**Manchester Water Safety Partnership**

**Minutes of the meeting held on 13th October 2021 at 9.30 am**

Venue: Virtual (via Microsoft Teams)

Present: David Wilson **(Chair)** (DW) GMFRS

Gareth Worthington (GW) – Cityco

Adrian Hopkins (AH) MCC

Adrian Brocklehurst (AB) MCC

Fraser Swift (FS) MCC

Peter Parkinson (PP) Bridgewater Canal Company/Peel L&P

Helen Hall (HH) Canal & River Trust

Justin Mundin (JM) MCC

Marie Shields (MS) Salford City Council

Tony Mitchell (TM) MCC

Anthony Jones (AJ) RNLI

Sean O’Connor GMP

Olley Gareth Richard NW Underwater Search & Marine Unit

Gianluca Pau (GMFRS) – Minute taker

Apologies: Alex King (AK) Cityco

Rosalyn Hopkins (RH) – GMFRS

Jeanette Staley

Chris Hill

1. **Welcome & Introductions**

Welcome and introductions were made.

1. **Confirmation of previous minutes prior to publishing on website**

Previous minutes and actions a few actions to pick up.

MS and DW to pick up talk about suicide.

Fraser draft wording pavement licensing carry over to next meeting.

1. **Review of Water Incidents.**

1x incident end 31/07/2021 – swimming in a canal on New Union Street.

**Action: DW to pick up better communication between GMP and GMFRS.**

1x incident border between Manchester and Salford River Irwell jumped in the river on purpose, possibly due to mental health issues. Person went to A&E for check-up, it is believed that this was the second time this person jumped in.

**Action: DW and MS to pick up with suicide prevention.**

1x incident on boat sank in the Lock 92 Castle Street, rescue made from roof of boat. Canal and River Trust also attended.

1x incident adult male drowned in Rochdale canal the 29th of August. Circumstances of this incident, which occurred next to a publicly accessible throwline, were discussed by the group.

**Action: Mental health issues and how to prevent drownings (Marie)**

**Action: DW as a group we should look at the lighting around the area and we are in consultation with Savilles to ensure boards advise public to call 999 rather than their own call centre for access code.**

**Action: Emergency call centres, mobilisation protocol DW to speak with NW ambulance**

1. **Review of Actions and Progress against RoSPA recommendations.**

* Action 1 – completed
* Action 2 – terms of reference - Sign the terms of reference and sent them back DW before next meeting
* Action 3 – In progress **(Action: AB to speak with MCC)**
* Action 4 – Complete
* Action 5 – Progress to be made
* Action 6 – Progress to be made
* Action 7 – Progress made
* Action 8 – Complete
* Action 9 – Progress to be made
* Action 10 – Progress to be made
* Action 11 – Progress to be made

**Action: FS to draft wording for the Partnership to agree and to then be included with Pavement Licences.**

Although progress is to be made on many recommendations this is because most will continue to be a workstream to continually advance water safety in the city centre.

1. Annual Report to Community Safety Partnership – Justin Mundin

The additional comments Provided were incorporated into the report. The draft went to the CSP ward on the 1st of September, the report just provides a background on the Manchester Water Safety Partnership.  
There wasn't any feedback from the CSP board other than to thank this group for the for your support and input, which it recognised as performing highly.

1. **Upcoming events and MWSP Comms strategy for them.**

**Winter Plans**

**Don’t drink and Drown Week: 6th-12th December**

A schedule of events for the week is being worked on with the MWSP members but will include:

* A launch event
* Training events for bar staff
* Student/young person engagement Wednesday 8 Dec night Deansgate locks
* Engagement in The Village
* University area (Student unions)
* Salford University
* AH. If the libraries are going to be accessed by students more than the SUV, it may be the library staff were asked to do that and put the things that response there.

**Engagement with students**

* DW mentioned submitting a further bid from the Student Safety Group to fund social media campaigns - targeting 18/25 yr olds city centre and University areas
* Adrian Hopkins suggested also looking at the students safe Zone app?

DW gave some feedback on the previous paid Social media engagement in July which had very good results. Fonemedia stated the complete video completion rate was outstanding, indicating the relevance of the campaign. The only learning point may have been to put the MWSP logo in the media somewhere.

David J. Walker:

To push the Respect the Water campaign to the next level of the next couple of years. Between now and Christmas is commissioning an agency to develop a five year strategic plan and develop a plan with just commissioning that so we'll come back to you in terms of partners and so forth. One of the things that we are committed to from the fund is this year is to do a alcohol related element, so there is some money this year for an alcohol related element. I don't think we're going to be ready for December, but we are talking with their leader director Ross.

1. **North-West Police Underwater Search and Marine Unit presentation – Gareth Olley**

Olley Gareth Richard is from the Northwest police underwater search unit, which is a unit set up a meeting with the six NW police forces of Wales, North Wales, Cheshire, Greater Manchester, Merseyside, Lancashire and Cumbria and we provide a underwater search, dive and marine capability for those six forces.

Predominantly deal with missing person searches and crime searches.

and cover all inland waters, swamps, bogs, drains and up to 12 miles offshore. In addition to that do engagement and defensive searches and marine patrols.

this year trying to push to get involved with preventative water safety. *OGR* sat on the Merseyside Water Safety Forum since it's inception a couple of years ago.

This year, during the summer had a particular bad week across the region and beyond. It was actually a national issue. In seven days - seven recoveries of swimmers, who all who had entered the water intentionally. Out of those seven. It was found that more than 50% of those were from black and ethnic minority groups, so got in touch with an organization called the Black Swimming Association.

Merseyside have agreed for them to come and talked to them. If it's in agreement with the partnership for them to come down or get involved in in a zoom meeting. What teams meeting whatever it is to give a presentation.

**Action: DW, community safety perspective - Manchester**

1. **Vice-Chair Nominations**

**Sean O' Connor GMP – voted Vice Chair**

**AOB:**

* **PSA, Anthony to provide an update at the next meeting**
* **Stencil floor paint**
* **Fraser to give an update on the**

Date of next meetings

* 12th January 2022
* 13th April 2022
* 6th July 2022