



**AGENDA**

**Present:**

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| Councillors:   | K Bird, J Cockaday, M Farren, J Hughes, E Reynolds, S Waue.   |
| Organisations: | Yellow Brick Road (YBR): Siobhan Down, Abi Facey, Fiona Coates.<br>Andover Community Exchange (ACE): Tania Hall |
| Parents:       | Carrie Thomas, Becky Cleary, Heidi Murphy.  |
| ATC Officers:  | Gail Foster.  |

**NOTES**

Chair for the meeting: Mark Farren; proposed by Ted, seconded by Joe.

Everyone introduced themselves.

A summary of the meeting with TVBC, Police, BiD was given out and discussed. It was noted that a further meeting would be scheduled for approx. 4 weeks time.

The new infrastructure that the Police are currently putting in place was discussed and agreed to be a good step forward and very much welcomed. It was acknowledged that the new structure would need time to get going, and that once the officers working in each area were known, that it would be very beneficial to introduce them to all local organisations.

The following questions were agreed to be put forward at the next TVBC, BiD & Police meeting from the WG:

- Can data stored in the Rangers' App relating to the behaviour of minors be shared with Parents? (some parents Do Care and want to know what their kids are up to.)
- Who can Subject Access Requests be sent to in order to check Data held in the App?
- What happens if data in the App is wrong, or based on someone's opinion?
- Exactly who can see the App that the Rangers use? How is data sharing managed?
- Is it possible to investigate FB page "MTB" with videos on the High Street where youths are posting incidents of ASB?

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- Can the BiD clarify if the Rangers are operating in the Chantry Center?  
(some parents have been told this isn't the case.)

The WG discussed the current facilities that are available in the parish for young people to access.

A full list of organisations that work with or for Children should be compiled so that the WG don't suggest solutions that are already in place. Existing groups could be better signposted.

It is not clear what the "process" is for dealing with children discovered engaging in ASB.

Depending on the activity:

1. Which authorities are involved
2. What are the steps?
3. How is data shared? (other than to TVBC And police)
4. Are children referred onto organisations that can help?
5. Are parents contacted at each point?

In order to decide if the process can be improved, we need to understand what the current methodology looks like = **a question for TVBC & Police & BiD meeting follow up.**

The parents attending the meeting had been asked if they would be able to compile anonymous data relating to incidents that had occurred in the past but not been reported to TVBC or the Police. This had not been able to be progressed as all parents approached were more concerned about the safety of their children and did not want to report anything for fear of identities being discovered.

It was explained that both Police 101 & TVBC reporting systems require the reporter's name to be given.

It was suggested that a different approach be taken by the Town Council and perhaps a short consultation be arranged to question all age groups in the community.

It was noted that care needs to be taken that any form of questionnaire does not imply that Andover is unsafe or increase people's anxiety. Positive experiences should also be captured, but the format should not be overly long or detailed. Wording of the questionnaire is crucial to getting young people's involvement and building trust in an authority.

Yellow Brick Road have offered to assist with writing of a consultation document.

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It was suggested that promotion of any survey should be undertaken by organisations OTHER THAN the authority collecting the data. i.e. if the Town Council are collecting data, it is beneficial if other organisations share the link to the survey. This can be clubs, charities, etc.

Another suggestion was made to give an example response at the beginning of the survey to help alleviate fears that the reporter could be identified.

| Information regarding incidents in Andover during 2023. |              |                        |  |  |   |   |   |                                      |
|---|--------------|------------------------|--|--|---|---|---|--------------------------------------|
| Date  | Approx. time | Location               | Victim age and gender (if don't mind saying) | No. and approx. age(s) of perpetrators | Were perpetrators known to the victims? | Describe the incident?  | Is this the 1 <sup>st</sup> time this has happened to the victim? | Was the incident reported to police? |
| FEB   | 3pm          | High Street near Costa | 60+ F  | 4 Approx. 14 yrs                       | No                                      | I was sworn at for being in their way. They were cycling on the pavement. | Yes   | No                                   |
| MAR   | 9pm          | Pocket Park            | 14 M   | 3 Boys 15yrs                           | Yes                                     | I was pushed around and some of my belongings were taken.                 | No  | No                                   |

Only Officers of the Town Council would be able to access the data, and this should be as automated as possible so as not to place demands on Officer time.

Results would need to be easy to ready / present without manipulation. Google Forms or Microsoft Forms could be used.

The Town Clerk would need some assistance from someone very familiar with survey writing and either of the above packages. It is estimated that a survey could be created in 1 morning.

**Full Council to be asked to decide if Officer Time can be used for this action.**

No proposals for change can be made until the extent of the problem is known.

A discussion took place on why Anti-social Behaviour occurs.

Different reasonings were heard and it was agreed that there is no finite reason but combinations of different circumstances, some of which the Town Council cannot affect or remedy.

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Everyone agreed that “Boredom” on the part of teenagers was a factor, but this was not a new idea. Teenagers have always been bored.

What is lacking in the area is a place for older teenagers to go, and to feel comfortable in, and to be proud of.

- What would the “place” look like?
- Where would it be?
- What would it cost?
- What resources would be needed?

Should these questions be added to the survey mentioned previously so that young people can describe what they would like? – **Question for Full Council.**

Suggestions from the WG can be discussed at the next meeting.

A suggestion was made that “The Junction” building owned by TVBC be investigated as a potential “space” for any solutions.

It was agreed that Officer time could not be allocated to detailed investigations at this stage but that an email could be sent to TVBC to ask a few questions.

### **Homework for the Working Group:**

When a child is discovered engaging in ASB, **what should the process look like ideally?**

#### **What type of place would older teenagers want?**

- What would the “place” look like?
- Where would it be?
- What would it cost?
- What resources would be needed?

**The process can be compared to the current one if it is available at the next meeting.**

Date of the next meeting, to be the next available Weds in the Incuhive meeting room.  
**Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> November.**

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