – contact DC.</p> <p><b>ACTION: DC to send information on SWFRS Youth Programmes / referrals to HR for distribution.</b></p>	
<b>4</b>		<b>South Wales Fire &amp; Rescue Service - RS</b>	
<b>4.1</b>	<i>Verbal</i>	<p>RS reported as follows:</p> <p>During the Covid pandemic, like many other organisations, SWFRS was somewhat limited in the services that could be offered.</p> <p>However, the Fire Chief has authorised things to start returning to normal now that we are coming out of Covid restrictions – e.g. interaction with Partnerships / community events / outreach currently being planned. The ‘human element’ which is the ‘gold’ for the Fire Service is now starting to return.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Core business throughout Covid has primarily been risk assessments in the home, installation of smoke detectors, etc., because more persons were at home for long periods of time. SWFRS did well with this and had good responses. Risk factors have remained low</li> <li>• There are issues with Mental Health emerging – e.g. attempted suicides</li> <li>• Main themes to look at – accidental dwelling fires / RTC reduction / deliberate fire setting / Fire Intervention Scheme / improvement of delivery to YJS</li> </ul>	

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• DC &amp; RS are working on raising awareness to YJS – re: SWFRS services available</li> <li>• SWFRS want people to understand the schemes available and how to make referrals</li> </ul>	
<b>5</b>		<b>South Wales Police Update - GN</b>	
<b>5.1</b>	<i>Verbal</i>	<p>Inspector GN reported as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• As Night Time Economy has opened up, the situation is returning to normal – re: ASB / violence, but incidents are not beyond the norm that existed pre-Covid</li> <li>• There is funding of £16,000 for additional resources in Bridgend and Porthcawl for Friday and Saturday evenings</li> <li>• PC Chris Thomas is still very active in Bridgend Town Centre</li> <li>• Repeat ASB perpetrator CT is due in court at the end of this month – re: breach of Criminal Behaviour Order (CBO)</li> <li>• Outcome rate for ASB / Violence is one of the best across the BCU</li> <li>• Operation Walkden is still ongoing at Picton Court</li> <li>• There have been ongoing reports of vehicle ASB / car meets, however, these have recently reduced</li> <li>• NPT – new PCs are to be in the Sector by the end of the year. This will hopefully help in dealing with ASB and Criminality in the town centre</li> <li>• Overall, there is a healthy picture – it is not beyond what would normally be seen</li> </ul>	
<b>5.2</b>	<i>Verbal</i>	<p>RS asked LT about Picton Court – re: the planned injunction to help prevent Vehicle ASB / car meets.</p> <p>LT responded that SWP and BCBC are looking to implement a Borough-wide Cruising Injunction on vehicle ASB / car meets - this is being explored outside of this meeting. LT stated that some reports of such vehicle ASB were received over the weekend.</p> <p>JJ added that BCBC will be applying to the courts for this injunction. Cllr Richard Young is taking it to the CCMB for approval in order to take it forward. There is a commitment from BCBC to apply for this injunction.</p>	
<b>6</b>		<b>Town Centre Update - AH</b>	
<b>6.1</b>	<i>Verbal</i>	<p>AH gave the following update:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Wales is expected to move into alert level zero from 7<sup>th</sup> August – most Covid-19 restrictions will be removed</li> <li>• Promotional site in Caroline Street has reopened, Covid-19 Guidance Note produced for users – must adhere to Guidance Points in Note and supply Covid-19 Risk Assessment</li> </ul>	

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• One homeless person in Dorothy Perkins entrance – multi-agency approach successful for the moment. AH expressed thanks to JJ and the team for this</li> <li>• Town Centre Masterplan – BCBC has announced it has received confirmation that a funding bid which will enable it to acquire and demolish Bridgend town centre’s police station, has been agreed by Welsh Government’s capital panel</li> <li>• Independents Day Film released on YouTube has received over 2000 views. The film was made by the Council to celebrate &amp; support independent business across in the three town centres</li> <li>• Town Centre Property Index has been revamped and a press release issued to tie in with Independents Day</li> <li>• The town centre bollards have had new upgraded electric panels fitted and LED lights on top of the bollards.</li> <li>• Bollards at Queen Street &amp; Wyndham Street both suffered failures last week - trying to establish the problem and arrange repairs</li> <li>• The BCBC CCTV control room are reporting vehicles illegally in the town centre between 10am-6pm to SWP. The aim is to ensure that the pedestrian space remains safe</li> <li>• A street market proposal has been received by ESAG and the organiser is now working through permissions and consents process. Separately, there is a query with BCBC legal team regarding a historic Market Charter</li> <li>• BCBC free parking offer is extended until end of August - the first three hours of parking are free for those using the Rhiw multi-storey car park in Bridgend</li> </ul>	
<b>7</b>		<b>Housing / Homeless Update - JJ</b>	
<b>7.1</b>	<i>Verbal</i>	<p>In the absence of RJ, JJ gave the following update:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The increase in homeless presentations is up 31% - 1,612 presentations in total, 30-40 per week</li> <li>• 650 households currently in temporary accommodation</li> <li>• RJ wishes to thank SWP and other partners in the ‘cell system’ for all the work done around rough sleepers and community tensions relating to hostels</li> <li>• At any one stage there have been only 2-3 rough sleepers, and these are known to us with help from The Wallich</li> <li>• These rough sleepers are individuals who have either refused accommodation or have been evicted from several different facilities, and all avenues with them have been exhausted. We continue to try as best we can to get these individuals back into the system somehow</li> </ul>	

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Homelessness prevention strategy – consultation on this is due to take place soon. Everyone will be invited to make a contribution</li> <li>• Tenancy Hardship Grant – this is now available to persons not in receipt of housing benefit. Information on BCBC website</li> <li>• Housing First contract – this will be going out to procurement shortly</li> </ul> <p>JJ stated that the issue of homelessness is not going away, there is a nationwide housing crisis and we are currently just ‘stopping up the gaps’.</p>	
<b>8</b>		<b>Job Centre Update - DW</b>	
<b>8.1</b>	<i>Verbal</i>	<p>DW gave the following update:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Universal Credit claims total 13,218 across the County Borough from June this year</li> <li>• Of individuals in receipt of UC, 40% are actively seeking work</li> <li>• As the furlough scheme ends, we have yet to see what impact this will have on figures / claims</li> <li>• Jobcentres are operating a socially-distanced service at all the Jobcentres in the Borough</li> <li>• Clients are seen on an appointment basis, with specific targets on clients aged 16-24 years</li> <li>• Kickstart scheme – there have been 120 starts across the 3 sites</li> <li>• Restart programme commences 12<sup>th</sup> July – to target those who have been unemployed and in receipt of UC for 12-18 months</li> <li>• Partnership with LLAMAU – co-locating at one of their refuges – re: to ensure vulnerable persons have financial security</li> <li>• Also working with Park Prison – arranging benefits support for inmates due for release</li> <li>• Employability Bridgend – Jobs Fayre to be held on 16<sup>th</sup> September, the first ever outdoor Jobs Fayre in Bridgend town centre</li> </ul>	
<b>9</b>		<b>Member Updates / Issues / Good news - All</b>	
<b>9.1</b>	<i>Verbal</i>	AH provided an update on the outdoor Jobs Fayre. It will have to go to ESAG. There are to be small stalls and a planning meeting is to take place this coming Thursday - 04/08/2021. It will be the same event as in the past, only presented in a different way.	
<b>9.2</b>	<i>Verbal</i>	JC reported that BCBC Cabinet has now signed off the new CCTV infrastructure. Procurement is complete. The new infrastructure will incorporate ‘futuristic’ technology – e.g. measuring of CO2	

		emissions / free Wi-Fi in town centre / alerts when bins are full / pothole alerts RS asked whether the new cameras will have ANPR capability. AG responded - no, this is only available in the Rhiw Car Park, there are various different rules surrounding ANPR systems.	
9.3	<i>Verbal</i>	ADFERIAD Update - BH BH reported that ADFERIAD has taken over the old Western Bay services from 01/06/2021, and is now operating 5 days per week. <b>ACTION: BH to circulate information on ADFERIAD services to HR for distribution.</b>	<b>BH / HR</b>
9.4	<i>Verbal</i>	DE reported that BBAC publishes a newsletter. If anyone wishes to submit an article for inclusion, please send it to DE.	
10		<b>Any Other Business</b>	
10.1	<i>Verbal</i>	There was no further business brought forward for discussion.	
11		<b>Dates of Next and Future Meetings</b>	
11.1	<i>Verbal</i>	HR to arrange next meeting for 3 months' time – October/ November, however, this will be flexible should any urgent issues arise in the meantime. RS urged attendees that if they have issues, please use their contacts in this group. Chair RS thanked all for attending, closing the meeting at approximately 11:00.	
<b>ACTIONS SUMMARY</b>			
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