Ascot, Cheapside, Sunninghill, South Ascot and Sunningdale Neighbourhood Action Group.

**Minutes of the meeting held on 5th June 2023**

1. **Attendance:**
   1. Present: David Hilton (DH) Chairman, George Williams (GW), Helen Goodwin (HG) Michelle Race (MR), Jacqui Greet (JG),
   2. Apologies none
   3. **Matters arising from previous meeting Monday 15th May 2023**
   4. There were no matters arising
2. **Priorities 2022**
3. The data presented includes all incidents from the previous meeting for the **past month**
   1. **Burglary Dwelling:**
      1. There were no burglaries during the period, which is a first.
   2. **Burglary non dwelling:** 
      1. There were no shed breaks but one at a commercial premise which as a school.
   3. **Theft from and theft of Motor Vehicles:**
   4. **Theft of vehicles.** 
      1. Three motor vehicles were stolen. Two of these from Ascot.
   5. **Vehicle Nuisance** 
      1. Nothing to report.
4. **ASB** 
   1. Project Ascot has re-opened as Zeus and so far, no issues have been reported. Zeus is more of an eatery than a bar and music venue.
   2. Amaiya bar was closed when the DPS left but another DPS has been recruited and activity will recommence. An objection to the licence by the Police and Licensing Authority was postponed as a consequence of the owner not being available. MR suggested that the current management may walk away after Royal Ascot.
   3. Bar One has changed hands and Rohan will be leaving sometime after Royal Ascot. D Permian has met the new owners who will be applying for a new licence. The new owner has premises in a number of places around the world.
5. **New Police staff**

Erwin Misiarz and Isabel Santacruz have left the force to take up employment with the Crown Estate. PCSO 2628 Megan Webb, [megan.webb@thamesvalley.police.uk](mailto:megan.webb@thamesvalley.police.uk) and PCSO 9667 Tammie Cadmore-Ray [tammi.cudmore-ray@thamesvalley.police.uk](mailto:tammi.cudmore-ray@thamesvalley.police.uk) have been appointed as their replacements. If you email them, please copy Michelle Race into all correspondence.

1. **Royal Ascot**
   1. JG advised that the roads management plan had been sent to the Parish Office, HG agreed to put this on the Parishes web site
   2. The Racecourse has invited the local police and 20 charities to attend Ascot for a trial lunch that will ensure that hospitality at Royal Ascot runs smoothly.
2. **Youth Facilities**
   1. A general discussion took place on Youth Facilities. MR declared a preference for Community Wardens over the recruitment of four more police officers as youths will not engage with the police.
   2. DH agreed to talk to Danny Gomm who manages youth centred activities in the borough and received the following comments.
   * Is the Ascot area unique in having no youth provision? I found nothing elsewhere in the Borough on the RBWM web site.

Reply; Some areas have small provision run by charities/faith groups/housing association etc. RBWM/AFC provision was stopped when the decision was made in 2020/21 to transform the Youth Service, Childrens Centres, Family Service into Family Hubs

* What is the latest thinking on youth provision and its value? A couple of useful and practical web sites would be very helpful.

Reply; Here’s a good read: [https://www.ukyouth.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/08/Benefits-of-youth-work-to-current-govt-priorities.pdf](https://ddec1-0-en-ctp.trendmicro.com:443/wis/clicktime/v1/query?url=https%3a%2f%2fwww.ukyouth.org%2fwp%2dcontent%2fuploads%2f2021%2f08%2fBenefits%2dof%2dyouth%2dwork%2dto%2dcurrent%2dgovt%2dpriorities.pdf&umid=69ad0f1e-5b6e-4aa3-8cec-630376465a26&auth=6cd6ae3878962bd3a2ff88a2d4497e9192df934d-e33ad5038467696bd4efddd9301dcf3ef9027596).

Generally, I would say in our areas youth clubs need be very modern in terms of its equipment, music studios, WIFI etc. The days of having a building with pool table, table tennis etc are gone. With youth provision being able to contact via online gaming and social media, the requirement to meet up and hang around isn’t needed as much. There needs to be the pull of facilitates that attract them.

In my opinion, the days of traditional youth clubs have gone.... they need to be state of the art or targeting a certain thing e.g., boxing. If you are trying to target those that maybe causing ASB any provision needs to be local to them and definitely not on the school site.

* Over the years the level of ASB in Ascot has declined but we still have some difficult youths, some involved in NOx and low-level drugs. Is RBWM working with any of these and if so where and how?

Reply; We do work with young people from the Ascot area. We work closely with TVP/schools/ wardens etc. We understand that low level drug use (especially cannabis use) is will be everywhere. Our local information would suggest that the use of NOS is generally in older young people/adults e.g., 16-25yr olds. NOS paraphernalia is also more visible and stands out compared to drug paraphernalia, which means the impression can be its being used a lot more... which isn’t necessarily true.

* Our local Neighbourhood PC is a strong supporter of youth provision whether this is via boxing clubs or an internet café which she saw in High Wycombe. She would also prefer more Community Wardens than the four additional police officers that are in the budget. Do you have a view.

Reply; I would agree re wardens v police officers. The reduction in wardens over the past few years has meant a reduction in intel around Young People/parks etc and a reduction in informal enforcement in these areas. Boxing is something that does encourage young people to engage... so maybe an option.

DH said that the trustees of the Fire Brigade Trust would consider supporting after school cooking lessons at Charters. He has talked to Sue Foley Consultant Public Health and written to Charters to assess their interest.

**Meeting dates for 2023**

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| Month | Date | Venue |
| July | Monday 10th |  |
| August | Monday 14th |  |
| September | Monday 11th |  |
| October | Monday 9th |  |
| November | Monday 13th |  |
| December | Monday 11th |  |

**next meeting**

The next meeting will be held on Monday 10th July at 2.00pm via zoom.

David Hilton

19th June 2023