

Minutes of the Annual Meeting of the Town of Patchway held on the 29th April 2024 at 18:00 at Callicroft House, Patchway.

Present: Cllr D Lawrence (Mayor of Patchway) and 23 residents.

In attendance: J Watkins (Deputy Clerk), PC Sam Kirkpatrick, DC Chantel Knowlson, Sgt Jason Pell

Cllr D Lawrence welcomed everyone to the meeting.

29/04/2024 No 1 Minutes of the Annual Assembly of Patchway held on 23 April 2023.

RESOLVED: It was agreed to approve and note the minutes as an accurate record.

29/04/2024 No 2 Dedication in honour to the late Lew Gray

Cllr Lawrence read a dedication to former Councillor, Mayor of Patchway and Chairman of the Council Lewis (Lew) Gray before unveiling a plaque, photograph and poem to formally name the Lewis Gray Boardroom. Photographs were taken with the family of Lew Gray and the Mayor.

29/04/2024 No 3 Local Police Neighbourhood Team Update / Parishioners Questions

PC Sam Kirkpatrick updated the Meeting that:

- Local crime statistics include Cribbs Causeway and Patchway.
- 25% of incidents are for shoplifting, with 80% of these at Cribbs Causeway.
- 15% are for assaults without injury.
- 180 anti social behaviour (ASB) incidents in past 3 months (50% in Patchway, 50% in Cribbs).
- 9 incidents of possession of drugs in past 3 months.
- It is Avon & Somerset Police's 50th Anniversary in 2024 and seeking local charities to partner with and support. FACE Charity have their 10th Anniversary this year and potential links will be explored.

Q: A resident raised a question to ask if there was more information on legislation regarding pavement parking.

A: PC Kirkpatrick answered he would research further into this though currently there is no legal enforcement for pavement parking.

Q: A resident asked how the police use social media as a presence.

A: DC Knowlson responded that all incidents should be reported using 101, 999 or the online reporting function at Avon & Somerset Police as Facebook threads cannot be used to start a line of enquiry or be used as evidence. The police and local neighbourhood team have Facebook profiles to share information including events and initiatives.

Q: A resident asked if the neighbourhood team were aware of any speeding issues on Coniston Road.

A: PC Kirkpatrick responded that the team were not aware of any major issues on Coniston Road, though some incidents reported for Highwood Road.

Q: A resident asked if the team were receiving reports of groups of young people with face coverings and riding on electric bikes and scooters across the town.

A: The team reported no powers to ask people to remove face coverings unless suspected of carrying a weapon or having committed a crime. Though did say that if residents were concerned of groups of masked people in the area, to report this and patrols could be increased.

Dawn Young from FACE commented that the local Youth Workers are working with the Violence Reduction Unit (VRU) and police to build positive relationships across young people and the Police through their project work.

Q: A resident asked if the local neighbourhood team were at full compliment of officers.

A: The team are currently not at full capacity and seeking more PCSOs to join the team to bring it up to full compliment.

29/04/2024 No 4 Date of Next Meeting.

The next meeting will be held in April 2025.

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