

BRIMROD, MARLAND AND SUDDEN AREA FORUM

Thursday 22 August 2019
Brimrod Methodist Church, Roch Valley Way,
Rochdale OL11 4PZ

MINUTES

Present: B. Hudson (Chair) and fourteen members of public

Councillors: Pat Sullivan

Officers: Rochdale Borough Council: S. Hay (Townships) and GMP: PCSO 70838 Sana Haider

Apologies: Councillor Angela Smith, Councillor Jane Howard, PC Martin Giblin and two members of the public

1. WELCOME, INTRODUCTIONS AND APOLOGIES

Introductions were made and all were welcomed to the meeting.

2. CODE OF CONDUCT

The Chair referred to the code of conduct and asked all to abide by the code for the duration of the meeting

3. MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING AND MATTERS ARISING

The minutes of the previous meeting on Thursday 30 May 2019 were agreed and the following update was given.

Cotton Lane access

Cotton Lane was cleared of overgrown nettles and shrubbery but overgrowth has continued and Environmental Management will be requested to clear the lane again.

4. POLICE AND COMMUNITIES TOGETHER

PCSO Sana Haider provided the crime statistics from 29 May 2019 to 22 August 2019 and presented the following information:

	May	June	July	August	Total
Burglary residential	0	5	0	0	5 (8)
The M.O is opportunist burglaries where offenders are using implements to force entry or smash rear patio doors and windows. Prime times were between 2000 hours to the early hours of the morning. Primary target area was the Springfield Park Nursing Home, Marland and Roch Mills Crescent.					
Community burglary	0	2	0	0	2(1)
Similar M.O as residential burglaries. Target areas Manchester Road, Roch Valley Way and Bolton Road.					
Criminal damage	1	7	0	0	8 (6)
Primary target area was Oakenrod, Holborn Street and Roch Valley Way at various times. Stones damaging vehicles.					
Theft from motor vehicle	3	3	0	0	6(9)
Primary target area was Manchester Road, Marland Hill Road and Roch Valley Way. Prime time between 1500 to 2200 hours.					
Theft of motor vehicle	0	0	0	0	0 (3)

Burglary

Officers have attained some CCTV from the incidents which although not evidential gave an indication that there were two separate teams working in the area and Officers are working with the Intelligence Analysts to identify the offenders.

The Neighbourhood Team will continue with high visibility patrols and leaflet cocooning in areas of demand at peak times, including the 'birdie estate'. In addition the team have provided updates and crime prevention advice to the area's Home watch Coordinators, Whats App Groups, and via GMP social media. This action is particularly important with many of the incidents occurring when occupants have just left their premises or they are away on holiday.

****Residents were reminded that due to the nature of the burglaries consideration should be given to changing their routines. In addition they should review their home security, particularly access points, lighting, alarms and ensuring all keys are kept in a safe place****

Theft from motor vehicle

Two offenders were arrested and charged after committing the offence in the Bury Road area at the end of June. A prolific offender very was very recently also arrested.

Pulse Policing

Pulse policing is now in full effect. It is an Operation used when the Police are on evening shifts, whereby they 'bus up' to visit various areas which may be having problems regarding issues such as ASB, burglaries or TFMV. This initiative enables the Police to utilise more Officers on foot in an area to combat the problem. An off road motor bike was recently seized in Springfield Park as a result.

Planned action

A Safe for Summer campaign will involve the Police visiting key locations and providing crime prevention advice.

Planned Operation Considerate is a Traffic Operation during the autumn period, liaising with partner agencies to combat all manner of driving offences, documentation, use of mobile phones and vehicle defects.

Neighbourhood speed watch initiatives planned for mid-September 2019. All volunteers welcome.

The issue of parked vehicles causing obstructions was raised. GMP are aware and they have conducted leaflet drops with Rochdale Boroughwide Housing. Anyone can report vehicle obstructions on the 101 phone number, and where available an Officer can attend to judge each report on its own merits.

PCSO Sana Haider is available for anyone to contact for feedback.

5. OPEN FORUM

Roch Valley Way footpath

Overgrown vegetation requires clearing from the footpath running from Roch Valley Way at the side of Brimrod Methodist Church to Marland Hill Community Primary School. Environmental Management will be asked to clear it.

Edinburgh Way lay-bys

Vehicles are being parked on the two lay-bys on either side of Edinburgh Way by the garage owners; some with for sale signs on, with adverts and promotional banners. Concern was expressed that these garages are taking over parts of the highway to conduct business and some of the vehicles may not have legal documentation to be on the highway. It will be established that the lay-bys form part of the adopted highway and if so, the Highways Department will be consulted about trading on the highway.

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6. DATE AND TIME OF THE NEXT MEETINGS IN 2019-20

Thursdays at 6.30pm in Brimrod Methodist Church
14 November 2019
6 February 2020