



Sevenoaks District Community Safety Partnership Meeting

Minutes of the meeting held on 8 June 2009

Present:	Robin Hales	Sevenoaks District Council (Chair)
	Kristen Paterson	Sevenoaks District Council
	Chief Supt Mark Salisbury	West Kent Police
	Chief Insp David Cooper	West Kent Police
	Paul Shallcross	KCC Children, Families and Education
	Carol Healy	KCC Children, Families and Education
	Pat Meyer	Magistrates
	Merle Bigden	Sevenoaks District Council
	Lesley Bowles	Sevenoaks District Council
	Deborah White	West Kent Housing Association
	Will Campbell-Wroe	West Kent Extra
	Jayne Wilders	Voluntary Action West Kent
	Catherine Riley	Youth Offending Service
	Rick Mullender	Sevenoaks & District Business Crime Reduction Partnership
	Linda Prickett	NHS West Kent
	Carolyn Michel	Kent Partnership
	Tracey Kadir	Kent Probation Service
	Malcolm Appleby	Kent Highways
	Kelly Webb	Sevenoaks District Council

Apologies for absence

Angela Painter, Kenward Trust

Action

1. Minutes of the last meeting & matters arising

LB informed the group that the University of Kent will be completing the Kent Community Alcohol Partnership (KCAP) Evaluation in the Autumn.

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

MS introduced CI David Cooper to the Partnership. Dave is replacing Gill Ellis as of 8 June 09. He was welcomed by the Partnership.

DW said that WKHA had received the first Charter Mark in the South East, which is the Government's new standard for Customer Service Excellence.

WCW said that WK Extra had rolled out the No Bother project in Edenbridge. It had been received really well and they have been working with the Glen Parva Young Offenders Prison in Leicester. WCW also said that through Time Bank they have employed a Recruit Co-ordinator and this will link into the work at Rochester Young Offenders Prison which promotes volunteering.

CR said that Youth Offending Service (YOS) Service Review has taken place and an 18 month plan has been actioned and includes a West Kent module.

LP said that NI39, which is alcohol related hospital admissions has seen a reduction and a contributing factor to this is the alcohol clinics that were set up in 2007/08. There has been a 3% reduction on the agreed trajectory.

CM said that the KA2 brochure was available for Partners.

PS said that VAWK have a new worker who works with young people in secondary schools to give advice to younger children about substance misuse, careers and well being.

KW said that two successful EVA's had taken place at the Déjà Vue site in Swanley and Eynsford High Street and action plans agreed.

3. Crime Statistics and Monitoring

3.1 Crime Statistics & Strategic review – CI David Cooper

DC introduced the statistics from April-March 2008/9 and was pleased with the overall result of 7% reduction totalling 449 less crimes.

DC said that individuals have been targeted on some specific crimes such as vehicle crime in Ash.

MS said that since 2006 there have been over 2000 less victims of crime and this should be publicised. MS said that cross border crime has been an historic problem for the District which would continue to be targeted.

RH noted that the place Survey's draft outcomes report indicates that the gap between perception of crime, and actual crime has narrowed to a more realistic level.

LB said that the Tasking & Co-ordination Group (T&CG) focuses on current issues and are currently targeting vehicle crime and burglary dwelling.

LP asked about the increase in drug offences; but DC explained that this was due to the effectiveness of Police Operations and arrests rather than a higher number of drug users.

3.2 Monitoring Report Year 1 Qtr 3 2008-2011 Strategy & Action Plan - Kelly Webb

KW introduced the monitoring report, saying that this was the end of the first year of the 2008-11 action plan. The monitoring showed the status of actions and outcomes. The outcomes are linked to the National Indicators.

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

Actions – there are 64 actions: 98% (63) green and 2% (1) red.

The Partnership considered action regarding the amber and red and agreed to follow up on the missing information.

1.2 There was a reduction on Vehicle crime compared to last year. However, it is still in the highest top half of the County figures. This specific crime type is being addressed through the T&CG Task Group.

1.3 There was a reduction on Burglary Dwelling compared to last year. However, it is still in the highest top half of the County figures. This specific crime type is being addressed through the T&CG Task Group.

1.4a Graffiti tags are still being recorded but not through the Police database, due to the officer being tasked to other duties. RH asked that the Exec Group look at an alternative action to meet delivery of this action

KW

1.8 No information on Support the Rehabilitation and Resettlement of Offenders. TK will take this forward.

TK

3.4a Economic conditions have hindered this target. However, it was hoped to extend the geographical coverage of the shopsafe scheme which may increase membership.

4. Strategic Issues

4.1 Prevent Strategy – Chief Insp David Cooper

DC went through the prevent action plan with Partners. All actions were green and all sub elements were work in progress. DC said that the monitoring of the prevent strategy will be quite complex but, he will be working with Supt Tony Thomas to address this.

LB said that there will be an e-learning on-line package for front line workers.

PS asked about feedback to the community. DC said that there will be guidance from the Home Office shortly which will be available for residents.

RH said that we have to roll the strategy out effectively and with understanding as there is a fine line between prevent and alarm.

4.2 EVA – New Ash Green Shopping Centre – Merle Bigden

MB said that the actions from the EVA have not been undertaken to by the landowners, apart from the Co-op. This has been followed up on numerous occasions. All possible avenues of enforcement, including via the Kent Fire & Rescue Service (KFRS) are being pursued

However, the community are dissatisfied with the fact that so many actions still have not been addressed. SDC are continuing to press for action.

4.3 Project Argyle – Community Safety Unit (CSU) – Merle Bigden

MB outlined the Partnerships benefits of the proposed CSU at SDC Argyle Road offices and reported that this was progressing well. Phase 1 with Police colleagues ready to move to the offices was likely early August.

Phase 2, Sevenoaks Police Station co-locating as a longer term ambition.

MB said that there has been confirmed funding from Kent Police to help change the lay out and install their technical equipment. These works should be completed by August.

The Unit will also include Licensing, Environmental Health and the Contact Centre.

MS said that possibly in the future Police and Council will share the front counter at Argyle Road. MS said that the Police have the lease at Epicurus House until 2012. MS said that if anyone wants to let the offices please let him know as this would enable an earlier move, providing community and partner benefits.

4.4 Probation Service Boundary Change – Tracey Kaidr

TK said that the boundary change has happened and that the northern parishes will now come over to the West Kent Office based at Maidstone. This will be a slow process to make sure all current projects have a smooth takeover.

TK said that the Magistrates will be recording data on offending rates and this will link into the quarterly monitoring of the action plan.

4.5 ASB Initiative & request for funding – Cl David Cooper

DC said that this was a new police awareness raising initiative to measure public confidence and address National Indicator 21. Kent Police have asked for £10k from Partnerships across the county, but it was recognised that all funds had been allocated. The contribution will therefore be coming from each Police Basic Command Unit (BCU).

RH said that he had expressed concerns that the Partnership logo was not included as it was important to recognise the contribution of all Partners and has asked that it is next time.

DC said that there was an issue regarding delivery of the first newsletter to every household. Some PCSO's are delivering to target areas but this did not cover the whole District. KP said that Direct Services deliver refuse sacks and they maybe able to deliver the ward letters. KP will look into this.

KP

4.6 Annual Report – Lesley Bowles

LB circulated the Draft Annual Report and explained that it collated all the successes from the previous financial year and highlighted what the Partnership had achieved. LB asked that the group get back to KW by 17 June on any amendments/additions.

All

4.7 Away Day - Workshop 3 Action Plan – Lesley Bowles

LB went through the actions of the Action Plan for Partnership approval. RH said that the actions had been progressed by the Executive Group and thanked them for their work. The Partnership approved the action plan.

4.8 Furness School Anti – Bullying DVD

The DVD was played to the group who all thought it was really good. PS gave some background on the DVD and the teacher and students involved in making the DVD.

MS praised its excellence and said that the DVD should go for a national award. PS will look into this.

PS

LB said that the Partnership have funded more DVD's to be made to be sent to all the schools within the District to address bullying.

5. Partnership Funding

5.1 SSCF Funding Review– Lesley Bowles

LB said that the Partnership funding for 2010/11 is currently under review and the formulas are being considered by the Kent Delivery Group.

CM said that 3 options went forward, but further consultations are to take place. CM will be doing a re-draft and sending it back out to Partners to collate more options.

CM

CM said that one of the options discussed was to have a base rate for CSP's and the rest in the central pot. The Partnership were unanimous in agreement that this would not be the best strategy. KP said that pockets of deprivation could be ignored in the District and there could be a lack of recognition of good practice work that needs to carry on to achieve results across the District.

MB said that it would be wasteful of staff resources putting together bids, competing with others and diverting attention away from delivery.

The Partnership agreed the following option

30% based on population

40% divided equally

30% improvement of crime in areas

LB will take this forward. CM was thanked for the further consultation opportunity. She confirmed that the new formula will be introduced over a two year transition period.

LB

5.2 Update: External Funding 2009/10 – Kelly Webb

KW said the first quarter was on target and a claim will be sent on time before 31 July.

5.3 Update: BCU Police Funding 2009/10 – CI David Cooper

DC said that some of the funding will be going to the ASB Ward Newsletter, Web Mac programme and operations throughout the year.

5.4 Update: Kent Fire & Rescue Service Funding 2009/10 – Kelly Webb

KW said that KFRS are contributing £2k to Power project and £2.5k towards community projects.

5.5 Update: KPA Funding 2009/10 – Kelly Webb

KW said that the funding had been allocated to Power Project, CDAP, Capital Projects and Blantyre Project.

6. Brief Updates & items to Note

6.1 Local Children's Services Partnership – Paul Shallcross/Carol Healey

CH said that the Sevenoaks South Cluster had a productive Away Day to look at the action plan a year on. They will be addressing Emotional Wellbeing, Early Years, Vulnerable 13-19yrs, Preventative Health and Transisition.

CH also said that they will be linking in with local police on PHSE Citizenship.

6.2 Young People's Action Plan (YPAP) – Merle Bigden

MB said the new YPAP was launched on 24 April 2009, at Hextable School, which was very successful. Monitoring would take place at the half year and year end stages with outcomes reported back to the Partnership.

6.3 Domestic Abuse Task Group – Kelly Webb

Actions from the Domestic Abuse Conference have been added to the Domestic Abuse action plan, which is over 75% on target.

6.4 Priority & Prolific Offender (PPO's) – Catherine Riley

CR reported that from November 2008 there was now an Integrated Offender Unit, which looks at all strands of the PPO. CR said that training is being prepared for the CSP's.

CR said that PPO focuses on adults and DYO (Deter Young Offenders) is for young people.

7. Any Other Business

RH said that CI Gill Ellis wanted to attend the meeting to say goodbye, but unfortunately was stuck in traffic. RH wanted to pass on the thanks of the Partnership to Gill who was now moving on to Headquarters after 3 years as District Commander.

Gill had been a tremendous ambassador to the Partnership and had been involved in many positive initiatives.

RH said that he had recently attended the West Kent Partnership and watched a presentation by Peter Rollington, who runs West Kent Watch and his new initiative Web Mac, which looks at real time stories delivered via e-mail to partners, businesses and residents. KW will invite Peter to the next meeting, to make a presentation.

KW

8. Date of future meetings

Tuesday 8 September	10.00am – 12.00pm
Thursday 3 December	10.00am – 12.00pm

AWAY DAY – Thursday 12 November 2009