

GOOLE TOWN COUNCIL
FULL COUNCIL
Minutes of meeting held on 2nd September, 2021 at 7.08pm

PRESENT: Councillors Bailey (In the Chair), Boatman, Bottomley, Flynn, Harrison, B Jeffreys, D Jeffreys, Marshall, Moiser, Moore, Raspin and Vause.

OFFICERS: Mr Brian Robertson (Town Clerk)
Ms Stacey Norfolk (Responsible Finance Officer/Deputy Town Clerk)
Mrs Carol Brophy (Administration Assistant)

GTC2882 APOLOGIES

Apologies were received from Councillors Handley, Penn, Turner, Walker and Whitehead.

The Chair (Councillor Bailey) reminded the public that under standing order 3e members of the public may make representations and give evidence at a meeting which they are entitled to attend in respect of business on the agenda at Full Council, a time limit of 5 minutes per person will be allowed and public participation shall not exceed 15 minutes.

No Members of the Public wished to speak

GTC2883 TO RECEIVE ANY DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST & THEIR NATURE

No declarations of interest were received.

GTC2884 COMMITTEE MEETINGS

It was **RESOLVED** that the minutes of the under- mentioned meetings be received and the recommendations contained therein be approved and adopted subject to any resolution contained below.

It was **PROPOSED** by Councillor Moiser and **SECONDED** by Councillor D Jeffreys that the minutes of the Council meeting of 1st July, 2021 be approved as a true record.

It was **RESOLVED** that the minutes of the Full Council meeting held on 1st July, 2021 be signed as a true record by the Chair, Councillor Bailey.

Councillor Harrison **PROPOSED** that the minutes of the Planning Committee meetings held on 1st and 15th July and 12th August, 2021 be signed as a true record.

This was **SECONDED** by Councillor Moiser.

It was **RESOLVED** that the minutes of the Planning Committee meeting held on 1st July, 2021 be signed as a true record by the Chair Councillor Moore.

It was **RESOLVED** that the minutes of the Planning Committee meetings held on 15th July and 12th August, 2021 be signed as a true record by the Chair Councillor D Jeffreys.

Councillor D Jeffreys **PROPOSED** that the minutes of the Policy & Resources Committee meeting held on 15th July, 2021 be signed as a true record by the Chair Councillor Flynn.

This was **SECONDED** by Councillor Moiser.

It was **RESOLVED** that the minutes of the Policy and Resources Committee meeting held on 15th July, 2021 be signed as a true record by the Chair, Councillor Flynn

POLICE AND CRIME COMMISSIONER JONATHAN EVISON AND POLICE INSPECTOR JONATHAN POWELL TO ADDRESS MEMBERS

Councillor Bailey introduced the Speakers and thanked them for attending.

Mr Evison informed Members of his background stating that he was a Manager at the Steelworks for forty years prior to retiring in 2017. His role included continuous improvement of quality management and excellence in processes.

He chaired the Police and Crime Panel for 7 years and has been a Ward Councillor based in North Lincolnshire. He is keen to meet with the public and Councillors. His role also includes scrutinising the Chief Constable. He pledges to be an advocate for the people. His job is to help the Police but he can also challenge what they are doing. He can be contacted at any time with any issues. He informed Members that there are plans for more officers to be deployed in the area, 30 arriving soon and up to 200 within the next 18 months. Whilst there are still some issues to tackle, he remains optimistic for the Humber area.

Mr Powell introduced himself saying that it was nice to be able to meet in person. He said that the past 12 months has been successful for the Police in Town. There has however, been a slight increase in some crimes but this is an ongoing issue. The current focus for the next few months is on Goole South where the intention is to disrupt criminal activity. It is hoped that the positive affect of this should soon begin to show.

He informed members that he covers Goole, Howden and the areas in between to Pocklington. In 2015, resources were moved towards Hull. Currently the decision has been made to move patrol officers back into Pocklington. There are 10 Officers in Pocklington, 40 + in Goole (which includes PCSO's). There is no CID presence in Goole as they are based in Beverley. There are however Response and Community Officers based in Goole.

Councillor Moore stated that there has been a drugs problem in Goole for many years with drugs being easy to get hold of. He asked where the supply is coming from and said help is needed to rid Goole of this problem.

Mr Powell informed Members that the last few months have been quieter with a 20% decrease in drugs offences. They are currently working with the local police force on Operation Beatrice. He stated that when enough intelligence is gathered, an application can be made to the Magistrates Court at Beverley. The Magistrates will then decide whether a warrant can be issued. It is important that any incidents are reported as all cases must meet the threshold.

A discussion took place regarding the taking of drugs amongst the young people of Goole becoming the norm due to the accessibility and the lack of facilities for young people in Goole.

Mr Powell informed Members that the PCSO's are attempting to engage with the young people and Police officers are visible on the precinct. The regeneration project, for example the benches, is initially bringing more problems as it attracts more people. They are trying to liaise with building/business owners to address the issues of youths climbing onto roofs. This is all being monitored by CCTV as proof that an offence has been committed is necessary to take things further.

Mr Evison informed members that increased funding has been granted for the Crime Safety Partnerships in Goole, Hull and North Lincolnshire. This funding is due to start imminently and is guaranteed for three years. The aim is to align the plans off the PCC with those of the Home Secretary tackling anti-social behaviour and drugs. They are looking at grants to fund Police outreach programmes. These are already in place in North East Lincolnshire however they are very costly. The aim is to work with 7 year olds, following them through to secondary school. This introduces them to the police at an early age and shows them the pitfalls of anti-social behaviour and drug taking.

A discussion took place regarding the number of police officers in Goole.

Mr Evison discussed various figures saying that they are working on recruiting more officers as 150 Officers were lost last year due to natural wastage. Humberside is a young force with lots of officers currently transferring to the area. More PCSO's are been recruited as many leave to become officers.

When asked about the possibility of regular meetings with the Council Mr Evison said that he is

happy to attend meetings. He personally attends focus groups, neighbourhood action teams and many town and parish council meetings.

He talked about the need for safer streets and addressing areas of traffic speeding with the use of mobile cctv in problem areas.

Councillor Moore discussed a dangerous road locally, saying that they have tried and been unable to get speed cameras.

Mr Evison answered that he has no authority over speed cameras. He is however trying to rectify that.

Mr Powell informed Members that he can sometimes request mobile devices. He asked Councillors to provide him with the information in order for him to regularly send officers.

The use of volunteers for traffic control was discussed with Councillor D Jeffreys saying that there had been no take up in this area. Safer Kids Humber are currently being pursued as they have lots of signs and tend to be very effective.

CCTV was discussed with Councillor Marshall saying that there was a camera in the police station.

Mr Powell informed Members that he will make officers aware that the cctv camera is still there. The Station is not always manned however. He said that the cctv is underused, staff are not always reporting incidents. They should be contacting the police over the radio so they can attend. He said that there has been much better interaction lately between them and the police.

Discussions took place regarding various specific incidents in the area with Councillors stating that response times had been terrible. Councillor Vause stated that people are losing confidence in the police system.

Mr Evison said that he understands how frustrating this is but stressed the need for people to persevere and continue to report incidents. The amount of reports is the main indicator of where resources are most needed.

Mr Powell informed Members that over the past twelve months there has been an 8.5% decrease in crime overall in the East Riding. In Goole there have been roughly 100 crimes less than last year. It was agreed that there needs to be a greater police presence in the precinct. The patrol officers however cover a large area from Goole to Market Weighton.

Mr Powell apologized for the specific incidents with the police central control room, asked that crime keeps being reported and assured Members that things will improve. He said that he can be contacted directly by email and will respond.

Councillor Bailey thanked Police and Crime Commissioner Jonathan Evison and Police Inspector Jonathan Powell for attending.

The Full Council meeting concluded at 8.39pm

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