

SMIRA notes and actions – meeting held 26/11/2023- SMI Community Centre

Topic	Summary	Action	Outcome
Attendance notes	Chair: Chris Reynolds Apologies: Malcolm Gray, Habib Tejan, Angela (PCSO), CMT representative.	None	None
Points raised prior to meeting	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1- Pavement maintenance: - CMT will conduct gritting along with council. Grit is available for residents to access for other areas not covered. 2- Wheelchair accessibility: CMT confirmed no areas presenting accessibility issues. 3- Hedge/tree maintenance: CMT have written to residents not maintaining their hedging and trees outlining their responsibilities to do so. 4- Sleeping police: police seen napping in vehicles parked on island – no response provided. 5- Recycling plant fire: a business process for reporting and managing these incidents is in place. Council have confirmed that there is sufficient distance, and a vehicle accessible road breaks the area between the plant and SMI. 	<p>Point 4- will follow up for next meeting.</p> <p>Point 6- to pick up with PCSO that it is not just e-bicycles but e-scooters on pavements that are presenting a problem and causing public nuisance.</p> <p>Point 7- SMIRA to pick up with councillor Tejan to get this useful piece of kit back in use to deter bad driving/speeding on SMI.</p> <p>Point 8 – CMT to explore and provide update.</p> <p>Point 12: SMIRA comms group to develop content.</p>	PCSO, Councillor to provide updates on points 4, 6, 7 at next meeting.

	<p>6- E-bicycles: CMT have signs to deter use. PCSO intercepts people when seen.</p> <p>7- Speed awareness sign: SMIRA to negotiate with council on the display of the SMIRA owned sign to be put back on display. CMT do not want involvement with this.</p> <p>8- Friday fly: Would be useful for CMT to update the format and availability for use on different devices.</p> <p>9- Fox culling: CMT carry out culling through pest control contractors. This includes pests/rodents/ants/moths. Council do not carry out any cull or control.</p> <p>10- Watersmeet illicit drug dealing: PCSO aware and working with affected residents. All residents are to report using the police website or on 101 to continue building picture of gang/organised crime activity in area.</p> <p>11- Repair of bund: CMT carrying out repairs.7</p> <p>12- SMIRA annual leaflet: Comms group to work on developing an annual</p>		
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	summary leaflet for distribution in the summer.		
Watersmeet	Drug dealing issues continue to be a problem, even this week.	PCSO has asked that this be immediately reported to 101/PCSO mobile number. If drug dealing in progress then 999.	
Pest control	Does this include pigeons? Numbers seem to be increasing.	CMT to answer at next meeting.	
Lighting behind co-op	Who is responsible for fixing these? Poorly lit at the moment.	CMT to answer at next meeting.	
Ripplewaters/Samphire way corner unkept garden Basin 3 Augustus Way	Who is responsible for maintaining these overgrown gardens? Also landscaping around basin 3? What is policy for enforcing this?	CMT to answer at next meeting.	
Peel ports consultation	What are CMT & SMIRA doing about this?	SMIRA have hosted the alternative vision project and are in contact with business and local MP to support this campaign.	SMIRA will continue to support the campaign for the alternative vision for Chatham docks and will work with the local MP and businesses on this.

		As per residents' votes, SMIRA has taken the position to oppose Peel LLP in the building of a new estate which threatens local jobs and history as well as no plan for sufficient healthcare, schooling or green space for their proposed population size.	CMT to provide their formal position/statement on this for next meeting.
Noise disturbances	Some reports of noise disturbance from various parts of the island.	If ports- contact CMT/SMIRA who can contact business in that area. Other noise disturbances- report to PCSO.	
SMIRA communications	Can meeting dates be printed and placed on island noticeboards.	Meeting dates are currently available on the SMIRA website and Facebook page. Some noticeboards removed, and now limited number available. SMIRA will print and place key dates on the available noticeboard by the community centre.	Action for end February.
School parking	CMT closing of the community centre carpark seems to have had desired affect in making parents/school aware of the issue.	SMIRA and other stakeholders will continue to meet as needed to discuss actions moving forwards to prevent reoccurrence of inappropriate parental behaviour.	
Dockside parking	The parking charges have resulted in some people parking in Watersmeet visitor space.	This will be reported to dockside and council as is having a knock-on impact to these residents and increasing traffic on to the island.	

Friday flyer	Some residents who are signed up to the mailing list are not receiving this.	Will be flagged to CMT to check functionality of mailing list.	
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