

**Knaresborough Police and Community Liaison meeting**  
**- Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> October 2024 minutes**

**Attendees:**

Cllr Kathryn Davies – KTC (Chair)

Inspector Holly Nicholls

Helen Dennis – Knaresborough Wellbeing Hub

Lisa Holdsworth – Assistant Head at King James' School on behalf of Clare Martin

Marie Anderson – Youth and Community Worker with Inspire Youth Yorkshire on behalf of Jess Ward

Cllr Helen Westmancoat – KTC

Hannah Read – Community Project Officer – KTC (minutes)

**Others in attendance:**

Cllr Pauline Phillips – Boroughbridge Town Council

Cllr Peter Phillips - Boroughbridge Town Council

**Apologies had been received from:**

Cllr Hannah Gostlow – KTC and NYC Councillor for Knaresborough East

Cllr James Pickard - KTC

Sue Vasey – Chain Lane Community Hub

Charlotte McEvoy - Chain Lane Community Hub

**1. Welcome and Introductions**

**2. Minutes of the last meeting on 3<sup>rd</sup> July and actions arising**

The minutes of the last meeting were approved following one amendment to 2.c) correcting name of Knaresborough Leisure and Wellness Centre. **Action: Hannah Read to amend and upload minutes to KTC website.**

**Actions arising from meeting on 3<sup>rd</sup> July updates:**

**Primary Schools.** Jess Ward to liaise with and invite primary school head teachers to the next meeting. **Action: Jess Ward to consider inviting primary school head teachers to attend the next meeting on Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> January 2025 (time and venue tbc).**

**Knaresborough House.** The CCTV cameras on the building have not been re-installed on the building despite requests to NYC from PC Bromley and KTC. **Action: KTC to send a reminder to NYC.**

**Traffic at King James' School and entrance to Knaresborough Leisure and Wellness Centre.**

Clare Martin shared email correspondence from Area 6 / Highways with KTC's Clerks office regarding VAS sign. The group agreed that this was worth further discussion between the school and KTC regarding options for purchasing and maintaining a VAS sign outside King James' School.

**Action: KJS to look into potential sources of funding for the initial purchase of a VAS sign, and if successful, to explore whether ongoing maintenance costs could be shared with KTC in respect of maintenance arrangements for other VAS signs owned by KTC around the town.**

**3. Draft Terms of Reference**

The terms of reference for the Knaresborough Police and Community Liaison Committee were reviewed and approved by those in attendance, with one minor amendment to the number of KTC

councillors making up the membership of the committee. **Action: Kathryn Davies to remove the reference to a county councillor and to amend the number of town councillors from 2 to 3.**

Visiting Cllrs from Boroughbridge Town Council agreed the value of the terms of reference for the committee and sought permission to adapt and use them for Boroughbridge.

#### **4. Police update / current priorities in the area:**

**Operation Traffic:** happened week commencing 15<sup>th</sup> July and was productive in raising awareness.

**Antisocial behaviour over the summer months:** figures really positive and indicate ASB statistics continue to be down.

**Operation Tornado:** will be in Craven on 9 October.

**Retail Crime week:** national focus on everything retail crime, week commencing 14 October.

Inspector Holly Nicholls keen to link up with the Business Collective in Knaresborough who installed Ring Doorbells on many retail businesses in the town. **Action: Cllr Kathryn Davies to put Inspector Holly Nicholls in touch with the Business Collective.**

**Local burglary:** the police see a rise in opportunistic burglaries taking advantage when there are big incidences taking police time i.e. the recent murder in Harrogate.

#### **5. Operation Hamlet**

Inspector Holly Nicholls shared that Operation Hamlet has been created in response to the recent rise in violence between feuding county line Organised Crime Groups (OCG) in the area. Op Hamlet was created to target known persons in the area and to proactively patrol and disrupt drug activity, using a range of tactics to combat these types of incidents.

Inspector Holly Nicholls encouraged local schools and organisations working with young people to be vigilant and share any relevant information with the Police as they build intelligence; particularly regarding any young person who might be vulnerable or at risk of involvement. She stated that the target is the OCG not the end user, and the concern is for young people who are vulnerable and at risk of exploitation, and the desire to safeguarding those potentially involved. Information that is particularly helpful are; phone numbers, up lines and names.

Marie Anderson (Inspire Youth) and Helen Dennis (Knaresborough Wellbeing Hub) both confirmed that there is suspicious activity near the Inspire Youth Building on Halfpenny Close, and in the wooded area at end of road. **Action: Inspector Holly Nicholls to liaise with King James School safeguarding lead and Inspire Youth and to provide a single point of contact for sharing information.**

#### **6. Community Alcohol Partnership CAP – launch and update**

Cllr Helen Westmancoat shared with the group that following the launch of CAP in Knaresborough (one of 9 CAP's in Yorkshire), information and the CAP action plan for Knaresborough had been shared with interested parties via Padlet. Resources on Padlet cover a wide range of topics and are available to download.

#### **7. Policing arrangements for Bright Friday Christmas Light Switch On – 29 November 2024.**

Hannah Read and Kathryn Davies shared that the KTC Bright Friday event team has concerns about uninvited street hawkers attending the Bright Friday event selling potentially expensive and unsafe goods. Inspector Holly Nicholls reassured that Police officers would be present at the event, and if the event team experienced any problems at the event to contact the Police for assistance. The potential use of a Section 37 dispersal order was discussed, and Inspector Holly Nicholls suggested

the KTC Bright Friday team send an event map to the Police in advance to support Police use of this power. **Action: HR to send event map to Inspector Holly Nicholls.**

## **8. Any other business**

### **Inspire Youth Yorkshire – update from Marie Anderson**

- Youth Council being formed in Knaresborough supported by NYC, led by Inspire Youth. The group heard a brief update, and Cllr Kathryn Davies asked for clarity on the remit and terms of reference under which the Youth Council is being set up. **Action: Marie Anderson to follow up with Jess Ward and ask for the Youth Council terms of reference to be circulated to the group.**
- Inspire Youth are looking to appoint new Trustees, in particular Trustees with Finance / Accountancy expertise.
- Inspire Youth have a collaboration with Harrogate Town FA running until September 2025.
- The junior youth group, work in schools and an after school drop in on Fridays are all going well.
- New project working with Mind in Harrogate after Christmas.

### **Addendum**

#### **Update on the Youth Voice Survey from Charlotte McEvoy – Community Empowerment Manager, Chain Lane Community Hub:**

- The Youth Voice survey officially launched on 1<sup>st</sup> October. King James' School are facilitating this via lessons with young people. Chain Lane Community Hub have produced a poster and video for students to support their understanding of why their input is needed. The idea is that the survey then closes at the end of October.
- Jess Ward (Inspire Youth Yorkshire) is also facilitating workshops with young people during this time to gather their views.
- Chain Lane Community Hub have shared a Facebook post for parents to contact them directly if their young people don't attend KJS or are home educated, so that these young people can also share their views.

#### **Date of next meetings**

- **Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> January 2025 (time and venue tbc)**
- **Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> April 2025 (time and venue tbc)**

**Venues and times of meetings to be confirmed and communicated to the group.**