

**A MEETING OF THE COMMUNITY BOARD
WAS HELD ON 7 MARCH 2018 AT 6PM**

The Mayor (Councillor Mrs Batty), Councillor Hook (ex-officio) (P), Councillors Bateman (P), Burgess (P), Earle (P), Mrs Hook (P), Mrs Huggins (P), Hylands (P) Mrs Jones (P), Miss Kelly (P), Mrs Morgan (P), Murphy (P), Ronayne (P), Scard (P), Wright (P)

30. APOLOGIES

There were none.

31. MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE COMMUNITY BOARD HELD ON 24 JANUARY 2018

RESOLVED: That the minutes of the meeting of the Community Board held on 24 January 2018 be approved and signed by the Chairman as a true and correct record.

32. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were none.

33. DEPUTATIONS

There were none.

34. PUBLIC QUESTIONS

There were no public questions.

PART II

35. PROPOSED PSPO HARDWAY

Consideration was given to a report of the Borough Solicitor and the Deputy Chief Executive informing the Community Board of the responses received from stakeholders and the public in relation to the consultation exercise on a proposed public spaces protection order for Hardway Green in the form of Appendix 1 ("Draft PSPO").

Members welcomed the report, but expressed disappointment at the Police's response to the proposal.

Members expressed concern at levels of anti-social behaviour across the Borough and in particular noted that the Police had advised that the issue of anti-social behaviour in Bridgemary was much larger.

Members acknowledged that the issue in Bridgemary had been ongoing for six or seven years and welcomed that the order would bring peace to the residents, concern was expressed that there was not enough resources, either within in the Police or within the Council to enforce the order.

Members acknowledged the hard work of the Councillors and hoped the order could be extended.

Members advised that the 101 emergency number was not working and that often calls went unanswered for 30 minutes or more, people had become disillusioned with the service and as a result, not all incidents were recorded.

In addition, it was advised that some calls were not receiving crime reference numbers and the figures of reporting were distorted further.

Members acknowledged that it was important to recognise that the unacceptable behaviour was caused by a small majority of young people and that it was important to recognise that most young people in the Borough were decent, honest and hardworking.

Councillor Allen was invited to address the Board as Ward Councillor for Hardway.

He advised the Board that he welcomed the proposal and that it would prevent a small amount of people damaging the enjoyment of the area for others. He advised that the report clearly listed many incidents of unacceptable and acknowledged that with the order standing from April to October it would address the issues when they were most problematic

Councillor Allen advised the Board that the PSPO had more power than previously used Section 35 notice as it allowed for a long term solution to addressing the problems caused rather than a 24 hour limit.

Councillor Allen advised that he would like to congratulate the Residents' Action Group for their work to bring the PSPO forward.

RESOLVED: 1. The Community Board notes:

1.1 the content of the letter dated 23rd February 2018 from Chief Inspector Patrick Holdaway of Hampshire Constabulary, which states that Hampshire Police do not consider the implementation of the Draft PSPO necessary and proportionate at this time.

1.2 the content of the response from the youth council , which states that the Draft PSPO should not be implemented as the ASB on Hardway Green is no worse than in other areas in Gosport, the council can apply for ASB injunctions to target the persistent offenders, and the negative impact on young people through stereotyping

1.3 results of the public survey, which overall shows that the public believe the Draft PSPO will have a positive impact if it is properly enforced,

1.4 the informal intervention work the council and its partner agencies undertake with young people to prevent the behaviour escalating as set out in sub section 2 of the report, and

1.5 the existing anti-social behaviour powers and other enforcement tool the council and police have at their disposal. as set out in sub section 2 of

the report

2. The Community Board is satisfied from the petition and community impact survey there has been persistent and unreasonable ASB at Hardway Green which has had a detrimental effect on the quality of life of those in the locality

3. The Community Board is satisfied upon reasonable grounds that, notwithstanding the intervention measures and existing enforcement regime that the implementation of the Draft PSPO is justified in order to effectively tackle the ASB.

4. The council shall adopt the Draft PSPO (appendix 1), which will take effect on 13th April 2018.

5. The Borough Solicitor shall have delegated authority to take the necessary steps for the Draft PSPO to take effect, including the publicity requirements.

36. ANY OTHER ITEMS

The Chairman advised that he had completed the paperwork to purchase a two-bedroom flat that had become available to add to the housing stock.

The meeting concluded at 18.14

CHAIRMAN