



SEVENOAKS DISTRICT COMMUNITY SAFETY PARTNERSHIP

EDENBRIDGE PACT Panel

**Meeting held on Wednesday 12th January
Via TEAMS**

Present:	Maxine Quinton	Sevenoaks District Council (Chair)
	Caroline Leet	Edenbridge Town Council
	Rose Briggs	Edenbridge Town Council
	Cllr Alan Layland	Edenbridge Town Council
	Cllr Angela Baker	Edenbridge Town Council
	Cllr Michael Smith	Edenbridge Town Council
	Cllr Nick Lloyd	Edenbridge Town Council
	Cllr Margot McArthur	Edenbridge Town Council
	Cllr John Aldridge	Edenbridge Town Council
	Cllr Stuart McGregor	Edenbridge Town Council
	Sgt Kevin Savill	Kent Police
	PCSO Lisa Kindell-Beaton	Kent Police
		Resident
		Resident
		Resident
	Tony Bourne	West Kent Housing

1. Apologies

Action

2. Minutes and Action Points of the last meeting

All actions completed.

3. Action Plan

MQ informed the group that she would draft a new action plan with all concerns raised in today's meeting.

4. New Issues/Partner Agencies Round Up

CL informed the group that a resident had contacted her regarding concerns on Edenbridge High Street. There has been an increase in noise; fighting outside Dominos and parking inconsiderately. This is happening regularly after 5.30pm all evenings. MQ said that the CEOs do visit Edenbridge High Street regularly, but will check whether they are able to attend after 5.30pm.

MQ

CL suggested that the Edenbridge PACT meeting be publicised in order to encourage residents to report their concerns. MQ to draft an article for the Edenbridge Town Council Newsletter, with reporting details for the CSU.

MQ

CL said that she has had residents contact her regarding vehicles that are noisy, driving too fast and causing a nuisance in the High Street.

KS informed the group that some individuals thought to be causing the nuisance with their vehicles have now been displaced from their home addresses and the reports Kent Police are receiving has reduced. KS said that 4 individuals are being pursued by Kent Police for other offences which has meant that they are currently staying away from the High Street.

KS said that if people see any ASB driving on the High Street then they should call 101 straight away in order that a patrol can attend. KS said that SDC CCTV Team will also hear the report over the Police radio waves and can monitor/capture images for identification of the individuals causing a nuisance.

KS said that Kent Police are not getting calls from residents when incidents are happening, therefore Patrols are not able to attend and possibly witness and deal with the offenders at the time of the offence.

SM reported that the CEOs are in Edenbridge every day, they may not be seen by everyone but they are there.

SM said that if any reports are made to Parking during the day, the CEOs can access their hand held computer and if they are near they will visit the area.

RG said that Edenbridge Town Council have suffered from criminal damage to the public toilets. CCTV have captured images of young people causing the damage, they need to be identified.

MQ said that CCTV have been asked to monitor the toilets for any further incidents.

SM said that people on push bikes riding on pavements is becoming an issue specifically around the Station Road area, this is happening regularly. SM said that the cycle lane just finishes at that point.

SM said that the cycle lane near St Johns Way needs repainting.

SM said that it is a criminal offence to ride push bikes on pavements

KS said that better signage and education regarding cycle lanes would be a good resource to tackle this.

SM said that E-scooters are also a problem. MQ said that she would add information regarding E-scooters to the minutes.

E-Scooter Article

What is an e-scooter?

Electrical scooters (also known as e-scooters) come under the category of "powered transporters". This also covers a range of other personal transport devices which are powered by a motor.

"Powered transporters" fall within the legal definition of a motor vehicle under the Road Traffic Act 1988. Therefore, the rules that apply to motor vehicles, also apply to e-scooters.

As a motor vehicle, they must comply with various pieces of Road Traffic Legislation, including but not limited to:

- *driving with a licence*
- *driving/riding with insurance*
- *driving/riding other than on a road*
- *need to be taxed*

It is not currently possible to get appropriate insurance for privately owned e-scooters, meaning it is illegal to use them on the road or in public spaces.

Rental e-scooter trials

Trials of rental e-scooters are taking place in the UK. Any person who uses a rental e-scooter on a public road or other public space, must comply with the relevant Road Traffic Legislation or they face potential prosecution.

Legal use of an e-scooter

It is legal to use an e-scooter on private land with the permission of the land owner.

In areas where a trial rental scheme is running, it is legal to use a rental e-scooter on a public road or cycle lane.

Enforcement

The most appropriate action for the circumstances will be given, these include:

- *a Fixed Penalty Notice for no insurance, with a £300 fine and six penalty points*
- *a Fixed Penalty Notice for no driving licence, up to £100 fine and three to six penalty points*

Rider behaviour

Police will also take action against rider behaviour, whether private or rental. Offences could include:

- *riding on the footway: Fixed Penalty Notice and possible £50 fine*
- *using a mobile phone: £100 and six penalty points*
- *riding through red lights: Fixed Penalty Notice, £100 fine and possible penalty points*
- *drink driving offences: As with driving cars; court imposed fines, driving ban and possible imprisonment.*

If you are using an e-scooter in public in an anti-social manner, you can also risk the e-scooter being seized under section 59 of the Police Reform Act.

We would always recommend to wear safety protection such as a helmet when riding these vehicles, and to keep to the speed limit.

AB informed the group that loud drivers along the High Street have decreased but Edenbridge does not see enough Police. AB said that if more Police resources were in

Edenbridge a lot of the issues would be sorted out.

KS said that talks with KFRS for a space for the local PCSOs in the Edenbridge Fire Station are still going forward. KS said that there are limited PCSO resources in Sevenoaks District.

AB said that she has been requesting the contact details for the neighbourhood watch schemes within Edenbridge in order to get in touch with them individually.

KS that neighbourhood watch schemes have also evolved and there are not specific groups now, it is an online driven system.

SM said that neighbourhood watch groups are a good idea in order that residents can report issues and get feedback from them.

KS informed the group of the My Community Voice reporting platform that the Police are using.

The below link is the link to My Community Voice- it is the new platform from Kent Police for Members Of the Public to be able to receive information/alerts from Kent Police from missing persons, events and crime advice and to contact Police regarding non crime matters.

Please follow the link below to join.

<https://mycommunityvoicekent.co.uk/>

JA informed there had been a lot of ASB in the Spitals Cross area. MQ reported that a lot of intervention had taken place because of the rise in ASB reports from the area.

MQ reported that 11 Acceptable Behaviour Agreements were served on young people by the local PCSO and West Kent Housing Tenancy Support Officer, which has been successful in reducing ASB reports in the area.

TB said that reports had reduced to West Kent Housing through the interventions put in place.

A resident informed the group that door step sellers have been causing issues in Edenbridge recently and that they should have peddler licences in place to allow them to work door to door.

KS said that he would also advise people not to answer the door to this type of seller.

LK-B will deliver some Cold Calling Stickers to Edenbridge Town Council for them to give to residents that are vulnerable to this.

NL said that there had been an increase in ASB in and around the WI Hall. NL said that he is aware that this has been placed on the PCSOs regular visit list, but this is still happening.

LK-B

KS said that his officers are aware of the issues in the area where young people are congregating.

MQ said that if any young people are identified by patrols their details will be passed to the CSU and they will be served with warning letters at a visit accompanied by their parents.

RB informed the group that Edenbridge Town Council had provided funding for a speed indicator device in Mill Hill/Crouch House/Swan Lane area which has been in place for 2 weeks.

RB said that Lingfield Road Recreation Ground has become a hot spot for ASB and NOS canisters being found in the car park.

RB said that there has been further flytipping on Spitals Cross estate near 18 Oxfield. TB said that he will let Mandie Stallard, Community Safety Officer know regarding the flytipping return.

TB

RB said that Speedwatch events have proved that 34 mph is the average speed people are travelling down this road, unfortunately this is not a prosecutable speed although it is above the speed limit.

RB said that they are preparing for Edenbridge In bloom this year.

5. Top 3 Priorities

Parking on High Street
Speeding on High Street
Groups of young people at WI Hall.

6. Any Other Business

There was no any other business raised.

**The date of the next meeting Monday 11th April 2022
1.30pm Rickards Hall, High Street.**