

Community Meeting Notes

Festival Hall – 7pm, 23rd April 2026

Attendees

- **Facilitator:** Cllr Stephen Bunney
 - **ACIS:** Jo Booth
 - **Lincolnshire Police:** Supt Jo Fortune, Insp Mike Heads
 - **West Lindsey District Council (WLDC):** Grant White
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1. Lincolnshire Police Update

- Insp Mike Heads delivered a presentation (see Appendix A).
 - Decision taken to relocate PCSO Cowling to Market Rasen.
 - Prior to the recent murder, intelligence levels were very low.
 - Concern raised that incidents may be under reported.
 - Delays in the court system:
 - Warrants can take up to 2 months for the court to process.
 - Preparation of a warrant can take an officer up to 1.5 days.
 - Criminal Behaviour Orders take approximately 1–3 days to prepare.
 - Residents encouraged to sign up to Lincolnshire Alert.
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2. West Lindsey District Council (WLDC) Update

- Enforcement Officers continue patrols; increased presence since last meeting.
 - A formal Shop Watch scheme is being established (free to join).
 - Licensing requirements and engagement with local publicans.
 - Antisocial Behaviour reporting options:
 - Telephone: 01427 676676
 - Online: www.west-lindsey.gov.uk/report-it
 - QR code available (see Appendix B)
 - CCTV in Market Rasen:
 - Covers main road, car parks, and leisure centre.
 - Fully operational with 24/7 monitoring.
 - Links directly to police with live-stream capability.
 - Crime Stoppers is an anonymous reporting route.
 - Evidence gathering supported via CCTV and intelligence sharing.
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3. ACIS Update

- Jo Booth has conducted door-to-door visits with PCSO Turner to build relationships.

- Drop-in session held at Fletcher Court; plans to repeat at Fletcher Court and Lammas Leas.
 - One eviction has been carried out in the area.
 - Noted that a high level of evidence is required for evictions.
 - Supt Jo Fortune emphasised partnership working in tackling antisocial behaviour and crime.
 - Cllr Bunney noted an upcoming meeting of local group leaders to improve information sharing.
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4. Questions & Responses

Q: Can reassurance be given that no illegal migrants will move into Market Rasen House?

A (ACIS): The property will house vulnerable individuals, will have a 24-hour care provider on site, supporting independent living.

Q: Will there be additional police presence?

A (Police): Two additional PCSOs will be assigned to Market Rasen, expected by September following their training.

A (Cllr Bunney): See statement on page 3.

Q: School liaison has reduced.

A (Police): Secondary school engagement continues, but the mini led police programme in primary schools has been pulled back although ad-hoc input can be provided.

Q: A youth club for young people runs on Friday evenings. Particularly aimed at children who hang around on the street,

A (Police): Requested organiser to remain after the meeting to discuss further.

Q: Feedback to the community is lacking; need reassurance actions are being taken.

A (Police & ACIS): Only three incidents recorded in the last six months; ACIS prioritises high-risk cases.

Q: Concerns raised about restraining orders, threats, and lack of follow-through.

A (Police): Requested that the matter be dealt with outside the meeting.

A (Cllr Bunney): Emphasised importance of evidence collection and communication if effective action is to occur.

Q: What support is available for ongoing antisocial behaviour cases?

A (Police): “Living a Nightmare” paper has been introduced. We are looking at how we can improve the customer journey by making it better.

Q: Frustration at perceived lack of action, communities want to see things being dealt with not going round and round in circles. Bang upwards and elevate.

A (Police):

- We do campaign upwards.
- Legal constraints: offenders cannot be brought to court for sentences under 12 months due to prison capacity.

- Noted increases in mental health and drug-related issues.
 - Commitment to continue using available powers to address concerns.
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5. Key Actions / Takeaways

- Continued multi-agency collaboration.
 - Increased visibility through Police patrols, Council and Housing Association drop ins / clinics.
 - Promotion of reporting tools (Lincolnshire Alert, WLDC reporting, Crime Stoppers).
 - Ongoing need for community reporting and evidence gathering. Establishment of an anonymous Rasen based reporting system.
 - Commitment to improving communication and feedback loops with residents.
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Appendices:

- Appendix A: Police Presentation Slides
- Appendix B: Antisocial Behaviour Reporting Flyer

The meeting closed at 8.20pm

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Statement (Cllr Bunney):

“The West Lindsey administration, of which I am a member, is extremely concerned about current policing levels in Market Rasen and across the district. We believe these levels leave communities feeling vulnerable. The administration has raised these concerns with Government Ministers, the Home Office, the Treasury, and Lincolnshire County Council, seeking funding to restore appropriate policing levels, ensure a regular beat presence, and provide sufficient resources to tackle crime. We are also discussing with LCC and WLDC officers the potential for additional support to address anti-social behaviour and improve the collection and processing of intelligence.”

Lincolnshire Police (Supt Fortune):

“How will the Police, in practical terms, build trust and confidence in both their approach and response actions with residents, please explain.”

- We have held two public meetings to hear concerns
- Provided data in the public meeting to show low numbers of incidents to provide reassurance that it is safe place to live.
- Increased intelligence submissions to provide ability to take action, this has been via promoting ways to provide information through public meeting, Lincs Alert and leaflet drops in identified areas in Market Rasen.
- Schools visits completed following concerns of residents around their children
- Visibility patrols in Market Rasen when resourcing allows

- Partnership working with WLDC and ACIS to combat ASB
- Policing activity and enforcement planned in coming month
- Providing feedback of activity to communities via Lincs Alert
- Reaching out to those who have endured (from the public meeting) to identify any lessons learned or any further activity to combat issues.

Listening, understanding concerns, identifying ways to enforce or prevent and providing community feedback, will build trust and confidence.