



**Note of the meeting of the Chew Valley Area Forum  
held on Monday, 23rd July, 2018  
in Chew Valley Secondary School - Chew Magna**

**1. Minutes Chew Valley Forum 23-7-18**

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## Final Minutes of the Chew Valley Area Forum

23<sup>rd</sup> July 2018 at 6.00pm

*The Library, Chew Valley Secondary School*

### Present

<b>Name</b>	<b>Organisation Represented</b>
Chris Head	Chair, West of England Rural Network (WERN)
Cllr Tony Heaford	Vice Chair, Publow with Pensford PC
Cllr David Duckett	Hinton Blewett Parish Council
Cllr Liz Brimmell	Hinton Blewett Parish Council
Cllr Rodney Andrews	Chew Magna Parish Council
Cllr Dick Raffety	Chew Stoke Parish Council
Jane Griffiths	Clerk, Compton Martin Parish Council
Cllr Kate Moore	Compton Martin Parish Council
Cllr Pam Carver	East Harptree Parish Council
Cllr Colin Moore	Ubley Parish Council
Cllr Wesley Hallam	Ubley Parish Council
Cllr Tim Warren	B&NES Councillor, Leader and Ward Councillor
John Harvey	Clerk, Stanton Drew Parish Council
Cllr Mark Dury	Whitchurch Parish Council
Cllr Liz Kingston	Stowey Sutton Parish Council
Cllr Heather Clewett	Stowey Sutton Parish Council
Cllr Vic Pritchard	B&NES Council, Cabinet Member and Ward Councillor
Cllr Liz Richardson	B&NES Council and Ward Councillor
Cllr Karen Warrington	B&NES Council, Cabinet Member and Ward Councillor
Cllr Nick Scholefield	Chew Magna Parish Council
Cllr Rosemary Naish	Clutton Parish Council
Cllr Tony Hooper	Temple Cloud and Cameley Parish Council
Cllr Ray Jenkins	Temple Cloud and Cameley Parish Council
PC Stuart Peard	Avon and Somerset Constabulary
Chief Inspector Steve Kendall	Avon and Somerset Constabulary
Sue Mountstevens	Police and Crime Commissioner, Avon and Somerset
Duncan Massey	Operational Lead / Incident Controller, Avon Search & Rescue
Steve Rumney	Team Leader, Avon Search & Rescue
Denise Perrin	WERN / Village Agents
Mike Bowden	B&NES Corporate Director
Phil Tyson	Resident
Jeremy Cox	Resident
David Wood	Resident, Temple Cloud
Chris Lewis	Resident / GP St Mary's Timsbury
Jane Eagon	Resident East Harptree
Andy Thomas	Head of Strategy, Engagement and Marketing (B&NES Council)
Sara Dixon	Locality Manager, Communities Team (B&NES Council)
Stephen Bell	Emergency Planning (B&NES Council)
Daniel Noad	Emergency Planning (B&NES Council)

**Apologies:** Anna Wheeler, Bath City College, Janet local resident, Lynne Easton, Chew Magna PC, Hilary Collins, Ubley Parish Council, Richard Ireland, West Harptree.

	<b>Ordinary meeting</b>	<b>Action</b>
<b>1.</b>	<b>Welcome from the Chair of the Forum</b>	
1.1	Chris Head the Chair welcomed those present. The theme of the meeting was Community Safety, Emergency Services and Community Resilience. He said he	

1.2	<p>was pleased to welcome a number of speakers including Sue Mountstevens from the Police and Crime Commissioner.</p> <p>Apologies were noted.</p>	
<b>2.</b>	<b>Notes from the previous meeting and matters arising</b>	
2.1	The notes of the meeting were agreed as an accurate record. There were no matters arising.	
<b>3.</b>	<b>Local Police Matters – PC Stuart Peard</b>	
3.1	PC Peard gave an update on police matters.	
3.2	He explained that they had been a series of garage break-ins in Clutton over the weekend and one in Bishop Sutton. There were a number of travelling criminals who have been using the A39, A262 and A37. He urged people to be vigilant and report suspicious incidents.	
3.2.1	He reminded people not leave doors and windows open and emphasised that handbags, keys and wallets should not be left by the back door or open windows.	
3.3	PC Peard said that they had recently given hi-vis tabards to East Harptree School. This is an initiative that the police have supported for a number of years.	
3.4	He said that phone scams were on the increase and this was of particular concern to vulnerable people particularly older people in the Chew Valley, those with Dementia. It was important to report any concerns to the Police.	
3.5	Cllr Heaford commented that there were a number of break in in Pensford. He raised concern that there was a long gap between PC Lindow leaving and a new officer in place. PC Peard said that a new Beat Manager had been appointed and will be taking up post shortly.	
3.6	Cllr Warren referred to an incident in Hunstrete where a suspicious car had been identified by a number of residents following a break in. The car was intercepted in the garage. This was as a result of residents being vigilant and reporting suspicious activity.	
3.7	The Forum requested for up to date contact details for the Police. SD agreed to follow up.	SD
<b>4.</b>	<b>Community Showcase</b>	
4.1	<b>Community Libraries</b>	
4.1.1	Chris welcomed the first of the speakers, Cllr Liz Kingston from Stowey Sutton Parish Council (SSPC) to give a presentation about their new Community Library.	
4.1.2	Liz began by explaining the background to the project. 18 months ago the Parish Council wanted to ensure that some library provision was retained in the village following the announcement of the B&NES Modern Library programme. A consultation was held with local residents to gather their views and to help the PC assess the viability of running a library. A number of volunteers came	

	<p>forward. At the same time, The Link, the Methodist Church was in the process of being sold to the Baptist after four years. The Link offered a good location for the library and fitted with the Baptist Church vision of creating a community hub. Several residents meetings have been held which was supported by B&amp;NES officers. SSPC set up a sub-committee with Cllrs and resident reps to develop the project.</p>	
4.1.3	<p>Following submission of an application, the Council agreed for SSPC to run a Community Library. The plans are now well underway and the Library is planning to be opened in early Autumn. Liz gave her thanks to Cllr Warrington, Sara Dixon and the team for their support in developing the project.</p>	
4.1.4	<p>For more about the project view - <a href="http://www.stoweysuttonpc.org/village-information.asp">http://www.stoweysuttonpc.org/village-information.asp</a></p>	
4.1.5	<p>Chris referred to the proposal for the school library to be opened as a Community Library. A consultation was currently taking place. He encouraged people to comment on the proposal by completing the on-line <a href="#">survey</a>, deadline: 21<sup>st</sup> September 2018. He asked for people to share the details and encourage others to complete the survey also.</p>	
4.2	<p><b>Anniversary of the Chew Valley Flood</b></p>	
4.2.1	<p>Chris said that there were a lot of events planned to commemorate the 1960 floods. He said it was a sobering reminder of the power of water and the devastation of the floods. He said that the Oral History project was an excellent way to record and share people's experiences. There was a final event being held in Chew Stoke – details here:- <a href="http://www.wern.org.uk/great-flood/autumn-events">http://www.wern.org.uk/great-flood/autumn-events</a>.</p>	
4.3	<p>For information - <b>The Tour of Britain cycle race</b> will take place between the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup> September. Stage 3 of the race on Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> September will be a circular route starting and ending in Bristol. The Stage 3 route will include parts of the Chew Valley. The details of Stage Three can be found <a href="#">here</a>. Please do help promote this event and share with your community.</p>	
<b>5.</b>	<p><b>Community Safety, Emergency Planning and Resilience</b></p>	
5.1	<p>Chris welcomed Sue Mountstevens, Police and Crime Commissioner for Avon and Somerset and Chief Inspector Steve Kendall.</p> <p><b>Police and Crime Commissioner</b></p>	
5.1.1	<p>Sue explained that this was her second term as the Police and Crime Commissioner. She said that the key part of her role was partnership. She has been working closely with the Leader of the Council and Chief Inspector Steve Kendall and was very grateful for their support. Sue said that it was important to work across partner agencies and she was extremely impressed by so many services being delivered.</p>	
5.1.2	<p>The PCC is not responsible for operational work it is there to provide governance, ensure there is a balanced budget but also to listen to the voice of the community and provide a policy for the area. The pressures on decreasing resources, there are over 600 fewer officers, which has meant that they have had to work harder to deliver in the best way possible.</p>	
5.1.3	<p>The increase in the Council Tax precept for Police this year has meant that an</p>	

	<p>increase in officer numbers can be achieved over the next few years as recruitment takes place. Sue explained that she would be looking to consult on raising the precept again this year to help with increasing resources. She said that staff were working extremely hard under very difficult circumstances.</p>	
5.1.4	<p>Sue said that Crime had changed over the years and the police force had to respond to this and work in partnership with other agencies.</p>	
5.1.5	<p>She explained that over 80% of the Police's work was non-crime. It is important that they protect vulnerable people. 13% of the crime is domestic abuse. They see increases in domestic abuse when particular events happen – eg the football. They have been working hard to look at working practices, an example given was people who had psychotic episodes were put into normal cells, which was not appropriate. They now have four beds allocated for people with mental health issues.</p>	
5.1.6	<p>20 people go missing every day. There is over 8,000 missing people in BANES, 1,183 were recorded in June. 5,000 of them are children. 1,000 are older people who have dementia and Alzheimer's and vulnerable people.</p>	
5.1.7	<p>There are 35 calls per week on scams. There is lots that can be done to protect yourself and it was important that local Beat Managers worked with the local community to get the messages out to local residents.</p>	
5.1.8	<p>Sue explained that they work closely with Highways England to ensure the motorway traffic is free flowing and that they can respond to motorway incidents that impact on the district.</p>	
5.1.9	<p>Their role is extremely varied with officers from Avon and Somerset working neighbouring authorities on special visits, incidents like Salisbury poisoning are just among a few examples.</p>	
5.1.10	<p>She added that the 101 service had seen significant improvements over the last few years and continued investment is needed in this service so that it effectively supports the emergency line.</p>	
5.1.11	<p>The Chair thanked Sue.</p>	
5.2	<p><b>Avon Search and Rescue</b></p>	
5.2.1	<p>Chris introduced Duncan Massey, Operational Lead/Incident Controller and Steve Rumney, Team Leader from Avon Search and Rescue. A presentation was given. Avon Search and Rescue has been in existence since 1976. In the early days it was set up as a cliff rescue to cover of Avon. In 1990, the amalgamation of the Avon and Somerset teams created Avon and Somerset Cliff Rescue team. They expanded further in the 90s and again in early 2000 and introduce search management capabilities including Water Margin search and renamed as Avon Search and Rescue.</p>	
5.2.2	<p>Avon Search and Rescue is a registered charity, they currently have over 80 members, 50 of which are active 24 hours a day 365 days a year to help rescue people in the Avon &amp; Somerset and surrounding areas. They work closely with the local police. They are all volunteers who receive technical training. They raise funds to buy equipment and run the service. For more information visit: <a href="#">Website</a>, Email: <a href="mailto:communication@assar.org.uk">communication@assar.org.uk</a></p>	

5.3	<b>Emergency Planning</b>	
5.3.1	Chris introduced Daniel Noad and Stephen Bell from B&NES Emergency Planning. Daniel and Stephen gave a <u>presentation</u> to the group. The team respond to major incident in the district working with a range of partners including Emergency Services, Public Services, Military, Voluntary Agencies are among a few.	
5.3.2	The team is involved in a range of incidents including: Adverse weather (heat/cold/snow etc.); Flooding; Suspect packages/Explosive devices; Oil/Chemical/Diesel spills; Asbestos incidents; Fuel supply disruption; Evacuation of people from their homes; Landslips.	
5.3.3	They also responsible for identifying Community Places of Safety. The intention is to develop a network of community places that provide a safe environment if communities need to be evacuated by the emergency services when threatened with a risk. They are continuing to build a database of places, if you would like to check what places are listed in your community or would like to suggest a location contact: <a href="mailto:daniel_noad@bathnes.gov.uk">daniel_noad@bathnes.gov.uk</a> .	
5.4	<b>Joint Community Safety Plan</b>	
5.4.1	Chris welcomed, Andy Thomas, Head of Strategy, Engagement and Marketing who spoke about the <a href="#">Joint Community Safety Plan</a> . He explained that the plan had been based around localities. There was a commitment to support vulnerable people and to work with a range of agencies across the district to join up and focus on localised issues.	
5.4.2	Chief Inspector Kendall said that a key part of the plan was the neighbourhood teams and the commitment to retaining the local beat teams which was in response to local people's views.	
5.4.3	The consultation draft was circulated to the Forum. Andy explained how the issues and questions raised at Forum meetings have helped to shape the document. He encouraged the Forum to provide comments.	
5.5	Chris thanked all the speakers and opened questions up to the group.	
5.5.1	Comment – a report today on rural policing commented that the main issues were speeding and fly-tipping.	
5.5.1.1	Answer – mostly flytipping is the responsibility of the local authority. Speeding is one of the priorities for the PCC and we are actively support Community Speedwatch. We do a number of speed awareness courses. Any surplus funds are invested into local community projects.	
5.5.1.2	There are a number of mobile speed vans and motorcycles. The motorcycles help with reducing speeding in the villages particularly where the roads are narrow. Fixed cameras are costs and there has to be evidence to support a fixed camera. You can request the mobile speed camera in your area.	
5.5.1.3	Details about speed cameras can be found here:- <a href="https://www.avonandsomerset.police.uk/advice/vehicles-and-roads/speeding/">https://www.avonandsomerset.police.uk/advice/vehicles-and-roads/speeding/</a>	
5.5.2	Questions – There is a proposed merger with Devon and Cornwall PCC is there a possibly merger in Avon and Somerset.	
5.5.2.1	Answer – The tri-force works across two PCC's Avon and Somerset and	

	Wiltshire. This is the fire arms team. There are issues around geography and sharing of intelligence with other forces. We are always looking at ways to be more efficient with limited resources.	
5.5.3	Question - You see lots of Co2 cannisters around the area. What is being done about this?	
5.2.3.1	Answer - The law is changing to respond to this growing issue.	
<b>6.</b>	<b>Any other business</b>	
6.1	There was none.	
<b>7.</b>	<b>Date of future meetings</b>	
7.1	Chris said that the theme of the next meeting on the 24 <sup>th</sup> September 2018 was young people. If you had any ideas or suggestions to get in contact with Sara.  Other Forum dates include: 26 <sup>th</sup> November 2018	