

AGENDA 12, Enc vii) Station Road CCTV Provision, DRAFT REPORT of meeting held on Wednesday 5th March 2025

Present

Cllr Caroline Ball, Cllr Lynne Grimshaw, Cllr Pauline Thompson, Sarah Eden, Sgt Kath Smith (NP), Karl Thurm (AW), David Knox (AW), Chris Duncan (AW)

1. It was AGREED that Cllr Lynne Grimshaw would chair the meeting.

2. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Cllr Louis Brown, Inspector Wayne Daniels

3. DISCLOSURE OF INTERESTS

There were no disclosures of interest.

4. REPORT OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

It was agreed to receive the report of the meeting held on 4th December as a fair reflection.

In regards the follow-up on the bin on Station Road being tampered with. Kath reported that this was noting and there was no crime.

5. MONITORING AND EVALUATION

a) System Performance and Reliability

Karl confirmed 100% functioning.

b) Incidents

Date received	Camera Location	Incident	Linked FWIN	Reported/requested	Outcome	Grading
19/12/24	Home bargains	Footage requested of RTC	Unable to locate	Requested	Footage is clear and shows the driver of the vehicle clip a stationary vehicle outside of the cree	Unable to locate
06/12/24	Bubbles/Toscana s	Altercation between parking warden and member of the public.	No fwin	Reported	The driver has been identified. Awaiting confirmation from the parking warden as to follow up action.	Ungraded-intelligence only
06/12/24	Station road/superdrug	Footage of a male with his hand in the bin	No fwin	Reported	Male can be seen exiting Lloyds bank with what looks like paper in his hand, puts this in a bin then tries to retrieve it from the bin.	Ungraded-intelligence only

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14/12/24	Vice City/ The Cree	Footage shows a male pushed out of the alley next to Vice city. Two males then chase after him from Vice City and one of these males can be seen with what appears to be an extendable baton outside of The Cree.	6 141224	Requested	Enquiries currently ongoing	Grade 2
15/12/24	Vice city	Females fighting outside of vice city which spills onto station road	114 151224	Reported	Police attended-victim unwilling to make a complaint. Females were separated and removed from the area.	Grade 1
16/12/24	Bubbles/station road	O2/virgin media van driving dangerously. Asset watch were informed by an off duty member of staff and picked the offence up on there cameras	No fw in	Reported	Enquiries currently ongoing	Ungraded-intelligence only
17/12/24	The Cree	Footage of a male driving a surron bike	No fw in	Reported	NPT have reviewed the footage however are unable to offer an ID	Ungraded-intelligence only
21/12/24	Vice City	Footage of a fight spilling out of Vice City on to the road. A female requires medical assistance.	0129 211224	Requested	Enquiries currently ongoing	Grade 2-log created by officers
22/12/24	Vice City	Police request for footage of assaults x 2 outside of Vice City.	No fw in	Requested	Enquiries currently ongoing	Ungraded-intelligence only
22/12/24	Vice City	Footage of a female punching a male outside of Vice City	61 221224	Requested	Enquiries currently ongoing	Grade 1
23/12/24	Hirst park	Footage of two males at the pavillion with drug paraphernalia.	861 231224	Reported	Area searched with a negative result. No Id for the males.	Grade 2
27/12/24	The Cree	A male in a wheelchair is assaulted by a two females	1216 271224	Reported	Enquiries currently ongoing	Grade 1

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		outside of The Cree				
27/12/24	Vice City	Footage of males fighting outside of Vice City	No fwin	Requested	Issues started inside the club, victim unwilling to press charges	No fwin
03/01/25	Station road/ toscanas	Footage of a male driving when using his phone.	No fwin	Reported		Ungraded-intelligence only
12/01/25	The castle/ Woodhorn Road	Wanted person enquiries	No fwin	Requested	Footage was sent as requested however the driver was not the suspected wanted person.	Ungraded-intelligence only
12/01/25	Hirst allotments	Allotment fire at Hirst East End Allotments.		Requested	The camera location is too far away from the fire and due to the lighting it would be impossible to ID the offender.	
14/01/25	Bubbles	Police have requested footage of an assault that happened outside of Bubbles.	NP-20251225-0082	Requested	The footage shows a male being assaulted however also shows him cause damage to the offenders vehicle beforehand.	Grade 5
22/01/25	Station road/ Bubbles	Footage of a vehicle crashing into a lamppost on station road. The driver then makes off now the back of Shoe Zone.	NP-20250122-1121	Reported	One male arrest as a result. This has not yet gone to court.	Grade 1
23/01/25	Bubbles	Footage requested of police pursuit	No fwin	Requested	Footage was requested for police records	Ungraded-intelligence only
25/01/25	Superdrug/station road	Footage requested following an assault near ASDA. The cameras did not capture the assault however does show the offender beforehand	Unable to locate	Requested		
26/01/25	Station Road	Suspicious males potentially tampering with a bag.	No fwin	Reported	No reports made in relation to a stolen/ missing bag in that area.	Ungraded-intelligence only

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28/01/25	The Cree	Footage requested for a stolen vehicle outside the cree with the hopes of an ID for the driver.	NP-20250128-1107	Requested	As a result of the footage, the driver and both passengers were identified.	Grade 2
28/01/25	Station road	Footage which potentially picks up the offender of an assault.	Unable to locate	Requested	Enquiries currently ongoing	Ungraded-intelligence only
29/01/25	Home bargains	Youths on bikes, riding in the middle of the road	No fwin	Reported	Due to the angle of the camera (youths standing under it) they cannot be identified.	Ungraded-intelligence only
31/01/25	Pigeon and whippet	Footage showing damage to vehicles which asset watch obtained after noticing a police presence.	Unable to locate	Reported	Enquiries currently ongoing	Ungraded-intelligence only
31/01/25	Pigeon and whippet	Footage of an RTC	Link expired			
01/02/25	Toscanas	Footage of drink driver		Requested		
03/02/25	Peoples park	Footage of male potentially taking pictures of youths in the park		Reported		
10/02/25	Station Road	Footage of a surron bike doing laps of the main street	Unable to locate	Reported	Op capio uplifted a bike off the back of asset watch footage however I am unable to locate the log to confirm if this was the incident that lead to the uplift.	Ungraded-intelligence only
11/02/25	Station Road	Footage in relation to 5 females fighting	Link expired			
12/02/25	Station Road	Police have requested footage of a youth on an electric scooter	Unable to locate	Requested		Ungraded-intelligence only
16/02/25	Paddock woods	Off road bikes on the field.	Not rang in	Reported	Unable to ID the riders. Op capio are aware of this hotspot	Ungraded-intelligence only
21/02/25	Station road	Youths in possession of a broken snooker handle.	1149 210225	Reported	No further logs in relation to the youths.	Grade 2

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21/02/25	Wilkinsons	Males using drugs at the bus stop. This occurred at 2am	Not rang in	Reported	Unable to ID males	Ungraded-intelligence only
24/02/25	Peoples park	Erratic driving in peoples car park	Unable to locate	Reported	Enquiries currently ongoing	
26/02/25	Hirst park	Youths drinking alcohol in hirst park	950 260225	Reported	The alcohol was confiscated by asset watch who waiting with the female for a considerable length of time before a relative collected her. Child concern notification sent to children's services	Grade 2
27/02/25	Station road	Surron bike on station road	Unable to locate	Reported	Op capio are aware of this issue and station road as a hotspot	Ungraded-intelligence only
28/02/25	Station road	Asset watch assist with a missing person		Requested	Missing youths were returned to their home address	Ungraded-intelligence only
01/03/25	Toscana's	Two individuals on e bikes driving dangerously	Unable to locate	Reported		Ungraded-intelligence only
02/03/25	Riverside park	Footage of a driver potentially smoking cannabis.	NP-1086-02032025	Reported	The vehicle had left the car park upon police attendance, no further calls to police	Grade 5
23/02/25	Station road	Asset watch reporting a vehicle on station road with no insurance	Unable to locate	Reported	Unable to locate log	

Chris showed the meeting how the system was now able to show hotspots in the town, as dots on a map. This was another great tool.

It was AGREED to receive the tabled report of incidents from Northumbria Police.

The frequency of incidents outside Bubbles Nightclub and Vice City was discussed. Vice City had been closed for a period due to the breach of a licencing condition, but they would reopen. Kath advised that it would be beneficial to have an additional CCTV camera at the rear of Bubbles nightclub. David advised that they would look into the possibility of reusing a camera that has recently been brought back in. This would be very helpful and much appreciated. Sarah advised that the Council had been given a budget by NCC for the installation of commando sockets, and if Asset Watch were able to provide a camera the commando socket would be installed at no cost. **Follow-up action required.**

Kath reported that video footage put together by Asset Watch allowed Operation Capio to take another surron ebike off the streets; it was crushed. The bike and rider were witnessed on the

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field at North Seaton, and in North Seaton skate park. Having the CCTV footage was the deal breaker in this instance. Kath acknowledged that these incidents are high, but they are seeing results with Operation Capio, and with the help of Asset Watch drone.

Figures from Operation Capio were requested – Kath to request these. **Follow-up action required.**

6. QUALITATIVE INFORMATION

David sought a follow-up on the speed bank crimes that our CCTV had helped with. Kath confirmed that this had been to court and in the press and it could be a good positive news story to show how the CCTV is being used successfully. Sarah asked if any information could be shared. **Follow-up action required.**

It was AGREED that the surron ebike incident at North Seaton would be a very positive news story to share as the ASB these bikes create is high profile, and the CCTV was fundamental. This could be linked to sharing a data from Operation Capio. **Follow-up action required.**

In other business, the following were discussed:

Expected Horse and Trap event on 26th April. Kath advised that she believed the event was no longer going ahead in any formal capacity due to the safety advisory group process. It was discussed that whilst the event may not be held with formal permissions, there is still a risk that the event still goes ahead, as it has in the past. **It was AGREED** all should be mindful of this and in particular NP.

Sarah later confirmed that NCC were supporting the event organisers to apply for and hold the event safely, but they pulled out of the process as they couldn't meet the expectations imposed.

Dog Fouling. Sarah advised that this issue was a growing concern with the Council, and residents and it would be on the next Council meeting. Figures had been provided by NCC Enforcement and whilst they were higher than the average town, they did not reflect the issue, so reports are not being made. It was discussed that it is very difficult to enforce as an offender must be caught in the act of not picking up. People's Park was identified as an issue and Cllr Lynne Grimshaw advised of a recent case. David offered that the CCTV camera on the car park could be moved to take in the field, to get a picture of behaviours, and possibly evidence. This was **AGREED.**

Asset Watch followed up immediately and the following day there were four recorded incidents of offences, that will be shared with NCC Enforcement.

Activity at Old Fire Station. Reports of cars driving in-out at all times of night. Asset watch will continue to monitor. Karl confirmed that there were designated operating hours for the units, and he recalls that after hours was prohibited. This would be a NCC Planning Enforcement issue.

7. FUTURE MEETINGS AND REPORTS

To agree future quarterly meeting dates, and receipt of data in advance of meeting.

Meeting Date	Data received by	Report to Council
18 th June 2025	6 th June 2025	July FGS

Cllr Lynne Grimshaw thanked everyone for their attendance and work throughout and advised that the next meeting would be held under the new Council after May elections. She hoped to see everyone back around the table.