Anti Social Behaviour Focus Group Meeting

Thursday 30th November 2017

Minutes of meeting

Present:
Resident (TH)
Resident (CM)
Nadine Gould (NG) Anti Social Behaviour Manager
Sue Rickard (SR) Community Development Assistant

1 Welcome

NG welcomed everyone to the meeting.

2 Apologies

Apologies received from one resident
SR to contact residents who usually attend regarding attendance.

3 Minutes of last meeting

The minutes were agreed as a true record.

4 Matters Arising

Policies and Procedures
NG stated we have received no comments, CM asked if it would be possible for them to be sent again as it has been a while since they had a meeting, NG to send over to SR to send out for any comments. NG stated they are looking for the new policies and procedures to go live in the new year but welcomes any comments from the group.

Diary Sheets
NG stated this is still a working process, NG to send examples to SR to send to the group for their comments.

5 Injunctions

NG brought along some sample Injunctions and Acceptable Behaviour Contracts. NG explained the ABC is used to acknowledge someone’s bad behaviour and put in place what things they must not do etc.

NG stated things in this contract can be used as evidence if it is ever taken to court. This is also signed in conjunction with the police, so the resident can understand the severity of this. If they continue to breach the contract then it can be used towards them.

NG stated since the group last meet there has been 4 injunctions.

NG read out an example injunction statement and gave a copy out for the group to look through. NG stated if they breach their injunction there is a mandatory ground and South Essex Homes can get possession of the property.
CM stated she has already seen a difference since the injunctions have been in place. NG stated there is a cost for injunctions but it does help.

6 **LOCAL COMMUNITIES MEETINGS**

NG stated these meetings are held Bi Monthly, NG read out the update from the October meeting. There has been an improvement on burglaries, they have had 12 reported incidents of burglary across all the wards and there is a reduction of 11 offences.

NG stated there is a lot of work taking place with street engagement in the parks. There are teams going out and interacting with young people and from this they have identified 5 different youth groups doing drug deals etc. and have been speaking with their parents.

NG stated unfortunately this is not a quick fix but the communities are really engaging and reporting these incidents to the police.

7 **SMAART UPDATE**

NG stated SMARRT is based at the Police station and managed by Anita McGinley. They have been doing a lot of work with the Caretakers and Guard Patrol.

Based on information they have given a number of warrants and been doing welfare checks on vulnerable people and missing children. They have also been doing a lot of work tackling cuckooing. In Southend we have been ahead of the game on tackling cuckooing, there have been 2-3 cases on this and they have been acted on quickly.

They have been able to get criminal behaviour orders on a lot of homeless people around Southend, there are a lot of beggar’s in the high street, NG stated not all the beggars are homeless some do have homes. NG stated there has been 4 CBOs done so far.

NG stated SMARRT carry out patrols in the morning and evening plus they also go around the parks so hopefully there will be a reduction of Anti Social Behaviour.

8 **ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

CM thought the meeting was very informative and really does not want this group to fold due to low attendance, SR stated once Scrutiny have done their report we could look into recruiting more members.

NG stated we could do a re-launch of the group, have something in Insight and also get Bill Potter to come over. CM stated maybe have a think of a new name for the group, NG asked the group to have a think and let herself or SR know of any suggestions.

9 **DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

SR to book the dates for 2018 and let the group know.