

# CAMBOURNE TOWN COUNCIL

District of South Cambridgeshire

Council Meeting 2<sup>nd</sup> July 2019

## Local Crime

Dear All,

First and foremost thank you all for attending last Wednesday evening. I know I speak for Evelyne Spanner, who originated the idea of a meeting, Jason Ablewhite, the Police and Crime Commissioner, and myself, when I say, we hope this will be the start of a desire for everyone to work together to reduce crime in Cambourne and stop before it starts criminal activity of those living in our Town.

The notes below, taken by Ruth Betson, outline the conversation we had on Wednesday evening and I believe it would be fair to say no one disagreed with anything anyone said. All good ideas and genuine questions from everyone involved.

I have listed the suggestions and comments into areas which seem to fall into the following

### Family

<b>Issue raised</b>	<b>Actioned By:</b>
Anger management issues for teenagers	
Publicise: Don't carry a knife and reasons	
Must tell police (Call crimestoppers online)	
Talk about consequences	

### Government

<b>Issue raised</b>	<b>Actioned By:</b>
Publicise: Don't carry a knife and reasons	
Knives behind cabinets in retail outlets	
Knife amnesty	

**Schools / Community influence**

<b>Issue raised</b>	<b>Actioned By:</b>
PCC youth funds (£5,000 Max Grant)	
Must tell police (Call crimestoppers online)	
Talk about consequences	
Knife amnesty here in Cambourne	
Community Leaders group	
Knife Bin	
Leaflets for parent's information for children	
Community leaders/schools tell children how to confidentially give information	
Have a safe space available for trust conversations	
Join up with parents of 'Known kids' (e.g. arson last summer) and help them see how can assist / information	

**Local Councils Parish/District/County**

<b>Issue raised</b>	<b>Actioned By:</b>
Get money loan from SCDC to build bigger youth club. Money is several years away	
Publicise: Don't carry a knife and reasons	
In shops put knives behind cabinets	
Provide youth buildings and workers and more provision to walk around streets to chat to youngsters	
Talk about consequences	
Knife amnesty here in Cambourne	
Knife Bin	
Join up with parents of 'Known kids' (e.g. arson last summer) and help them see how can assist / information	

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**Police**

<b>Issue raised</b>	<b>Actioned By:</b>
Build relationships with them (PCSO) for example	
Make example of them charge prosecute etc.	
Publicise: Don't carry a knife and reasons	
Knife amnesty here in Cambourne	
Community intelligence: how to get it, what to do with it	
In shops put knives behind cabinets	
Search Cambs Police reporting tool mobile friendly	
Advertise how to contact the police confidentially	
Police and Public House to work together	
Join up with parents of 'Known kids' (e.g. arson last summer) and help them see how can assist / information	

**Questions**

<b>Issue raised</b>	<b>Actioned By:</b>
Why kids not here?	
Why developers not here?	
Go ask why they carry?	
Don't Step in run – How do parents explain?	
How to fight social media footprint of attackers	

**Statements**

<b>Issue raised</b>	<b>Actioned By:</b>
If the Police do not know then we can't do anything	
Must work with kids not do to them?	
Research shows trusted adults help the most	

- **Cambridgeshire Police reporting website address**

<https://www.cambs.police.uk/report/Report>

- **Crimestoppers**

<https://crimestoppers-uk.org/give-information/forms/give-information-anonymously>

- **Police and Crime Commissioner Grants**

<https://www.cambridgeshire-pcc.gov.uk/accessing-information/money/grants/crime-disorder-grants/>

The next step is for people to come forward and take ownership of the issues raised. If you believe you are able to help in any one or more of the issues above please let me know and we can then start to cover the points raised in the meeting. It makes no difference if more than one person or group cover a particular issue. I appreciate some may have to speak to the relevant committees of their organisations so there is no fixed timescale on this.

Thank you once again for being part of this and taking time out to attend the meeting last Wednesday.

Keep well,

Mark

Mark Howell

*Councillor for Bourn, Greater Cambourne, Little Gransden, Longstowe, Lower Cambourne and Upper Cambourne*

*Vice Chairman*

*Adult Social Care Committee*

*Cambridgeshire County Council*