

## **Knaresborough Police and Community Liaison Meeting**

### **Minutes of Meeting – Tuesday 19 August 2025**

#### **1. Attendance**

##### **Present:**

- Cllr Kathryn Davies – KTC (Chair & Minutes)
- Inspector Holly Nicholls – North Yorkshire Police
- PC Bromley – Neighbourhood Policing Team
- Sue Vasey – Chain Lane Community Hub
- Charlotte McEvoy – Chain Lane Community Hub

##### **Apologies:**

- Cllr Hannah Gostlow – NYC & KTC
- Cllr James Pickard – KTC
- Hannah Read – Community Projects Officer KTC

#### **2. Approval of Previous Minutes**

Minutes from the meeting held on **1 May 2025** were approved.

#### **3. Police Update**

- **Priority Case:**
  - Ongoing manhunt for Clifford Church (62), wanted for rape, last seen in Harrogate.
  - Public advised: call 999 if sighted, 101 for related information.
- **Operations:**
  - **Operation Hamlet & Magic** – Tackling County Lines and drug dealing. Activity largely Harrogate-based, but Knaresborough residents are urged to report any concerns, however small.
  - Recent Park Villas incident demonstrates the importance of community intelligence.
  - **Operation Tornado** (July) – Completed with no ongoing issues.
- **Local Issues:**
  - **Graffiti:** Previously reported incidents resolved; item removed from patrol plan.
  - **Anti-Social Behaviour (ASB):**
    - Very low over summer.
    - White van driven by unlicensed individual – seized.
    - Only 17 ASB incidents reported in the Stockwell Road/Estate area of Knaresborough in the past 6 months.
  - **Overall crime rate** remains very low in the area.
  - **Retail Theft:** Mainly repeat offenders known to Police; patrols at St James Retail Park to continue.

#### **4. Chain Lane Community Hub Update**

- Ongoing support and integration work with legal migrants in the area through the Swift project. A nominated representative from this group was put forward for the Harrogate Police Independent Advisory Group, which was welcomed.
- Police to attend the next Community Hub coffee morning to discuss personal safety and digital tools (e.g. Community Messenger).
- Police and Martin Powell (NYC) to be invited to upcoming King James School and Chain Lane meeting on cultural integration issues.

- Chain Lane Community Hub together with other organisations and groups in the town have submitted a joint funding application to the Combined Authority Mayoral High Street Fund to support community events.
- All local event organisers reminded to submit requests to NYP Operational Planning / SAG team in advance for support.

#### **5. Knaresborough Youth Council**

- Concerns were raised by the meeting attendees regarding current vulnerabilities among young people in the area, and suggestions were made for strategic working of the Youth Council with Police and other agencies to address these priority issues. No Youth Council or Inspire Youth Yorkshire representatives were present at the meeting, further conversations to be had with the police to address these concerns.

#### **6. Event Planning**

- Upcoming KTC community events:
  - Remembrance Sunday
  - Bright Friday
- Police requested that all event support requests go via NYC Operational Planning / SAG team with sufficient notice.

#### **7. Any Other Business**

- None reported.

#### **8. Next Meeting**

**Wednesday 22 October 2025, 11:00 am**

**Venue: Active North Yorkshire Stockwell / Stockwell Wellbeing Hub,**  
Stockwell Avenue, Knaresborough, HG5 OLG