



Minutes of the Extraordinary Meeting held on Wednesday 19th January 2022 at 10am

Council members present: Cllr's Biggin (Chairperson), Bailey, Caster, Fitzgibbons, Kirk, Laird, Lines, McMahon, Rodgers, Stringer, Tinsley, and Webster.

Also in attendance: S Youngman (Town Clerk), Di Hoyes (Assistant Clerk), South Yorkshire Police, Representatives of RMBC, from the office of the Rother Valley MP and First bus and The South Yorkshire Police and Crime Commissioners Office (via Zoom) and twenty-four members of the public.

CHAIRPERSONS OPENING REMARKS

Cllr Biggin welcomed everyone to the meeting and advised members of the public of the attendees from external agencies.

2021/13 **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies received from Cllr's Bailey, Bradford, and Sutton.

RESOLVED: That the apologies and reasons for absence be accepted.

2021/14 **DECLARATIONS OF PERSONAL OR PREJUDICIAL INTEREST**

Cllr Tinsley declared an interest with his role of RMBC Borough Councillor.

2021/15 **TO DISCUSS THE INCREASE IN ANTI SOCIAL BEHAVIOUR IN MALTBY**

Members of the public raised the following issues:

- Local businesses are experiencing an increase in burglaries, business owners have no confidence in the CCTV located on High Street and are concerned that the Police do not attend when there is an incident.
- Residents are afraid to leave their homes at night due to an increase in crimes.
- There has been an increase in arson in the town, could the Police track the perpetrators by tracking their mobile phone signals.
- A resident advised that all crimes need to be reported to enable the Police to assist in the problem areas.
- The Police do not seem to be interested in the crimes that are occurring and perpetrators do not seem to be prosecuted even if they are known to the Police.
- More Police officers are needed on the streets.
- A member of the public was advised that a request had to be made for CCTV to be activated.

- Residents will have to take matters into their own hands.
- What pressure can be applied to those that make the decisions to change the system?
- Assurances are needed that concerns from the public have been registered and changes can be implemented.
- A project should be created to encourage members of the public to report crimes.
- Could a separate phone number be created for residents to report crime on?
- Could extra funding be found for deprived areas?
- Members of staff from the Queens public house attended the meeting to advise that they had been burgled seventeen times over a six-month period and have had to spend approximately £30,000 on securing the building. Smaller businesses would struggle to fund this.
- Could CCTV monitoring be conducted locally instead of the current centralized hub?
- Could the Town Council fund extra CCTV?

Alan Beever from South Yorkshire Police provided the following responses:

- CCTV is an issue, previously; a dedicated team surveyed the footage. There is now a central team covering thousands of cameras.
- The cameras can be moved when requested to monitor live crimes.
- There is an issue with crimes not being reported.
- Commercial burglaries are a hotspot now and if a burglary occurs there is a high chance of the property being targeted again. Victims of burglaries can receive crime prevention advice from South Yorkshire Police.
- The Rotherham South team consists of 7 Police Officers and 8 PCSO's who must cover eight wards and the ward receives ten calls per hour, officers are sent to wherever the demand is, Maltby crimes are not being reported.
- South Yorkshire Police do collaborate with local schools
- The crimes relating to anti-social behaviour are being conducted by local children.
- There is an issue with victims not wanting to assist when it comes to the prosecution stage.
- Local children need more activities to engage in.
- Patrols and shift patterns are not always ideal.
- The 101 system has issues, members of the public can report crime online but should use 999 if they are witnessing a crime.
- The Police are unable to access mobile phone records; members of the public have a right to privacy; the data can only be tracked if there is an immediate risk to life.
- All agencies need to work together to deal with the problems.
- Police drop-in sessions were cancelled due to COVID-19 restrictions, this needs to be resumed.

Nathan Winder from South Yorkshire Police provided the following update:

The local team of officers has been working on a long-term solution project: Problem Oriented Policing (POP). A survey was carried out and 1000's of responses was received which enabled the team to benchmark the public's feelings. A plan was created from the data and highlighted Coronation Park as a problem area, Police officers will be meeting with local agencies to tackle the issues. Walkabouts with Early Years Help have taken place football activities have been arranged and the local Police attend this session to engage with young people. With regards to the bus incidents, shift patterns were changed, plain

clothes officers conducted patrols to find the perpetrators; four people have been identified and work is being conducted between several agencies to resolve the matter.

Martin Teasdale from the Community Protection Unit at RMBC provided the following update:

All the issues raised by members of the public have been noted and will be fed back to RMBC. The department have recently been successful with prosecutions against individuals. An experienced officer is allocated to the area, new staff are being trained to work with the Police and Social Services. If members of the public have any concerns regarding anti-social behaviour, these can be report to the Environmental Health department through a dedicated telephone number which can be shared.

Council members discussed the following matters:

- Previous promises to improve to 101 service
- Creating a drop off point/post box for members of the public to report crimes
- Creating a leaflet with contact details for all agencies
- Providing a surgery for members of the public to attend to enable them to report non-emergency crimes
- Forming a Maltby specific multi-agency taskforce

Council resolved to arrange another public meeting within a large venue on the 16th of February at 7pm to discuss the matter further.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 12pm.