

**MINUTES OF THE RV EVENT SAFETY ADVISORY GROUP
DEBRIEF – ROYAL LANCS SHOW & BEATHERDER
TUESDAY 18 SEPTEMBER 2018 @ 11.00am**


<u>PRESENT:</u>	Adrian Harper (Chair)	RVBC
	Julie Whitwell (& Niamh)	RVBC
	Catherine Moore	RVBC
	Heather Coar	RVBC
	Paul Guinan	Fire & Rescue
	Gary Makin	Police - Highways
	Steve Taylor	NWAS
	Alison Whitehead	East Lancs Health Authority

<u>Royal Lancs Show</u>	Paul Clarke
	Shaun Foy (RSS)
	Laura Foy (RSS)

<u>Beatherder</u>	Tony Cornwell	Police
	Ian Byrne	Police
	Russ Proctor	Police
	Andy Winter	Police
	Dave Simpson	Police
	Peter Abbott	Police
	Jamie Foxon	Beatherder
	Chris Garside	Beatherder
	John Pratt	Beatherder
	Ian Foxon	Beatherder
	Linda Krawecke	Beatherder
	Jonnie Cracknell	Beatherder
	Peter Harrison	Beatherder (FGH Security)

	ACTION
<p>APOLOGIES</p> <p>Apologies were received from Diane Rice, Bruce Bensley (LCC) and Lancs Streetworks</p> <p>MINUTES</p> <p>Minutes of the meeting held on 26 July 2018 were approved as a correct record.</p> <p>ITEM FROM PAUL GUINAN</p> <p>Paul reported upon an event in Blackburn that he had been involved in during the summer that he thought would be of interest to the meeting. Youtube footage of the event was viewed. Concern had been expressed with regard to the unsuitability of the building used for the event, excessive numbers attending and the disregard for any advice or authority. The Fire Authority had served a prohibition notice for the event that was ignored. Agencies were advised to be aware of any future events of this nature.</p> <p>AOB</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Beats Cancer – more information was required before this event could be considered properly • Remembrance Sunday parades – the Police are meeting on 26 September to discuss their support <p>DEBRIEF – ROYAL LANCS SHOW (11.30am)</p> <p>Representatives attended the meeting. The organisers felt the event had gone ok but not as well as the previous year. More promotion was needed. However, a profit had been made and the Show was solvent again. Nothing had gone wrong on any day and lessons were still being learned. Numbers were down on what had been anticipated without really knowing the reason.</p> <p>CM advised that they would be better applying for a full licence in future rather than trying to cover it by TENS.</p>	

<p>ST asked that the medical plans be more structured next year. He had worked well with Charley's Angels.</p> <p>GM had no issues. He advised that numbers of traffic police be reassessed next year as he felt they may not need to pay for so many. The event ran smoothly.</p> <p>An issue from LCC regarding a sign obstructing a sight line had been dealt with quickly once notified.</p> <p>JW asked that improved signage and hand wash facilities be more prominent in certain areas where there were animals and food vendors. Vehicle movements should also be restricted on site whilst the show was still in operation. Some exhibitors had packed up and were leaving the site on the Sunday through people walking about which was extremely dangerous. The organisers worked well with the Council and responded immediately to any issues raised. It was recognised that the show will grow agriculturally – there had been good support locally from the farmers.</p> <p>Dates for next year – 19 – 21 July 2019.</p> <p>Royal Lancs left the meeting at 11.50am.</p> <p>DEBRIEF – BEATHERDER (1.00pm)</p> <p>The Police had decided to carry out a 'tactical operations' debrief on the Beatherder event this year. This was led by Tony Cornwell (Lancs Police).</p> <p>See separate notes.</p> <p>Meeting closed at 2.25pm</p> <p>DATE OF NEXT MEETING</p> <p>The next meeting of the RVSAG will be held on <u>Tuesday 5 March @ 2.00pm in the Council Chamber, Clitheroe.</u></p> <p>Should any representative, or substitute, not be able to attend, please contact me prior to the meeting.</p>	

	<h2>STRUCTURED DEBRIEF REPORT</h2>
Debrief commissioned by:	Ch. Superintendent Proctor
Event:	Beatherder Festival
Date of Event:	5th January 2017- November 2017
Date of Debrief:	18 th September 2018
Debrief Location:	Ribble Valley Town Hall
Debrief Team:	PS 1907 Cornwell PC 4270 Ian Byrne
Debrief Participants:	Lancashire Constabulary, NWAS, NHS, RVBC, Beatherders Events, LFRS,
<p>Debrief Summary: All persons were informed of the ethics of the debrief process. All were given a number for ease of cross referencing comments</p> <p>Intro / back ground The debrief was commissioned around the review of Beatherders Festival which is now into its 13th Year. The purpose was to identify lessons learned and best practise to inform commanders and planning teams for the future running of this operation and potentially other large music Festivals within the Lancashire area. Operation Order is compiled in response to the event, the constabulary's policing plan for the organised event.</p> <p>The report focuses on areas for improvement and perceptions of what went well: It concludes with a series of recommendations to assist the Police Service, to improve the planning and management of both this and similar future operations. The report does not include or comment upon matters identified in other debriefs or post-incident reports. It does not identify individuals involved in the debrief.</p>	

ITEM	COMMENTS	SPEAKER REF
AREAS FOR IMPROVEMENT		
Elements of planning the event		
Issues with draft submissions of paperwork	Safety plans submitted by the event's organisers were submitted late to the Ribble Valley Borough Council. All paperwork should have been submitted to appropriate RVBC department three months prior to commencement of events. Issues with having to do on site planning at commencement of event, specifically in relation to swimming pool that was erected on site. Possible breach of Health and safety legislation.	9, 20,1
Speed limits surrounding the event	Temporary reduced speed limits were implemented in the locality of the event, high levels of traffic in the immediate vicinity. Issues arose of speeding motorist on the main road, temporary limits not being abided too. Enforcement vehicle was subsequently deployed post events.	7
Impromptu helicopter rides occurring	Event organisers had failed to inform RVBC of the helicopter rides that were taking place at the event. The helicopter was landing with the perimeter of the of the event site, commencing al weekend starting at 10am. Issues concerning noise and potential safety risk in the event of major incident occurring.	10

Event security lack contingency planning	New security company enlisted to manage the event site. Apparent lack of planning documentation and contingency plans in the event of major incident. This would severe issues between the RVBC and Police in the event of such incidents	9
Health and safety, animal excrement in field of event	RVBC identified animal excrement in the field in which event was held should have 3 week exclusion zone of any animals before contact with members of the public.	9
Event logistics & security issues		
Unauthorised entries	Individuals passing tickets through the barrier fencing to those waiting on the exterior of the fencing. Unauthorised entries, increased numbers to the event, extra strain on resources, potential overcrowding issue.	19
Breaches of the security fencing	Persons whom had been ejected from the event due to troublesome behaviour were able to re-access the site by climbing the perimeter fencing and gaining access into the event itself. The appeared to be a persistent issue throughout the weekend.	11/19
Location and size of events	Issues arose around the location of the event, due to the close proximity with the A59. Large volumes of traffic regarding the access and egress form the event. Issues appear to have arisen regarding persons walking beside the A59 to the events, compiled with heavy vehicular traffic.	7

Operational Policing matters		
Pro-active approach	Patrons attending the event were pleased to see a large police presence and engagement with members of the public but appeared to be a lack of understanding of whether the event was being addressed as policing event or a public safety event. Members of the public possibly expected to see a more proactive approach to tackle the recurring theme of drug dealing taking place within the event itself.	14
Drugs supply	Apparent issues with several groups dealing drugs with impunity. Alleged blatant drug dealing taking place, evidence of organised crime syndicates dealing drugs to patrons at the event	16
Investigations	Lack of capacity to deal with crimes at the scene and no contingencies in place in terms of investigative hubs. Extra demand placed on response policing resources.	7

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Areas of Success		
Planning of event		
Safety advisory group and pre-event meetings	Good progress made at all meeting in terms of planning and progress made by all those involved at an early stage	4
Police briefings	Experienced staff attached to the operation, knew their role, well briefed and understood what was expected of them and required standards	7
Multi agency briefings	Well practised briefings took place daily, staff aware of their responsibilities and interagency co-operation	14,3
Security		
Communication	Good communication and working relationship between the event security and police officers at the event.	14
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Safeguarding		
Medical provisions	Excellent measures implemented by NHS/NWAS with highly skilled medical staff present at the event. Able to address all issues that were presented	6

Child protection	Superb child protection procedures in place. Good balanced, informed and proper decisions made by all agencies, event staff and other professionals	6
Identified vulnerable persons / under age/ intoxicated	Ejection of vulnerable individuals and taken home. Sterile environment, referrals from other agencies, sufficient staff and other professionals present to wait with an escort vulnerable persons from site to waiting parents or arranged lift homes.	21
Interaction between all agencies	Great interagency co-operation and communication by all.	21
No.	RECOMMENDATIONS	OWNER
1	Single communication control room, housing all agencies present, one single radio channel	All agencies
2	Better ID checks at entrance to the event to reduce safeguarding matters and place less strain on resources. Prevent underage admissions	Security
3	Better design of wrist band to prevent multiple use and removal to pass amongst large groups gaining entry	Beatherder events
4	Better perimeter fencing prevent unauthorised admissions, proactive measure surrounding large amounts of people beside the A59 bypass	Security, Police, Licensing
5	Proactive policing operation around organised crime in particular drugs. Two distinct operations to be run, public safety event and proactive preventative policing.	Police
6	Better organisation around planning documentation and unnecessary late submissions	RVBC / Beatherders staff
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TUESDAY 5 MARCH 2019 @ 2.00pm

<p><u>PRESENT:</u> Adrian Harper (Chair)</p> <p> Julie Whitwell</p> <p> Catherine Moore</p> <p> Daniel Sutcliffe</p> <p> Paul Guinan</p> <p> Bruce Bensley</p>	<p>RVBC</p> <p>RVBC</p> <p>RVBC</p> <p>RVBC</p> <p>Fire & Rescue</p> <p>LCC Highways</p>
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<p>APOLOGIES</p> <p>Apologies were received from Diane Rice (RVBC) The Chair was disappointed with the attendance at the meeting with no submission of apologies.</p> <p>MINUTES</p> <p>The minutes of the debrief session held on 18 September 2018 were circulated.</p> <p>EVENT CALENDAR – PAST, PRESENT & FUTURE</p> <p>There are several cycle races that do not use either a TPCA or TTRO. LCC are happy with this approach as they are moving with the traffic and use ‘foot down at junctions’ procedure.</p> <p>Beatherder had been in touch to see when they would be called to a Safety Advisory Group meeting – one would be arranged for late April 2019. Catherine reported that they were currently considering whether to vary their licence to include the Thursday as well.</p> <p>REQUESTED TPCA's</p> <p>Several TPCA's have been requested. All have happened in previous years with the same closure requests. Bruce would look at them and confirm his approval or otherwise.</p> <p>ANY OTHER BUSINESS</p> <p>None</p> <p>DATE OF NEXT MEETING</p> <p>The next meeting of the RVSAG will be on <u>TUESDAY 30 APRIL 2019 at 2pm</u> in the Level D meeting room in the Council Offices</p> <p>Should any representative, or substitute, not be able to attend, please contact me prior to the meeting.</p> <p>The meeting closed at 2.20pm.</p>	<p></p> <p></p> <p></p> <p></p> <p>OH</p> <p>BB / GM</p> <p></p> <p></p> <p></p> <p></p> <p></p> <p></p> <p></p>