

MINUTES OF THE RV SAFETY ADVISORY GROUP

THURSDAY 19 OCTOBER 2017 @ 2.00pm

PRESENT:	Adrian Harper (Chair)	RVBC
	Diane Rice	RVBC
	Eamonn Roberts	RVBC
	Catherine Moore	RVBC
	Linda Boyer	RVBC
	Gary Makin	Police
	Sgt David Simpson	Police
	Steve Taylor	NWAS
	Liz Mason	NWAS
	Paul Guinan	Fire & Rescue
	Darell Kemm	Fire & Rescue
	Jamie Foxon, John Pratt, Linda Krawecke, Jonny Cracknell, Chris Garside	Beatherder Festival

	ACTION
<p>APOLOGIES</p> <p>Apologies were received from Heather Coar and Chris Shuttleworth (RVBC)</p> <p>BEATHERDER</p> <p>Jamie Foxon gave a resume of the 2017 festival. There had been lots of good social media feedback and they had been nominated for an award again. The weekend had started off wet but improved. There was again a good demographic mix. Tickets for 2018 had gone on sale 3 weeks ago and already 2800 had been sold.</p> <p>The same contractors had been used although some things had been changed. The sound system was better but with less pollution which proved very successful. The same traffic management had been used. A new named medical company had been used but with the same lead. There had been a reduction in the number of evictions from the site. He acknowledged that paperwork for the swimming pool had been very late. They were looking again at the location of the perimeter fencing and where the fireworks were lit.</p> <p>The ticket procedure was again being examined in consultation with Rick Wilson with the idea being to combine an adult plus youth ticket so no matching was needed. The offer of lockers was also available with ticket sales.</p> <p>Jamie reported that it was the intention to work with Rick Wilson on the 2018 festival – meetings were starting now to avoid any misunderstandings.</p> <p>Contactless payments would be increased throughout the site to lessen the amount of cash on site.</p> <p>Layout of the medical centre was being examined as well as segregation for different campers and camper vans and more/different toilets.</p> <p>AH – bad incidents? – one particular group of camper vaners that had to be evicted and a girl with a gashed eye on facebook that had not been logged as an incident at the festival.</p> <p>LB – the noise report was excellent – Vangardia are fantastic to work with. Only one complaint received. Request the official report from Vangardia to be sent through. However complaints were received about litter on the A59. RVBC will do the A59 if Beatherder do the layby.</p> <p>ER – the paperwork for the swimming pool was last minute but everything was as it should be</p> <p>ST (NWAS) – another good year. Little impact on Blackburn Royal – mainly dealt with on site. An excellent working relationship. Please take note of recommendations regarding the treatment room.</p>	

Sgt S (POLICE) – Firearms operations were tagged on 2 weeks before the festival because of the Manchester Arena incident. The organisers adapted well to this. Crime wise – no great spikes. Seizures of substances were less than in past years. Arrests were made in connection to the incident referred to by Jamie.

GM (POLICE) – traffic management had again worked well but more signs were needed on the A59 to stop people inadvertently going into Sawley. The speed restriction was not being adhered to – he would request cameras next year.

DR – must ensure that the postcode publicised is the right one for the festival and not for Dockber – this will help with people using SATNAV. The site should also be cleared by now – this is time limited. Again heard rumours about sale of the site.

PG (F&R) – observation that the organisers caravans are too close together – a fire risk. Access to the site with an engine had been tested in advance of the festival – this had not presented any issues.

Beatherder representatives left the meeting at 2.35pm

REVIEW OF PAST EVENTS / FEEDBACK (from July 2017 to date)

- Modweekender – Sgt Simpson suggested that this event had reached a point where there should be a traffic management plan in place particularly on Castle Street when all the scooters arrive. This was for safety reasons for spectators. Otherwise a well natured event. Contacts would be sought.
- Beats Cancer – Linda reported that there had been noise issues at this event. Meetings had been arranged to agree a way forward following a report to Community committee. NWAS would check the blue light incidents. Adrian had asked that the event plan come to SAG in future. The police had had a couple of issues that would be ironed out for 2018.
- Royal Lancs Show – NWAS had supported the medics – Charley's Angels. There had been no traffic issues but attendances may increase next year. Eamonn reported that from an Environmental Health aspect the organisation had been much better than in previous years.

EVENT CALENDAR – PROGRAMMED EVENTS 2017

- Remembrance Services – the Police were manning the processions at Clitheroe, Longridge and Billington. It was requested that as of next year 2018 when it was the Anniversary of the end of WW1 that there only be one big event in each borough so that the police were better able to staff the event.
- Clitheroe Bonfire – Police Sgt plus 5 would be on general policing duty. Eamonn requested on behalf of Chris Shuttleworth sight of the Emergency plans. It was suggested that he had already received them but a check would be made.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS

- Gary expressed concern that this was the only ESAG that LCC don't attend. He suggested that Adrian send an email to Harvey Danson.
- Liz Mason (NWAS) referred to happenings at the Hope & Glory Festival in Liverpool that had been stopped by the Police during the weekend. The official investigation report with recommendations was still to be released. It would be interesting to see what the impact would be on SAGs. It highlighted the importance of working with organisers to get the right venue and appropriate documents in advance of any event.

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DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of the RVSAG will be held on **Thursday 18 January 2018 @ 2.00pm in the Council Chamber, Clitheroe.**

The meeting closed at 3.10pm.