



## **Southport Homewatch Association**

### **Minutes of Ainsdale Scheme Leaders at MeCycle as at 15th October 2024**

#### **1. Welcome and apologies**

Jacqueline Webb, Chair of Southport Homewatch, opened the meeting by introducing the Police Officers who attended, who were -

PC Vic Gwynne

PC Adam Havaie

PCSO Alice Cunningham

#### **2. Matters arising**

The following matters were discussed -

- A. Contact details for the Police - Jacqueline handed out a street plan showing the schemes in Ainsdale, a list of what is contained on the Homewatch website and a list of contacts for the Police
- B. One of the SL's stated he had waited over twenty minutes to get an answer from the non-emergency Police phone number 101. The Police stated it could be better to report non-emergency matters on-line
- C. The person mentioned above stated he had dash-cam footage of an incident and the Police stated they will always scrutinise dash-cam footage if presented to them
- D. Someone stated they don't see many Police Specials in Southport and the Police acknowledged this stating Specials are mostly in Liverpool
- E. The Police were asked if the CCTV in Ainsdale was working and the Police reported that they thought it was
- F. A SL stated that he was very pleased with the prompt reaction from the Neighbourhood Policing Team and thanked them
- G. On the opposite side of the spectrum one SL stated he had reported three people taking photographs of the houses in his scheme and the Police had not responded. The Police stated that the incident may well have been looked at and investigated but it was a case of not reporting back to the person who raised the concern. They apologised. The Police did state that they are under-staffed and it could have been a case of other priorities taking precedence
- H. Concern was expressed about the problems of anti-social behaviour around the Pontins/Sands/Toad Hall area and the Police stated this should be referred to Lynne Thompson
- I. Interest was expressed as to getting up to date crime data for the area so it could be reported to SL's in Ainsdale. Someone suggested this could be collated when the Police hold their surgery in Ainsdale station as it is not usually well attended

- J. One SL asked how many Police are now stationed at Southport Police Station and the Police responded

### **3. General discussion after the Police left**

- A. A debate ensued as to how best Ainsdale SL's could help each other and be available to forward on information of interest solely relevant to Ainsdale. After much debate it was decided that the best way forward was to start up a WhatsApp group for Ainsdale Scheme Leaders only. It would be then at the discretion of the SL about the wider circulation to their individual schemes. Jacqueline stated that once she has set the WhatsApp group up she will canvas other SL's who did not attend and invite them to join.
- B. The installation of street signs was discussed and Jacqueline stated it was still a matter for the Council
- C. Jacqueline informed the meeting that there were some security items for offer on the desk in front of them and to please help themselves
- D. One person stated it was a good idea for car keys to keyless entry cars to be placed in a microwave overnight as this would stop thieves copying the signal

### **4. Conclusion**

The meeting was brought to a close and Jacqueline thanked everyone for attending and for their input. Jacqueline also thanked the Police for attending and thanked MeCycle for hosting the event.