

Minutes of Meeting
Community Safety Working Group
Thursday 15th January 2026 3 pm – 4.30 pm

Present: Cllr Kay Wesley (Chair), Rachel McCarthy, Cllr Susan Mead, Cllr Glen Williams, Cllr Richard Walton, Sgt Karl Tatlock, Linda Webber, Cllr Robert Brittain, Claire Dougherty, Cllr Sally Holland, PC Dave Stoddard

1. **Apologies for Absence:** Jim Adams, Cathy Dean, Cllr Shaun Radcliffe, Laura Woodrow-Hirst
2. **Notes of the meeting** of 6th November 2025 were accepted as correct.
3. **REMINDER THAT ALL DISCUSSIONS STAY IN THE MEETING AND ARE NOT DISCUSSED OUTSIDE OF THE ROOM**
4. **Action Log**
 1. **ANPR Update**

We are still waiting for a response from Richard Christopherson regarding actions from the gates and new signage. We will ask for a meeting update asap. **RMc**
 2. **Code of Conduct review**

Sent for design to L&J print, it's been simplified after feedback from councillors and the group. **RMc**
 3. **Dane Housing**

Invite Dane Housing to every meeting – Claire Dougherty, Tenant Enforcement Officer. Anti-social behaviour, drug raids, and they work very closely with PCSOs, the redundancies would impact Dane Housing significantly, as they remedy issues, domestic abuse, and can install alarms, Ring doorbells etc. **RMc**
 4. **PCSOs**

A paper drafted by Robert and Kay for support and to keep them all, this will be sent to the councillors next week for review. 18 million savings are required.
5. **Police update on Crime (Sgt Karl Tatlock)**
Report to follow
6. **Police Priorities for Congleton Beat Team**

Dave Stoddard is the newly appointed Problem Solving Officer. Dave has been appointed to look after areas of concern, nuisance calls. Crewe and Macclesfield already have a PSO. Off-road bikes are a target, looking at problem areas and how they can be reduced, looking at repeat offenders, drug dealers, and ASB. The leisure centre, bowling green in the park, and the night time economy are a priority. Christmas was quiet as it was also very well policed, Karl also made sure that his team were allocated to Congleton.

Hotspots

Richard has highlighted Highcroft Avenue for drug dealers, generally in the early afternoon. Vale Walk has active dealing, and Daven Park, just off Townsend Road. Karl mentioned that the E-bikes are generally coming from Biddulph along the tracks.

Flats above The Tanning Shop on Mill Street, this would be a good idea to get them checked for fire regulations, also there is lots of rubbish left out the front of the building as they are not supplied with wheelie bins, these properties are owned by Mr Lan.

7. CEC ASB Team
Report to follow

8. Street Pastors Update

Report attached

Linda hopes to receive the funding to continue the great work in Congleton.

9. AOB

The speed indicator is broken on Park Lane, Rachel will ask Cathy Dean who to contact. The traffic in the pedestrian area is crazy, far too much and also at night time, this is extremely dangerous.

Karl Tatlock will be leaving Congleton and returning to Crewe. Vicky Welch could be Karl's replacement.

Date of Next Meeting - Thursday 19th March 3 pm

Congleton Street Pastor Update
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September to December 2025

Helped or observed to safety 21

Helped sober up 8

Bottles and cans binned 16

Glasses returned to establishments 14

Broken glass swept up 10

Water 14

Flip flops 12

First Aid 2

Emotional support 10

Homeless – before Christmas 3 but now only 1 plus dog

 Sleeping bag/warm clothing/meals as required

Referred to other agencies 2

Directions 10

Rota December 2025 to February 2026

We are covering 8 Saturdays this quarter and were also on duty New Years Eve. Patrols were restricted due to illness and changed work shifts but hoping to increase to 10 next quarter.

Linda Webber
Co-ordinator