



Sevenoaks District Community Safety Partnership Meeting

Minutes of the meeting held on 11 June 2010

Present:	Robin Hales	Sevenoaks District Council	(Chair)
	Kristen Paterson	Sevenoaks District Council	
	Chief Insp Adrian Futers	West Kent Police	
	Lesley Bowles	Sevenoaks District Council	
	Deborah White	West Kent Housing Association	
	Andy Birkin	KCC Youth Offending Service	
	Kelly Webb	Sevenoaks District Council	
	Nick Silvester	Kent Fire & Rescue Service	
	Lesleigh Bounds (LBO)	KDAAT	
	Tracey Kadir	Probation	
	Paul Shallcross	LSCP Manager Swanley	
	Carol Healey	LCSP Manager Sevenoaks	
	William Campbell-Wroe	West Kent Extra	

Apologies for absence

Fiona Watkins, VAWK; Jenny Wilders, VAWK; Angela Painter, Kenward Trust; Malcolm Appleby, KCC Highways; Jo Ridley, Moat Housing; Linda Prickett, NHS PCT

Action

1. Minutes of the last meeting & matters arising

The minutes of the last meeting were agreed; all actions had been taken forward by the Executive Group.

2. Partnership check-in: recent successes in the District

NS said that there had been 17 referrals to the young people's fire setter's course in May. These had come through schools within the District. The course is run by fire counsellors who work with young people and their parents either within the home or at school. The course can last from one visit to several months depending on individual needs.

NS said that the Community Plan Launch was a good success and KFRS received 53 referrals for home safety visits.

TK said that Probation are working with the Fire Service and carrying out home visits for single males who leave prison.

AF said that Op Restore was a good success. The week long activities, which highlighted ASB and environmental crime, commenced on 17 May. Activities included 3 days of fly tipping removals in repeat locations, multi-agency road checks, Environmental Visual Audit, Safe Plate day and restoration project carried out by Probation. The week could not have happened without Partners' involvement.

OP Talisman has also been a success, this was an operation to target ASB in Swanley town centre, concentrating outside ASDA. AF is meeting with ASDA to look at whether a police office could be based in the store.

AF said that Insp Slade has been on secondment with HMIC to look at how other forces deal with ASB and the confidence measure that the Partnership is currently struggling with.

DW said that a litter pick took place in White Oak ward with the new residents group, SWAG (Swanley White Oak Action Group).

AB said that there would be a follow up meeting in July to the reparation meeting held in March to discuss projects for young people in the community. YOS would like to do specific projects that would benefit both the community and young people. This work will commence in October 2010. AB said that Marilyn Howell, Supervisor for KCC Community Wardens has agreed that Wardens are able to supervise the projects and this will be co-ordinated through the CSU.

PS reported on the re-organisation within KCC. This has been delayed for 2 weeks for more consultation. The northern parishes which include New Ash Green will now be part of the Sevenoaks District Local Children's Partnership Board.. The Swanley Children's Centre is now open.

PS said that 70+ parents of children from Swanley Schools attended a theatre performance of young people playing instruments.

CH said that the CAF (Common Assessment Framework) now have a Single Point of Access for referrals of children. There will be regular meetings and fellow partners might be invited to attend.

CH said that the annual NFER survey for young people has been finalised and 40,000 young people took part in the survey. 26 schools from the District took part. There were good reports of young people feeling safe and bullying being addressed. CH to send the report to KW to e-mail report out with the minutes.

CH/KW

WCW said that the Boomerang project is reaching its first anniversary and over 5,000 hours have been donated. 90% have been donated by offenders. Swanley's Got Talent was held and approx 25 acts took part with over 200 people attending.

LBO said that KDAAT are running two pilot drug schemes in Swale and Gravesend and are looking at drug misuse in BME groups (Gravesend) and young people out of school and family history of abuse (Swale). It is hoped these projects will roll out to other areas, one of which could be Sevenoaks. RH and KP said that they would welcome a pilot in the District. The pilot will run until July 2011 with a full evaluation being done throughout the pilot.

LBO said that NTA (National Treatment Agency) are changing their modules of care from a Tier System (1-4) to a beginning to end care with one worker for each user and that it would be a 26 week course only. This also means that users would only be prescribed methadone for that amount of time and this could have a serious affect for users who rely on their daily treatment. This will come into effect from 2012.

PS asked if there are concerns. LBO highlighted that there are concerns from users that this treatment could not be effective and that there would not be a high take up. The other concern is the risk of offenders coming out of prison and, on completion of the course, feeding their habit through crime. The other highlighted concern is funding and whether KDAAT will still be funded to carrying on the work that the NTA have outlined as funding for 2011 has not been ring-fenced for drug treatment.

LB said that the Community Plan Launch held at Wildernesse School on Wednesday 2 July was a great success, with almost 1,000 residents attending, many of whom were families with young children. There were lots of fun things for families to do such as the roller rink, human size football table, smoothie bike and races as well as inter-active stalls, reflecting all the themes of the Community Plan. LB said that lots of partners attended which linked to the community plan and residents were able to pick up advice on debt, fire safety and healthy living.

3. Crime Statistics and Monitoring

3.1 Crime Statistics & Exceptions Report – CI Adrian Futers

AF summarised the crime statistics for the Partnership. AF said that the previous year, although we had a good overall reduction of 10%, this was not a true reflection of the current statistics. It showed that Burglary has increased, but up-to-date data compared with the same period last year showed that Burglary had reduced. The reduction was mainly due to a group of young males from Essex being arrested and having their network disrupted.

AF reported on the current statistics.

April to date (June 2010 compared with April to June 2009)

All crime had reduced by 6.2% (62 crimes)
Burglary had reduced by 28.4% (25 crimes)
BOTD had reduced by 28.6% (28 crimes)
Violent crime had reduced by 16% (26 crimes)
Criminal Damage had reduced by 9% (18 crimes)

Drug offences had seen an increase of 48% (13 crimes) but this is due to the pro-active work of the Police such as catching dealers and arresting offenders who are possession of drugs.

AF said that ASB was subdivided into 4 categories Vehicles, Rowdy Groups, Harassment and Noise Nuisance. There had been an increase of 16% (45 incidents). The main areas are Sevenoaks Town, Ash and West Kingsdown. There is no specific pattern and the CSU is looking at weaknesses and causes and also addressing repeat victims and a quicker response to victims of ASB.

AF said that there is a new police role within the CSU that will commence in July and their role is to look at ASB and Confidence from the police side and work with the ASB Officer to help co-ordinate a targeted response.

LB said that the Exceptions Report was now showing a rolling year rather than comparison, so it was difficult to have a true picture of crime and the confidence measure compared to the same period in the previous year. LB will take this forward at a county level to see why this has now changed.

LB

3.2 Monitoring Report Year 2 Qtr 4 2008-2011 Strategy & Action Plan

KW introduced the monitoring report. This showed the status of actions and outcomes. Many of the outcomes are linked to National Indicators.

Outcomes – there are 20 outcomes: 75% (15) green, 20% (4) amber and 5% (1) missing information

Actions – there are 64 actions: 96% (62) green, 2% (2) amber and 2% (2) information missing

Probation's missing information was due to the fact that the data cannot be supplied until April 2010 and will therefore start in Year 3 Qtr 1 monitoring.

The group concentrated on the amber. KW explained that for Vehicle Crime and Burglary although there had been reductions, Sevenoaks was not in the lowest half of the county and this is the target. AF said that there is no trend and that the Police are working hard with their bordering neighbours to

address these two acquisitive crimes.

The Outcome for N139 alcohol harm admission rates in hospital is now amber due to the indicator now including diseases. LB said that this was becoming more of a health target rather than a community safety target. RH asked that the Executive Group look at this target, to see if it could be changed to a community safety target.

KW

LBO said that Sevenoaks is hitting its targets for drug users/treatments with 24 new treatment journeys and 45 adults referred which exceeds the 89% target.

The last amber is 3.4 which address new members to the Shopsafe Scheme. KW explained that due to the economic situation this has not been achievable as businesses have been closing down and shops discontinuing their membership rather than new shops enrolling.

RH asked that AF speak to the co-ordinator, so that there is co-ordinated work across the District rather than just Sevenoaks Town, where the scheme works really well.

AF said that he and LB are meeting with the new Chair of the business group and discuss how to take things forward with a clear line management and possible move into the CSU. The target will be discussed at the Executive Group.

KP said that there are a lot of green actions but outcomes are amber. KP asked that the Executive Group address this and report back at the next meeting.

KW

3.3 CSU Quarterly report – Kelly Webb

KW gave an overview of the report and pointed out some of the highlights including the new joint counter, visits by other CSPs for best practice and 273 safer plate screws fitted. From January – March 2010, 241 tasks had been received and 228 outcomes were fed back to the community, 13 reports had not wanted feedback. The report also looked at ASB incidents and graffiti reports.

4. Strategic Issues

4.1 PACT Review – CI Adrian Futers

AF reported that the Central Neighbourhood Policing Team, based at Headquarters was looking into PACTs, where communities had no need for them or there are no outcomes, but also to look at where they have been successful and to keep them rolling. AF said that the name will be changed to Neighbourhood Panels, but Sevenoaks will make the change gradually. Initially the name would change to neighbourhood PACTs.

AF said that PACT surgeries had not been successful. Instead a local PC or PCSO will visit the community in places they already attend to hear their community concerns and then work with Partners to address these.

AB said that PACT meetings could be quite passive with little input from the public. AF said that more information about local concerns should be fed into PACT meetings, as well as the community meetings raising their own issues. LB said that PACT works differently in the District as we hold initial workshops with the communities to address their concerns and encourage local people to get involved in solutions.

RH said that the new Government agenda of increase participation by local communities, could mean that PACTs take on a wider role.

4.2 Ward Newsletter - CI Adrian Futers

AF said that the fourth newsletter will be sent out next week (14 June). These ward letters would be more impactive and give residents more information on what has been happening in their area and about convictions. They will not be delivered to every household but to hot spot areas and community locations. AF said there will be another newsletter in 3 months time.

4.3 Annual Report - Lesley Bowles

.LB said that the annual report is in its draft stage at the present time and asked that Partners e-mail KW with any success stories from the previous financial year.

All

5. Partnership Funding

5.2 Update: External Funding 2010/11– Kelly Webb

KW said that letters have been sent out confirming the Partnership's agreed funding allocations. KW said that there had been a 50% funding cut in capital funding. It was not known at this stage whether there would be in year cuts.

5.3 Update: BCU Police Funding 2010/11 – CI Adrian Futers

AF said that the force had received a cut of £7.8million for this financial year and have now been informed that there will be a further reduction of £2.7million. The Police are looking at where these reductions will be made.

5.4 Update: Kent Fire & Rescue Service Funding 2010/11 – Nick Silvester

NS said that KFRS funding seems to be OK at the present time and the contribution to the community chest is unchanged.

RH reiterated the concern over future funding in the public sector. More will be known after the emergency budget on 22 June.

6. **Brief Updates & items to Note**

6.1 Tunbridge Wells Intergenerational Project – Andy Birkin

AB said that this project had been funded by a pot of money from Tunbridge Wells BC through the innovation scheme. The project involves KCC Wardens working with young people who visit older people at a lunch or social club. AB said that he would be happy to meet with KW to discuss roll out in Sevenoaks. LB suggested that Hextable or Dunton Green would be a good venue. AB also suggested New Ash Green. KW and AB will take this forward.

KW/AB

6.2 Local Children’s Services Partnership – Paul Shallcross/Carol Healy

PS updated Partners on the current re-structure and will inform Partners of the outcome when it is known. PS said that the Think Family project in Swanley has been successful.

CH said there will be a review in October of the Children’s Centres within each phase. Spring House has been undertaking outreach work. There will also be a Children’s Centre at Dunton Green primary school.

6.2 Young People’s Action Plan (YPAP) – Lesley Bowles

LB said that Every Child Matters actions relating to all the Community Safety within the YPAP are on target, with the exception of better support for bullying which is amber. This is because the accreditation is not yet in place. Internet safety for parents and children is also on target.

6.3 Domestic Abuse Task Group & Training – Kelly Webb

KW said that the task group is progressing well and that the action plan is 75% on target. Five training sessions were held for front line staff and workers who had Domestic Abuse as part of their role. There were around 30 people at each session. The sessions were:-

Dealing with Domestic Abuse
Partnership Working and Taking Action
Substance Misuse and Domestic Abuse
Young People the effects of Domestic Abuse
Abuse in LGBT (Lesbian, Gay, Bi-Sexual & Trans Gender) relationships

A MARAC (Multi-Agency Risk Assessment Conference) training session was also given to workers in Domestic Abuse. KW said that the MARAC has been in place over a year and is working well. It is regularly monitored by CAADA (Co-ordinated Action Against Domestic Abuse) who implemented the MARAC scheme.

6.5 Substance Misuse Task Group – Kelly Webb

KW said that this group has now been merged with the Night Time Economy Group as it covers both areas. The Substance Misuse Task Group has an action plan which is 85% on target and monitored on a quarterly basis. Both groups have been looking at the World Cup to address any issues including Domestic Abuse.

7. Any Other Business

AB said that a Children’s Home in Swanley had been reprimanded by Sevenoaks Magistrates Court for wasting time as they continually press charges against young people in their homes instead of dealing with the issues internally. Young people are already at a disadvantage being in a care home and this does not help to resolve matters. AB is hoping that restorative justice will work within the care homes.

LB said that the SDC Policy Team had been looking at the Coalition agenda. Changes relating to Community Safety could include:-

- Local referendums
- More regulation on CCTV
- More licencing powers to shut a bar/shop
- Charge licensees’ fees for late night licenses for police patrols
- Neighbourhood Panels
- Locally elected police commissioners

LBO asked about a training course regarding self harming especially for 12-14 years old. KW will talk to Hayley Baldock, SDC Manager for Health and pass on any information.

KW

RH asked that the Executive Group produce a small report on Central Government’s plans for Community Safety and report back at September’s meeting.

KW

8. Date of future meetings

Monday 6 Sept	10am -12pm
Thursday 9 Dec	10am -12pm