

# **Retford Town Centre Safer Neighbourhood Group**

## **Minutes of Meeting held at Retford Town Hall on 4.1.2010**

### **Attended by:**

Chair of the group: Mike QUIGLEY

P.c.1902 McDonald (Police), Derek TURNER (Civic Society), Roger BILLINGSLEY (Town Centre resident), Mick EDWARDS (Town Centre User), Geoff LISTER (Town Centre Resident), Freda LISTER (Town Centre Resident), Helen SHAW-BROWN (Town Centre Resident), Mark GILMORE (The Well), Steve FIRTH (Bus Station) Ch/Insp STAPLEFORD (Police Observer)

### **Apologies:**

Andy HICKS (Secretary), Doug MOXON (Poppins), Sgt PROCTOR (Police), P.c.s.o. 6364 Colin Haywood (Police), Roger JONES (Civic Society), Cath RUDLAND (Wine Rack),

### **Minutes:**

**Mr QUIGLEY** asked all present to examine a copy of the minutes of the last meeting, which they did, and agreed they were an accurate record of that meeting.

### **Agenda:**

Items from the agenda were then discussed.....

## **Matters arising from last meeting:**

**Mike QUIGLEY** addressed the group concerning issues mentioned within the previous meeting, the seat issue outside The Wine Rack was still to be resolved, **P.c. 1902McDonald** stated that **P.c.s.o. Colin HAYWOOD** had some input in this matter, however he was on leave, and he would finalise this matter on his return.

Regarding the graffiti issue at Morrison's, **Mike QUIGLEY** stated he had still not heard from **Alan BIRT**, and he would recontact him prior to the next meeting for an answer.

**Mr QUIGLEY** then addressed the group concerning the refurbishment of the town centre, stating that in theory it should be completed by Autumn 2010. He then took questions from the floor for a short time regarding this issue.

## **Regarding last month's priority:**

### **1. Off road motorcycles riding around Kings Park and the town centre to the annoyance of the public.**

**P.c. 1902 McDonald** addressed the group, stating that for at least four weekends, and several weekday shifts, as a member of the 'B' Div 'off road team' he and his colleagues had conducted high visibility patrols within the town, and Kings Park.

He stated that they had stopped several vehicles, however none in the town, but he did state that he personally had stopped and seized an off road bike in the Ordsall area.

**Mr QUIGLEY** and **Mr TURNER** stated that they hadn't seen or heard any of the offending vehicles since the last meeting, and put this down to the increase in patrols, plus the recent rather inclement weather.

This priority was closed down as completed.

## **Neighbourhood Priority Surveys**

**P.c. 1902 McDonald** addressed the group regarding this matter, and explained how the surveys sculptured the identity of the three priorities for the forthcoming three months.

He then spoke concerning the results of the surveys that had been completed over the previous two months at the various street surgeries he had held by members of the public.

The results of which were all discussed, and the three priorities identified as follows:

### **1. Anti Social Behaviour – Specifically Cycling on Carolgate**

**P.c. 1902 McDonald** stated that he would engage in another campaign regarding this matter with initial assistance from The Retford Times.

**Mark GILMORE** stated that he thought it would be a good idea to engage the services of the school's liaison officer, to give a warning to children who appear to be the main offending group. There was a brief discussion concerning signs at either end of Carolgate, **Mr QUIGLEY** stated he would contact County Highways to have new signs erected.

### **2. Dog Fouling – Specifically Beardsall's Row, Bus Station, Spa Lane area**

**Helen SHAW-BROWN** stated that it was not uncommon for her to find dog mess in the Beardsall's Row area.

**Steve FIRTH** concurred with this stating that on a regular basis he has to clean up dog mess from around the Bus Station and Spa Lane.

Method's of problem solving were then discussed, and **Derek TURNER** addressed the meeting, stating that he knew of a similar issue in the Bracken Lane area of town, that appeared to be resolved with the use of numerous temporary 'No Dog Fouling' signs.

The group agreed that **P.c.1902 McDonald** would contact the dog warden with a view to getting numerous temporary signs erected, plus highlighting the matter in The Retford Times.

### **3. Traffic Offences, such as Illegal Parking**

**P.c. 1902 McDonald** addressed the meeting stating that parking offences within the town were now under the jurisdiction of The Council's Civil Enforcement Officer's, and commented on what a great job they did.

He went on to say however that the Police continued to issue fixed penalty notices for vehicle obstruction.

He further added that he would liaise direct with 'Stuart' the C.E.O. supervisor re the members of the public's concerns about this matter.

**Mr and Mrs LISTER** enquired about the feasibility of removing parking from one side of Bridgegate regarding this matter, **Mike QUIGLEY** stated he would engage with **Alan BIRT** and address the group at a later date.

### **Any Other Matter's Arising from this meeting:**

**Steve FIRTH** enquired if the Police had access to any contingency plans for an explosion or bomb threat as he was on a bus station steering group looking into this.

**Ch/Insp STAPLEFORD** stated that this would be an ideal opportunity for the local beat manager **P.c. 1902 McDonald** to be invited and address the steering group when they next met, which he agreed to.

He further addressed the group concerning a female called 'Beatrice', whom he stated he hadn't seen for 2 ½ weeks, and that he was concerned about her.

**Mr QUIGLEY** stated that his wife Wendy had in fact visited her, and that she was safe and well.

**Mr QUIGLEY** went on to address the group about box junctions at London Road, which he said would be sited, and that the proposed ones at New Street, and Beardsall's Row would not be at this time.

He continued further stating that he had done some personal research into the traffic flow issue within Retford, and he suggested that phasing of the traffic lights at the junction of Grove Street, Arlington Way may be a part of the problem.

**P.c. 1902 McDonald** stated he would research them matter also, and address the group when they next met.

**Helen SHAW-BROWN** wanted the matter of what a great job the Bassetlaw District Council street cleaners do putting on record, this was met with full agreement of all members of the group.

**The meeting was closed at 11.00am, the next one scheduled for 10.00am on Monday the 12<sup>th</sup> of April 2010, at Retford Town Hall**

**Further meetings are planned for:**

**Mon 5.7.2010**

**Mon 4.10.2010**

**Mon 10.1.2011**