

LEASEHOLDER CLUB MEETING



Minutes of Meeting held 21 September 2005 at 6:00 pm in the Georgian Room, Kendal Town Hall

Present: Pat & Tim Keegan, 6 Applerigg,
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T Woodward, Property Services Manager, SLH
S Mallinson, Leaseholder Manager, SLH
S Duffy, Community Participation Officer, SLH
Terry Belshaw, -Cumbria Police

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1	Local Policing	
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Suzy Duffy introduced Terry Belshaw. Terry is the Crime Prevention Officer for Kendal Police.

Terry Belshaw set the scene by explaining that crime averages in South Lakeland are lower than Cumbria-wide and Cumbria-wide averages are lower than national crime averages. 68% of detected crime has been committed by people who live outside the area. Detection rates are also very good.

COPs stands for Community Orientated Problem Solving. The local COPs team run a log of calls/incidents which identifies problems and 'hot spot' areas. The solution to problems may be many things, eg working in the community, more regular patrols, neighbourhood watch.

Residents reporting incidents need to understand that if officers are dealing with a more serious incident in the area, it may take some time for them to attend.

An ASBO is an 'anti-social behaviour order' and is a civil order, more often than not made by magistrates. The order can prohibit a person from committing an act of Anti Social Behaviour and can exclude that person from particular areas. The order is for at least 2 years, can last indefinitely and can be applied to an individual or a group. The innovation in ASBO's is that evidence can be 'hearsay' or 'circumstantial' and that Police Officers can give evidence on a complainants' behalf.

The orders can prohibit assault, graffiti, begging, prostitution, drugs, unruly behaviour and vehicle crime. The Police must prove that alarm, distress or harassment has been caused to 1 or more persons not in the same household as the perpetrator.

An ASBO can be issued

- As a stand alone order
- An interim order (to precede full order)
- When other proceedings eg Notice Seeking Possession are being heard by a court
- On release from prison.

Maximum penalty for breach of an ASBO is 5 years in prison.

An ABC is an Acceptable Behaviour Contract and often precedes an ASBO. The contract is usually signed by a young person, their parents/carers and the Police, and outlines what activities the person is not allowed to do. It is not legally binding, but lets the young person know what will happen if bad behaviour continues.

If residents are suffering from Anti-Social behaviour they should contact the Police and also note down dates/time/events and names if possible in a diary. Photos and videos can be used as evidence and your report/evidence can be kept confidential.

The Police are now putting officers back in the community and most people present know their local officer.

Sue thanked Terry for an interesting session and the jokes.

Leaseholders with access to computers can find out more about local police services by logging onto www.cumbria.police.uk

2 Newsletter feedback

Club members thought the newsletter had contained all the necessary information and re-stated that future editions should include progress on all issues of importance to leaseholders as well as news from the Club.

Members requested an extra newsletter to inform leaseholders about the Decent Homes improvement works.

SM/SD

3 FAQs

Okay and publish in 6 monthly newsletter.

SD

4 Evening surgery, Windermere/County Show

Of about 40 leaseholders, 4 turned up and interesting queries were raised about use of 'shared' roof spaces above flats/maisonettes and trees in communal areas. Next surgeries will be in Grange/Ulverston areas.

SM/TW

The stand at the County show was a great success particularly as a re-branding exercise for South Lakes Housing. We will be looking to attend another event next year.

5 Decent Home Programme

SLDC has now appointed Bramall Construction as our partner for the improvement programme which will last 4 years and involve expenditure of £21million. This year's pilot scheme includes Rinkfield, Gallowbarrow, Kirkbarrow and Sandylands in Kendal.

Leaseholders requested details to all leaseholders in the area explaining what works will be done and where. TW
SM

Mr Keegan mentioned that Mr Woodward told him Wattsfield would be done this financial year. Porch safety is an issue. Sue undertook to ask TW to contact Mr Keegan as soon as possible. SM

6 January meeting

Helen Smith, SLDC's Chief Accountant was on holiday for this September meeting. SLDC will be asked to send someone along to the January meeting. SD

Suzy Duffy will write to Club Members in advance of the next meeting to generate questions for the speaker on finance.

7 Date of next meeting

10th January 2006. 5:45pm for 6 pm, Bindloss Room, Town Hall, Kendal. Finish no later than 7:30 pm.