

CONSULTATION

POLICE AND CRIME COMMISSIONER

RESPONSE FROM WELSHPOOL TOWN COUNCIL

1. Introduction

1.1 At a recent meeting between the Police and Crime Commissioner and the Town Councillors the introduction of a Policing Plan was raised.

1.2 The Town Council wishes to confirm that they are full support of the local Police Offices and PCSO's and wish to continue with a close working relationship.

1.3 The Town Councillors have considered the items they would like to see included in any plan at their Full Council Meeting held on 28th September 2016 with the response listed below:

2. Response time

2.1 The first indication of the consultation appeared on My Welshpool on Thursday 25th August with the end date being 9th September. Indeed at a meeting of the Town Council with the Commissioner it was confirmed that the consultation was due out any day now (this was on 25th August) and yet the paper issued on My Welshpool is dated 8th August.

2.2 This is a very short timescale for a Town Council to respond to.

3. PCSO's

3.1 The Council would like to suggest that the North Wales Police PCSO scheme should be adopted in Powys. They have more powers and are able to deal with minor offences more swiftly.

3.2 The powers which are particularly helpful would include: spot fines for littering, dog fouling, spitting etc.

4. People and Places Order for Welshpool

4.1 The Town Council is still concerned about the drinking issues in the Town Centre and still wishes to pursue an order to control drinking in public places.

4.2 To this end support for a People and Places Order or a Bylaw should be included in any plan.

5. Drink issues leading to antisocial behaviour in Welshpool

5.1 The antisocial behaviour issues in Welshpool are created by the few, as in many towns.

5.2 There needs to be a Policy to deal with such individuals so that the continuing nuisance can be curtailed.

6. CCTV

6.1 Welshpool has fully working CCTV system with 20 cameras in the Town Centre and at some other locations. The system has been updated and is maintained at the cost of the council tax payers of Welshpool.

6.2 The Town Council would welcome some funding from the Police to support the system.

6.3 The Town Council would expect that if money is provided to Towns and Communities to aid them with a CCTV system that such funding is also made available to those Towns who have paid for and retained such a system.

7. Police Station

7.1 The Town Council would expect that Welshpool Police Station is re-opened in full or at least given a higher profile.

8. Action Plan

The Town Council would like to see a plan, particularly with regards to items 4 and 5, which is taken forward without any delay.

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