

# Minutes for Speedwatch Meeting at Mickle Trafford Police Station – 18<sup>th</sup> May 2017

The purpose of the meeting was to follow up on the previous meeting and to report back on progress.

PC Rob Boulton and Sgt Ian Wilson provided feedback on their activities to date. These were as follows:

1. Special Constabulary officers were being trained in the use of the Speed Vans with the low light cameras so that they can be utilised after dark in areas where there is sufficient street lighting for them to be able to read the registration plates. The current civilian operators do not work after 20:00.

#### **Actions:**

- Police to report back on when the Specials will be fully trained.
- Police to report back on any target areas which will require a higher level of lighting in order to operate. This may then require street lamps to be upgraded to LEDs by CWAC.

2. Specialist Traffic Officers have been targeting the main arterial routes of the A41 & A51 during the night. They have ticketed lorries travelling in excess of 38 mph in the 30mph limits.

This has confirmed to the Police that there is a problem, particularly when HGVs are travelling in convoy as officers have reported a far greater level of noise.

#### **Actions:**

- The Police will continue to target these arterial routes during the night time with Specialist Traffic Officers when available.
- Ideas are sought on how to prevent lorries travelling in convoy.

3. Motorcycle and Traffic Officers have been concentrating on recognised roads in rural villages, not just for speeding but for other offences such as no seat belts, using mobile phones, etc. This has resulted in a large number of tickets being issued.

4. The 'SID' devices have been routinely placed in and around the wards by Officers and PCSOs and have had a noticeable effect on slowing down traffic.

Questions were raised as to what happens to the data generated. It appears to be provided to CWAC and then disappears into a 'black hole'. The group wanted to know why this data wasn't given directly to the Police to escalate any enforcement action in problem locations.

The question was raised as to why, when the speed reduction effect of the SIDs was reported to be so positive, does CWAC not allow the permanent installation of SID signs. Previous feedback had sighted 'policy' as the reason but experience would indicate that the policy should be reviewed.

**Actions:**

- Sharon Marshall (CWAC) to feedback on what happens to the SID data.
- CWAC to feedback on how we change the policy around installation of permanent SIDs.

5. CWAC are responsible for the issuing of SIDs, the places where they can be used and the training of the volunteers to use them. This information has not been communicated effectively to the Parish Councils as many were unaware of how this worked.

**Action:**

- CWAC to notify all Parish Councils on how the SID scheme works, any costs and how they go about getting problem areas approved for SID use.

6. Volunteers for the operation of SIDs are now being sought as is someone who would be prepared to act as a volunteer administrator to co-ordinate activity across the Ward.

**Action:**

- Parish Councils to put forward volunteers.

7. Concern was expressed by the group to the Police that they were now concentrating their effort of the use of SIDs rather than the new speed cameras which were discussed at the previous meeting. All of the Parish Councils in the Ward, with the exception of Rowton, have agreed to fund a camera to be shared and used across the Ward.

It was stated that unless evidence of positive action could be delivered then volunteers would not be prepared to give up their time. This point was made in conjunction with the question around what happens to the data generated.

**Action:**

- CWAC and Police to confirm if we can purchase a speed gun rather than use a SID and exactly how the data will be used to combat speeding in the Ward Villages.

8. It was concluded that a lot of progress had been made in since the previous meeting and that another meeting should be held in 6 weeks-time to keep up the momentum.

**Action:**

- Police to schedule the next meeting.