

Laddenbrook - Safer & Stronger Community Group (SSCG)

Minutes

A meeting was held for the above group on Thursday 9th April 2009, commencing at 7.30pm.

The Meeting was held at Rangeworthy Village Hall.

The Safer and Stronger Community Group is a partnership between a number of organisations driven by South Gloucestershire Council and Avon and Somerset Police regarding community and police issues. It provides an opportunity for the community to ask questions and raise issues of concern to them. All issues will be noted and 3 priorities identified for action.

Attended:

Mr H Gawler (Chairman)
Mrs Jacqui Ward – Community Safety Support Officer (Rural & Parishes)
Sergeant C Osborne – Avon & Somerset Police
WPC L Bainbridge – Avon & Somerset Police
PCSO Haley Harrison

Secretary:

Mrs P Trull

Attended:

Mr Kim Hazeldene -Head of Sports Development SGC
Mrs K Stimpson – Wickwar Resident
Mr R Stimpson – Wickwar Parish Council
Mr T Proffitt – Wickwar Parish Council/Neighbourhood Watch
Mr E Briggs – Rangeworthy NHW
Mr D Howard – Castle Bridleway Group
Mr B Banister – Wickwar Football Club
Mr J Broad – Wickwar Playing Fields Association

Apologies:

PC Pete Matthews – Avon & Somerset Police

1. Chairman's Welcome

Chairman Mr H Gawler welcomed all those attending and opened the meeting at 7.30pm.

2. Election of Chairman

Secretary Mrs P Trull invited nominations from those attending for the election of Chairman for this group.

Nomination Mr H Gawler proposed by Mr R Stimpson, seconded by Mr Eric Briggs. No votes recorded against, therefore the motion was carried to re-elect Mr H Gawler as Chairman for the Laddenbrook Safer and Stronger Community Group.

3. Mr K Hazeldene – Head of Sports Development (SGC)

Community Sports and Active Lifestyles – to promote:

- Physical Activity
- Sports and Social Clubs

The West of England Sports Trust is based at the West of England University. To help promote and encourage projects for local sports clubs, discussing funding for the clubs. To enable several local clubs to form an Association to help with funding. Part of Mr Hazeldene's remit is to help develop plans for local clubs, training for managers and coaches.

To link up local schools and encourage a more active lifestyle for pupils and for this to continue into adult life, increasing physical activity to over 90 minutes per week, i.e. 3 sessions of thirty minutes.

It is intended that South Gloucestershire Council have a target of increasing activity in adults, by 2000 people each year. Walking to Health, activity on prescription etc. A survey of adults is taken on a regular basis, if targets are met, there will be funding from Central Government.

Active Card - Leisure Centre Card/Library Card. These cards are in their infancy at the moment, but applications can be collected from the Libraries and local Leisure Centres. People 60 years plus can get some free use of the Leisure Centres. Cardholders will be able to get newsletters informing them of activities in their area. It's hoped that there will be 90,000 cardholders by 2012.

Breakthrough Project – Helping young people/adults with low self-esteem, behaviour problems, and pupils excluded from school. Mentoring sessions are made available, sport and activity being an integral part of this programme. Targets are given and when gained there are rewards. The project has met with excellent success.

Funding Opportunities

- South Gloucestershire Council grant schemes
- Sport England
- Football Foundation
- Skills Active
- Sport unlimited
- Grant finder

WPC Lee Bainbridge – Breakthrough, does there have to be a referral and whom from? Mr Hazeldene says that he could look into the referral scheme, and see what public bodies could refer adults/children to the scheme.

Mr D Howard (Castle Bridleway Group Wickwar) – Wishes to promote locally walking and horse riding, cycling etc.

4. Minutes of the last meeting

Minutes of the last SSCG meeting held on the 8th January 2009, were accepted as a fair representation of that meeting.

5. Introduction to and explanation of objectives of SSGC

Sergeant Craig Ogborne (Avon & Somerset Police) – To bring people from local organisations, voluntary Agencies together to discuss community concerns. At each meeting the group take the top three concerns as their priorities; these are not necessarily police issues.

Jacqui Ward – Community Safety Support Officer (Rural & Parishes) - This is an opportunity for information sharing. A good way forward for South Glos Council to promote their work.

Howard Gawler (Chairman) – Question for Sergeant Craig Ogborne. In other areas the SSGC is known as PACT (Partners and Communities Together) Sergeant Ogborne explained that SSGC is a known locally and will remain for the time being.

6. Matters Arising from the meeting held on the 8th January 2009.

- **Lorries – Wickwar** – Residents are still reporting a large number of lorries in excess of 18T travelling through Wickwar. WPC Bainbridge says the Police will monitor the situation and do random checks.
- **Wickwar** – Downs Road signs and chevrons and safe footpath route through the traffic lights, towards King George V Playing Fields. Mr M Parry SGC Highways Dept. Mr Parry has promised to look into both issues and report back to Wickwar Parish Council. Details of Mr Parry's reply and information has been sent on to WPC Lee Bainbridge.
Mr Broad (WPFA) added that part of the Downs Road had been surveyed for the coming planning application for new playing fields adjacent to the King George V.
Sergeant C Ogborne stated that on highway issues, the Police are consulted.
- **Fly Tipping** – This is an ongoing issue to be monitored by the Police, residents and South Glos Council.
- **Wickwar Speed Watch** – Wickwar Speed Watch have been presented with a new speed gun. The Speed Watch has continued in Wickwar for many years supported by the Police and run by residents.
Sergeant C Ogborne will try and co-ordinate a meeting between all the local speed Watch Teams.

7. Discussion on Local Community Issues

- Mr E Briggs- Rangeworthy Neighbourhood Watch. Reported vandalism to the Rangeworthy Village Hall, and an attempted break in. Vandalism to the telephone box and the bus shelter. Mr Briggs asked if CCTV cameras might be installed? All reported to the Police.
Action WPC Bainbridge – CCTV cameras
- **Frome Vale Area Forum Meetings** - Chairman Mr H Gawler asked if the newly appointed Police Inspector Mr Deryck Rees could attend this meeting. All Area Forums have asked the Police to attend to answer questions at the meeting.

- **Gypsy & Travellers Site – Hall End** – SGC Sites inspection planned for the 17th April, but may be delayed until May. The site drainage and noise reports have now been submitted to SGC.

- **Drug & solvent abuse**
 It has been noticed by Wickwar residents that there are many used and broken cigarette lighters found around the village, especially at the Youth Club, King George V Playing Fields, and on the public footpath leading from Back Lane towards Inglestone Road. Youths may be breathing in the lighter fuel.
 Also, a parishioner caught some teenage girls at the rear of the Village Hall allegedly taking drugs. The matter has been reported to the Police and to the local Senior School Katharine Lady Berkeley.

- **Wickwar Neighbourhood Watch** – Mr T Proffitt thanked the Police for their meeting with the Watches in February, but was only given three days notice of the meeting date. Could more notice be given in the future? Sergeant C Osborne said that the meeting in question was successful, and apologised for the invitations not being sent out earlier.

8. Priorities at this meeting

- i. Wickwar Lorry weight limits**
- ii. Rangeworthy Village Hall – vandalism**
- iii. Drugs & Solvent abuse**

The next SSCG meeting will take place at Wickwar Town Hall on Thursday 9th July 2009, commencing at 7.30pm.