



Community Engagement Forum (CEF) virtual meeting

Boyd Valley

Wednesday 13th July at 7pm

Present

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| Simon Stevens | Chair |
| James Hackett | Vice Chair |
| Amy Evans | SGC, Community Engagement Officer |
| Alison Pilkington | SGC Note Taker |
| Mark Holden | SGC, Waste and Street Cleansing Officer |
| Joshua Morris | Avon and Somerset Police |
| Cllr Stephen Reade | SGC, Boyd Valley |
| Cllr Ben Burton | SGC, Boyd Valley |
| Andrew Stacey | Chair of Siston Parish Council |
| Cllr Lynne English | Pucklechurch Parish Council |
| Becky Feather | Press - The Week In |
| Sophie Mead | Press - The Week In |
| Plus 1 Resident | |

1 Welcome, introductions and apologies

Welcome and introductions

The Chair Simon Stevens introduced himself and welcomed everyone to the meeting. Cllrs and representatives of organisations were reminded to identify themselves by signing into the 'Chat'.

Apologies were received from:

PCSO Bettina Hawkins – Avon and Somerset Police

2 Agree minutes of the last meeting

The minutes of the meeting of 7th April 2022 were agreed as a true record, subject to the outcome of investigations below.

Q Were there really no residents present at the last meeting which is recorded on minutes?

A Amy Evans agreed to investigate.

Yes, that is correct.

**Action: Amy Evans to complete
There were no residents present.**

3 Update from Avon Fire and Rescue Service (AFRS)

Unfortunately, AFRS was not present at the meeting but had sent a report prior to the meeting. (See appendix 1, AFRS report for further details).

4 Update from Avon and Somerset Police

PCSO Joshua Morris, Neighbourhood Policing Team reported:

- Vehicle interference, Pucklechurch – night of 21st June 2022 received more than 10 reports which involved more than 40 cars. Looking for unlocked cars to gain access and remove items they desired. Most cars were locked but some things were taken. Carried out large letter drop to residents asking for further information
- Same offence was then reported a few nights later at Lyde and in process of investigating.

PCSO Joshua Morris's email: 7937@avonandsomerset.police.uk

Q Cllr Lynne English – Where was the large letter drop as I didn't receive anything, was it just carried out in area where cars were tampered with?

A The majority of letters went to residents living in Moorings, far corner of Oaktree Avenue and Kestrel Drive as that is where the reports came from (central Pucklechurch).

Q Cllr Andrew Stacey – It was arranged for Police to attend the last two Parish Council meetings but unfortunately, they didn't turn up. We have also reported several cars driving on Siston Common, together with registration numbers but understand no action has been taken. What are your thoughts?

A Have you the name of my colleague who agreed to attend meeting?

A Not at the moment, as it is with the Clerk.

A Siston is split between 3 different Beats, Boyd Valley/Emersons Green, Staple Hill and Kingswood.

Q Do you cover the Horseshoe pub?

A I believe that falls under Kingswood which is a separate Station. Therefore, Siston is split between 2 Stations and 3 Beat Teams.

When a car is reported a different Team could investigate. But please let me have my colleague's name and the car registrations so I can investigate further.

Q Cllr Steve Reade – Can you commit to attending the next Siston PC Meeting?

A If you provide me with an email address, I can check my availability and contact you after the meeting.

Q Cllr Ben Stokes – Concerned about an issue which has been raised from Westerleigh PC regarding traffic speeding down Westerleigh Hill, in particular

HGVs. Westerleigh PC has arranged for a speed check to take place and is on the Register for this. Is it possible to carry out some Speed Watch sessions during the afternoon?

A Yes, we can arrange for a speed enforcement van to visit but we will need to assess the road to ascertain whether it is suitable and could take a while to arrange. We could also set up a Community Speed Watch with residents if they are interested. Finally, we could patrol the area subject to staffing capacity.

Q That would be great and speed enforcement van has visited previously, so therefore would be on register where the safe place is. Would be very grateful if you could investigate and let the Parish Clerk know whether this is possible.

Q Cllr Steve Reade – Who is responsible for enforcing weight limits?

A I am not sure, our Road Policing Units would get involved.

Q Cllr Steve Reade – Would be grateful if you could investigate and ascertain who is responsible from the Police Authority's perspective and report your findings to Amy Evans to be included in minutes. I will also include my response from SGC Trading Standards in minutes too.

A Yes, no problem.

Amy Evans email: communityengagement@southglos.gov.uk

Q The Chair, Simon Stevens – Been informed that there has been a spate of burglaries in West Littleton and residents feel unsupported, nervous and scared despite submitting CCTV. Didn't receive a response for 4 days and still awaiting feedback.

A This area is on border of Avon and Somerset and Wiltshire Police and therefore these addresses may be covered under Wiltshire. I will investigate further.

'Chat'

Joshua, the contact details for Westerleigh Parish Clerk for a Speed Enforcement update is Sue Simmons: westerleighpc@gmail.com

**Action: Cllr Andrew Stacey to complete
To give PCSO Joshua Morris details of the previous car crime reported and name of colleague who agreed to attend recent Council meeting.**

**Action: Cllr Andrew Stacey to complete
Will email PCSO Joshua Morris with details of next Siston Parish Council meetings.**

**Action: PCSO Joshua Morris to complete
Investigate the possibility of Speed Enforcement Van attending Westerleigh Hill and contact Parish Clerk with outcome.**

**Action: PCSO Joshua Morris to complete
Investigate who is responsible for enforcing weight limits from a Police Authorities perspective and report findings to Amy Evans.**

Action: Cllr Steve Reade to complete
To forward response regarding weight limits from SGC Trading Standards to Amy Evans to include in minutes.

Action: Amy Evans to complete
To include responses regarding weight limits from PCSO Joshua Morris and SGC Trading Standards in the minutes.

Action: PCSO Joshua Morris to complete
Investigate the burglaries in West Littleton and report findings to The Chair, Simon Stevens.

5 Update on issues from previous meeting

Updates on issues from 7th April 2022

| Issue and Location | Comments | Action |
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| <p>Siston Hill Removal of speed limit sign</p> | <p>Amy Evans reported that she had received an email regarding the removal of speed limit sign at low bridge, bottom of Siston Hill.</p> <p>This has not yet been reported to SGC StreetCare.</p> <p>Signage is not adequate, and a second sign is required at top of hill for HGVs.</p> <p>Q – Has the signage been removed? A – I think that there was an out of date sign.</p> | <p>Cllr Steve Reade contacted StreetCare as concerned regarding HGVs also. StreetCare confirmed that they would install signage.</p> <p>Amy Evans to contact James Alden to enable him to contact SGC StreetCare to assess and link logs together.</p> <p>Update received from David Crawford: <i>“I have spoken with the resident that reported and they explained that vehicles taller than the bridge continue to try to go that way, rather than a problem with the signing per se.</i></p> <p><i>I have agreed to investigate the option of providing an additional sign at the junction indicating that there is a low bridge if they turn right at the junction. I have also agreed to have some trees trimmed back that he says were partially blocking the sign.”</i></p> <p>Complete, advise in future if any further issues.</p> |

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| <p>3 Shires Practice Ear Syringing</p> | <p>No longer offering this service and been asked by resident to build a 'Community voice' to highlight this important issue to get service reinstated.</p> <p>Amy Evans mentioned that this may be Trust wide as aware of this happening in another area and therefore a wider issue.</p> <p>Margaret Slucutt - Over 50s Forum mentioned that legislation recently changed but GPs have not made it clear as to what alternative inexpensive products can be used for this.</p> | <p>Amy Evans to contact CCG to raise - AE has emailed CCG awaiting answer.</p> <p>Margaret Slucutt – Over 50s Forum will report to SG Health Watch and SG PPG to monitor, provide information and investigate further.</p> <p>Emailed to chase CCG, One of contacts off long term. If Margaret is at the meeting will ask if any update.</p> <p><i>Update provided at Meeting held on 13th July 2022: Amy Evans will chase response from Margaret Slucutt, Over 50s Forum.</i></p> |
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Action: PCSO Bettina Hawkins to complete Liaise with Kingswood Team to increase their patrols at Siston Common when Staple Hill Team not in.

Action: PCSO Bettina Hawkins to complete Keep Cllrs updated of any incidents etc at Tog Hill Picnic Site.

Action: PCSO Bettina Hawkins to complete Provide email address for Mark Goff.

Action: PCSO Bettina Hawkins to complete Contact Cllr Ben Stokes with date(s) for Tack marking event(s).

Action: Cllrs to complete Promote next Meet and Greet session on Saturday 23rd April.

Action: PCSO Bettina Hawkins to complete Will contact victim of crime at Compass Inn to reassure and provide a Crime Reference Number.

Above actions have been emailed to Bettina and awaiting a response.

Action: James Alden, Customer Services, SGC to complete To confirm whether Compass Inn within South Glos or Glos area and contact PCSO Bettina Hawkins.

Action: James Alden, Customer Services, SGC to complete

Share response from Avon and Somerset Contact Centre Manager with Amy Evans when received.

Neighbourhood Discussion

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| <p>Ukraine update</p> | <p>Cllr Ben Stokes mentioned that there is a lot of activity within SGC and Government Funding is available.</p> <p>Q – What is the percentage of sponsors who are being paid? A – Sponsors are able to claim once DBS check has been completed but not everyone entitled is claiming. Not aware of any problem with payments but will investigate.</p> | <p>The Chair, Simon Stevens read the Statement.</p> <p>See Appendix 2 for further details.</p> <p>Cllr Ben Stokes will investigate whether any problems with payments.</p> |
| <p>Carsons Road Signage</p> | <p>Sign informing lorries of bridge towards Common regularly obstructed by trees. Requested a second sign just before Common as there was before. Lorry recently needed to reverse as missed the sign, knocked bollard and it was necessary to use resident's driveway as vehicle too big for road.</p> | <p>Amy Evans will contact SGC StreetCare and provide update at next meeting.</p> <p>Cllr Steve Reade will also investigate as been informed matter was resolved.</p> |
| <p>SG Website Report-it</p> | <p>No allocated place on website to report knocked down road sign.</p> | <p>Amy Evans will investigate. This has been emailed to the Customer Services Manager and I have had confirmation this will be investigated, awaiting a response.</p> |
| <p>SGC StreetCare</p> | <p>Resident has reported a couple of outstanding jobs with SGC StreetCare.</p> | <p>Amy Evans will follow-up on behalf of resident.</p> <p><i>I have twice reported hazardous pavement surfaces in Westerleigh, via the SGC online reporting system, and both times I received an immediate acknowledgement. However, I've received no indication of whether any action will ever be taken.</i></p> |

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| | | <p><i>Could the SG Councillors please comment on whether the reporting system is working correctly, and how one can get an appropriate response?</i></p> <p><i>The 2nd submission was acknowledged on 2 June 2022: SGC-104150-K9M2</i></p> <p><i>I believe the 1st was acknowledged on 21 Dec 2021: SGC-79710-G3P0</i></p> <p>This has been chased with Streetcare by email on 12 July 2022, awaiting a response, Amy Evans to chase before the next meeting.</p> |
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6 Feed Your Food Bin and Recycle More

Mark Holden, Waste Management Project, SGC gave a presentation, (see appendix 3 for further details).

- Food recycling is a big world problem
- We are great at recycling in South Glos, currently at 58.6% compared to National target of 50% but could do better
- In 2016 we were 94th out of 338 Authorities, currently 19th
- Throwing away food in the black bin creates twice as much carbon dioxide than recycling it
- Costs less to recycle food waste than to throw away in black bin so monies could be used for other services
- Can use plastic bags for lining caddy and dispose of food still in their plastic bags eg loaf of bread
- Food recycling bins are dishwasher safe
- 3.1m glasses of milk wasted per day, equivalent to planting 6m trees.

Q When a lorry leaves my house with the plastic bags, what happens to it?

A It goes into a pile at Sort-it centre with plastic sheeting over the bays to keep seagulls out. Not so many rats now as food waste isn't on the floor for long as collected daily.

Q There is a picture of a light bulb in the non-recyclable waste, are these non-recyclables?

A Best not to put them in your black bin but we are not able to recycle them from your home recycling container. We divert people to recycle these elsewhere as not all items are financially viable for us to recycle.

Q I didn't know you could use plastic bags for lining our caddies. Why aren't we

- aware of this and why are we buying compostable bags instead?
- A We have been saying this for years and promoted on hangers, roadshows, CEFs, social media etc. Any type of plastic bag is fine.

7 Updates from SGC Councillors

No written reports were received prior to the meeting.

Cllr Ben Stokes – Boyd Valley reported:

- Council business is not exempt from financial challenges. Cabinet colleagues agreed baseline assumptions for forthcoming financial budget. More information and Consultation to follow shortly. We recognise that we are now in a tighter financial position and under cost pressures
- Youth Summer Activity – We are pushing opportunities for our youths over the summer period as they have really suffered during pandemic. This includes food programmes which involves providing a square meal for some children in PNs. Consultation currently available on consultation page of SGC website and important to comment.

Cllr Steve Reade – Boyd Valley reported:

- As we are in a rural area, we are very vulnerable to speculative Development. To control this, we have a Local Plan which was to be guided by WECA SDS. The WECA Mayor has decided to stop all work on this, and we have taken legal advice from our barrister. We are waiting for the Secretary of State to comment but in the meantime, we are proceeding with our Local Plan. I urge everyone to take every opportunity to give your views
- Community Group carrying out some excellent work at Webbs Heath Drift Mine which is the last unlisted mining structure within South Glos.

Cllr James Hackett – Siston reported:

- Neighbourhood Plans are coming up for review, these help Parish Councils to establish priorities and have legal influence
- Climate Diversity meeting coming up soon.

Comment – Amy Evans mentioned that a ‘Pop-up’ meeting was held recently regarding Neighbourhood Plans for Town and Parish Councils. For further information and contact details for the team can found: [Neighbourhood planning | BETA - South Gloucestershire Council \(southglos.gov.uk\)](https://www.southglos.gov.uk/Neighbourhood-planning-BETA-South-Gloucestershire-Council)

Action: Amy Evans to complete
Provide details of recent ‘Pop-up’ meeting regarding Neighbourhood Plans in minutes.

Action: Amy Evans to complete
Investigate date for Climate Diversity Meeting and include in minutes.

8 Any other business

- Future agenda items for consideration:

- 'Know your Place' – Place to record heritage due to be relaunched. Helps to raise awareness for everything irrespective of size – Rebecca Dumbleton
- Active travel and cycle routes – especially the younger generation keen to hear what SGC is doing to promote cycling and to promote cycle network
- Please contact Community Engagement Team with any suggestions:
Email: communityengagement@southglos.gov.uk

- Electric Charging Strategy 'Pop-up' meeting will be held on Monday as out for Consultation.
- Food Waste and Recycling 'Pop-up' meeting will be held next Wednesday and Thursday.

Q Recently attended the other Siston CEF which had a much higher attendance, are they doing anything different?

A Not particularly, some areas get better attendance than others. We find that if people have an issue they will come. This time of year can be a challenge due to holidays, but this meeting is one of the lower attended areas. This could be because the area is so vast but we would welcome your opinions. We are in the process of carrying out a review and will be communicating this later in the week regarding pilot schemes and to see if this helps with attendance.

Comment – Cllr James Hackett mentioned that the 'Pop-up meetings' are very helpful.

Meeting closed at 20.09pm

Date, time and venue of next meeting – Wednesday 16th November, 11am.

For further meeting information please visit www.southglos.gov.uk/CEF

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Appendices

Appendix 1

AFRS Report

[Appendix1AFRSUpdate.pdf \(southglos.gov.uk\)](#)

Appendix 2

Ukraine Update

[Appendix2HomesforUkraineUpdate.pdf \(southglos.gov.uk\)](#)

Appendix 3

Feed Your Food Bin and Recycle More Presentation

[Food recycling \(southglos.gov.uk\)](#)