



Sevenoaks District Community Safety Partnership Meeting

Minutes of the meeting held on 8 September 2009

Present:	Robin Hales	Sevenoaks District Council	(Chair)
	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	
	Wendy McDekie	Voluntary Action West Kent	
	Linda Prickett	NHS West Kent	
	Carolyn Michel	Kent Partnership	
	Jo Norman	Kent Probation Service	
	Gemma	Kent Probation Service	
	Nick Silvester	Kent Fire & Rescue Service	
	Angela Painter	Kenward Trust	
	Malcolm Appleby	Kent Highways	
	Kelly Webb	Sevenoaks District Council	
	Peter Rolington	West Kent Watch	

Apologies for absence

Kristen Paterson, SDC; Lesleigh Bounds, KDAAT; Jenny Wilders, VAWK

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.

PS corrected minutes on page 2 under successes. It should have read VAWK worker was supporting key skills for young people in secondary schools, not give advice on substance misuse as minuted.

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

CH said that work had been co-ordinated via SDC for Probation Community Payback Scheme to remove graffiti from Wildernesse School.

WCW said that over 2000 young people attended the 40 play days hosted by West Kent Extra over the school holidays.

PS said that the Transition Days had been a good success. PS praised staff at Hextable School for working together to get the school re-opened on 14 September after the fire which had damaged all the electrics on Sunday (6 Sept).

MB said that the Youth Zone Fun Days and also had over 2000 young people and 1000 parents attend events over the summer. MB said that consultation was also done with the parents regarding the new community plan which will commence in April 2010.

LB & DC said that the launch of the CSU on 3 Sept was very successful and the team that have been in place since 27 July and that there had been a smooth transfer. Daily taskings were working well.

KW said that the first of three Community Safety Days was well received in Swanley on 5 Sept. The second will be in Edenbridge on Saturday 12 September and final day on Wednesday 16 September in Sevenoaks. RH asked that an evaluation be done after the days.

KW

3. Crime Statistics and Monitoring

3.1 Crime Statistics & Strategic review – CI David Cooper

DC introduced the statistics from April-June 2009 and was pleased with the overall result of 15% reduction totalling 214 less crimes than the same period last year.

DC said that Burglary Dwelling is a top priority and has shown an increase this quarter. DC said that West Kent Police had targeted and arrested 6 teams of burglars and they are at present going through the court process. DC will update the Executive Group with the outcome.

DC

DC said that violence against the person (VAP) had also risen, but the police have had good results of arresting offenders within 24 hours. DC said that a high proportion is down to Domestic Abuse.

DC said that the Neighbourhood Tasking Team started on 1 September, which consists of 1 sergeant and 5 PC's, they are currently tasked to Swanley for the next couple of months.

MS said that in a 3 year period there have been over 3000 less victims of crime and this should be publicised.

RH said that the Excellence report submitted by the Kent Partnership shows what ranking Sevenoaks is within Kent and also with our most similar families. C said that this is reported at the SKDG group and that Sevenoaks are very consistent.

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

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

Outcomes – there are 20 outcomes: 62% (13) green, 14% (3) amber, 14% (2) red and 10% (2) information missing

Actions – there are 64 actions: 87% (57) green, 5% (3) amber, and 8% (5)

information missing

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

KW stated that the targets are down from last quarter, due to 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.

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.

1.5 MS said that the Partnership should be aware that if a person uses fowl language against police this is also recorded as a VAP offence and that can cause an anomaly in the figures.

1.6 LP apologised for not providing the information and said that the alcohol strategy is currently out for consultation.

1.6c AP said that workers for the Alcohol Clinic are now in place and therefore the target will be green next quarter and that Tier 3 services will now be mainstreamed

1.6h KW reported that unfortunately KDAAT data will always be 6 months behind and that the target at the end of December of 5% for Sevenoaks was over by 3.1%.

1.7 MS said the Home Office are now looking at preventative ways to not criminalise young offenders, but to use restorative justice, whether this is face to face with the victim or carry out repairs if the offence is criminal damage. MS said that this is being piloted in Tunbridge Wells and they will be evaluating the project.

1.8 JN apologised for the missing information and will provide data on a West Kent basis and hopefully in the future it will be District wide.

JN

3.4 and 3.4a DC has asked Bob Newdick, Town Centre Co-ordinator to present a report to the Business Crime Group in October and the information will be fed back to the Executive Group.

DC

RH asked about the other 4 missing information targets. They are all KCC Youth Offending Service and KCC Youth Service. RH asked the Executive Group to look into this so that information is received for the next quarter.

KW

3.3 Summary of Outcomes - Kelly Webb

KW produced a report to show how Partnership, BCU, KFRS & Choosing Health funded projects contributes towards the National Indicators in the Community Safety Plan. RH said that it showed it was vital to have this funding to help contribute towards keeping crime low in the area and that if the projects were not funded this could not happen.

4. Strategic Issues

4.1 Strategic Assessment - Lesley Bowles

LB said that the assessment is being done differently this year, it will still sit with the Executive Group for local contributions, but more data will come centrally.

CM said that a virtual team has been set up for partner analysis which LB and Emma Dehanney from West Kent Police will sit on and attend 4 workshops. CM said that it will be an 8 week process and should conclude late October, early November.

MS asked whether they would be a financial resource centrally for personnel involved. CM said that it would be a staffing resource not a financial resource.

4.2 EVA – New Ash Green Shopping Centre – Merle Bigden

MB said that the actions from the EVA have not been undertaken by the landowners, apart from the Co-op. This has been followed up on numerous occasions. MB said that any work that has been undertaken has not been of good standard.

SDC are now pursuing legal action under planning section 215 and initially will be focusing on 3 specific properties. MB said that the community are frustrated with SDC as they believe SDC are not doing anything. SDC are looking to engage with KCC to address this.

4.3 Community Safety Unit (CSU) – Merle Bigden

MB thanked policing colleagues on the success of the CSU. Daily taskings are taking place via telephone conferencing and then fellow partners can attend for the daily actions. MB said that fellow colleagues such as KCC Wardens, Power project worker, health and Substance Misuse Youth Worker can all hot desk in the CSU.

RH said that the next stage is to have a joint front counter and this will be taken forward by the Project Argyle Group.

MB said that funding had been secured by Police £40k for set up and £10k for IT, SDC have also put in funding and there is a small underspend and asked that the Partnership could contribute towards this. The group agreed and a bid will be submitted to the Executive Group. **KW**

4.4 Ward Newsletter - CI David Cooper

DC said that the second newsletter will be going out in October and along with partners all 26 newsletters have been proofed and changes have been made. The ward letter contributes towards improving confidence in residents on police and councils working together.

4.5 Community Plan - Lesley Bowles

LB reported that the consultation for the next community plan is halfway through. Consultations have been done with young people, community safety partnership, town and parish councils and members. The consultation is now

going out to harder to reach groups.

LB said that there have been a mixture of messages, but the main one for the community safety partnership is to continue to keep up the good work and that it is a priority to deal with ASB, Drug & Alcohol, Clean Environments and active communication, feedback to residents.

LB said that she will also be consulting the residents panel which targets 1000 people within the District. LB will draft the new plan to Partners when complete.

LB

4.6 Away Day - Lesley Bowles

LB asked the group what they would like to discuss and get from the Partnership Away Day. LB asked that they e-mail any ideas to her and that the day will be organised by the Executive Group.

All

5. Web Mac Presentation

PR introduced the Web Mac Network, this is an update from the current West Kent Watch that currently goes out twice a week via e-mail. PR said that the e-mail consists of good news stories, police information, KFRS information and press releases and goes to approximately 8000 households.

Web Mac is a website and will be more dedicated to each area and has a more real time approach. All recipients have to do is e-mail their postcode to subscribe to their area. PR said that their target is to reach 20-25% of West Kent population.

Web Mac will be going live on 1 October 09 and there will be good publicity including a leaflet to every household in West Kent.

The group were very impressed with Web Mac especially as the good news stories are not edited and the frequency of the stories which will include court conclusions will give people reassurance on what the Partnership is achieving.

KW will e-mail the Partnership Peter's e-mail so that they can subscribe and forward to other members of their organisation.

KW

MS asked that this be put in InShape. KW will take this forward and also ask other partner agencies and Town & Parish Councils to put in their newsletters.

KW

6. Partnership Funding

6.1 SSCF Funding Review– Lesley Bowles

LB said that County Partnership funding review is not going ahead until after the next general election, so the Partnership will get funding for 2010/11, amount yet to be determined.

6.2 Update: External Funding 2009/10 – Kelly Webb

The group looked at Appendix E, which showed how much funding had been spent and on what projects. KW reported that all Revenue had been allocated

and that there was some capital still remaining.

6.3 Update: BCU Police Funding 2009/10 – Cl David Cooper

DC said that some of the funding will be going to Web Mac programme, branding horse tackle, LCSP's, Sencio Leisure schools initiative and police operations

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

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

6.5 Update: KPA Funding 2009/10 – Kelly Webb

KW said that the Partnership will be receiving £5k from KPA this financial year and projects will be looked at by the Executive Group.

6. Brief Updates & items to Note

6.1 Local Children's Services Partnership – Paul Shallcross

PS said that both LCSP's are running well, but there is a possibility that there could be a re-organisation soon. PS will keep the group updated.

PS

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

MB said that the monitoring of the YPAP year end came with 100% on target. The current plan is monitored twice a year as young people do the monitoring. MS said that there is an evaluation of the 8-12's project and that it will be rolled put to West Kingsdown in the autumn.

6.3 Domestic Abuse Task Group – Kelly Webb

KW said that the task group is going well and that the action plan is 75% on target. KW said that she is also chair of the West Kent Forum and has helped organise a West Kent Conference on Wednesday 25 November, which will be held at the Stag theatre.

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

RH asked that a full report on IPPO's be presented at the next meeting and to include all partners that are involved in the scheme. JN said that she will liaise with LB.

JN/LB

7. Any Other Business

PS said that the HOUSE Project has started in Swanley in the Martin's Newsagents and will be there until end of September.

MS said that the Sevenoaks Police Station has had planning agreed to turn it into residential building or offices and this will take place next year.

LP said that a support line to help deal with the stress of the credit crunch has been set up called NHS Choices. LP will e-mail the number to KW to send out to the Partnership.

LP

LP also said that the Alcohol Awareness week is in October. KW is on the sub group and is working with Kenward Trust & KFRS to offer support and advice across schools within the District.

8. Date of future meetings

Thursday 3 December 10.00am – 12.00pm