

SOUTH CAMBRIDGESHIRE DISTRICT COUNCIL

Minutes of a meeting of the South
Cambridgeshire Crime and Disorder Reduction
Partnership held on Monday, 18 September
2006 at 10.00 a.m.

PRESENT: Mrs EA Sim – Chairman

Members:	Paul Brand	DAAT
	Bridget Fairley	South Cambridgeshire District Council
	Cllr Mrs Vicky Ford	Community Development Portfolio Holder, SCDC
	Steve Hampson	South Cambridgeshire District Council
	Clody Howlett	GO-East
	Mark Kemp	Cambridgeshire County Council
	Pat Kilby	Divisional Fire Officer, Cambridgeshire Fire
	Simon McIntosh	South Cambridgeshire District Council
	Cllr Linda Oliver	Cambridgeshire County Council
	Paul Ormerod	Cambridgeshire Police
	Leigh Roberts	Cambridgeshire County Council
	Gemma Webb	Cambridgeshire County Council
	Helen Wells	Cambridgeshire Police
	Debbie West	Cambridgeshire Police

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1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

- 1.1 Apologies for absence were received from Nikki Clemo, Cllr James Hockney, Chris Mackett and Vicky Skeels.

2. MINUTES OF LAST MEETING

- 2.1 The minutes of the meeting held on 22 May 2006 were agreed as a correct record.

3. MATTERS ARISING FROM MINUTES

- 3.1 **Minute 6.2 – SSCF – Street Lighting** – to be discussed later at item 7 in the agenda.

- 3.2 **Minute 6.3 – Details of Smith and Wesson Mountain Bicycles** – BF confirmed that the application form had been circulated.

- 3.3 **Minute 6.5 – Crime Figures for Gamlingay** – PO confirmed that he had contacted Cllr Kindersley.

- 3.4 **Minute 6.6 – Reporting of Incidents via CBMs and Police Call Centre** – PO undertook to provide LO with a copy of the latest figures and informed the Partnership that in order to improve the service, priority payments were given as an incentive for additional staff to join the call centre. LS reported that she also had additional figures relating to performance of the call centre and would send them to LO; VF also requested copies of that information. It was also noted that the call centre had been renamed the Police Service Centre.

PO/LS

- 3.5 **Minute 10.1 – Anti-social behaviour** - to be discussed later at item 7 in the agenda.
- 3.6 **Minute 12.1 – Drug and Alcohol Action Team Briefing Paper** – LS reported that she had spoken to the Custody Manager who had confirmed that he had spoken directly to the custody staff at the custody suites concerned and the matter had been resolved.
- 3.7 **Minute 13.1 – Evaluation of Community Safety Strategy Launch** – BF confirmed that Parish Councils had been given additional notice of the event and as a result more representatives from the Parishes were expected to attend the event this year on 20 September.
- 3.8 **Minute 15.1/2 – Applications for Funding** – BF confirmed that grant conditions had been signed. GW reported that 10 young people each from the villages of Bar Hill, Swavesey, Papworth and Over attended the No Limit 2 project.
- 3.9 **Minute 15.3 – Youth Intervention Project** – the matter had been referred to DW to take forward. **DW**
- 3.10 **Minute 16.1 – Cambridge Ethnic Community Forum** – the situation was ongoing and SMc was hopeful of reporting further to the next meeting. **SMc**
- 4. ENVIROCRIME DVD**
- 4.1 A DVD, made jointly with the SCDC's Environmental Health department, Police and Fires & Rescue was presented to the CDRP. The DVD was shown in the Grafton Centre, Cambridge with the aim of encouraging the public to report crime; it will also be available on all appropriate websites, including Parish Councils and available for showing in schools. The telephone numbers for reporting crime will also be published in Parish magazines. **DR**
- 5. QUALITY MONITORING REPORT**
- 5.1 The CDRP noted the information contained in the quarterly crime report and in particular that:
- criminal damage had increased by 7% this quarter
 - domestic burglary figures in May were considerably higher than the two previous years, however April and June remained consistent
 - there had been an increase in Anti-social behaviour across the county
 - the number of offences relating to Domestic Violence had continued to fall, the reasons for this reduction remained unclear and not a true reflection. However, the data for 'Incident' reporting had changed since April 2005 which revealed an upward trend; this suggested it may provide a more accurate representation
- 5.2 A Domestic Violence Incidents monitoring report from April 2004 to June 2006 was tabled at the meeting and it was noted that since April repeat

incidents were being recorded by the Police with the figures seen to be more accurate; this may result in the need to review the target figures.

- 5.3 LR offered to contact Steve Selves from the Child and Domestic Abuse Investigation Unit with a view to addressing the CDRP at its next meeting. (subsequent to the meeting – SS unable to attend the next meeting in December) **LR**

6. QUARTERLY UPDATE FROM LEAD OFFICERS

Domestic Violence

- 6.1 In noting the contents of the report, GW undertook to forward to members of the CDRP and for inclusion in parish magazines, information on helpline numbers. **GW**
- 6.2 GW to provide LO with access to the information packs aimed at raising awareness of domestic violence that would be used in primary and secondary schools. **GW**
- 6.3 In response to the comment that some areas had higher incidents than others, LR stated that ongoing investigations were being carried out to ascertain that the data was consistently attained.
- 6.4 HW informed the Group that she would forward information to GW regarding an interactive CD entitled 'Engage' currently used in schools. **HW**

Prolific and other Priority Offenders

- 6.5 The contents of the report were noted, together with the information that although there were difficulties in finding 15 clients for the Catch and Convict Strand, there were some individuals who were looked at on a higher level of policing (level 2) on a regional and national level.

Community Cohesion

- 6.6 It was noted that:
- the Romany Theatre Company production of Killimengro had been more successful in the Village Colleges
 - the Gypsy and Travellers Development Plan Document was moving forward to identify sites in South Cambs
 - there was a low turn out from parish councils to the consultation meetings regarding provision of sites

Vehicle Crime

- 6.7 The CDRP noted the information in the report and in particular that the police would be continuing to address the issues relating to the increase in thefts from vehicles.

Anti Social Behaviour

- 6.8 PO reported that funding from the CDRP had resulted in additional patrolling of hot spot areas across the District and that the newly-created

Cycle Team had proved particularly successful within the Sawston, Linton and Melbourn neighbourhoods, being able to access areas where vehicles could not. PO added that positive feedback had also been received as a result of a successful action plan relating to ASB in Cambourne.

- 6.9 The CDRP noted that the Enviro Crime day of action would be taking place on Wednesday, 27 September 2006.
- 6.10 LO informed the CDRP that the CCTV was very much appreciated and she received confirmation that cycle police were used in Bassingbourn.
- 6.11 VF raised the issue of who to contact when ASB occurred. PO undertook to liaise with BF on appropriate contact telephone numbers for the public to report incidents; these would be included in an edition of South Cambs magazine. **PO/BF**
- 6.12 DR informed the meeting that some areas of ASB were cross-departmental between the Police and the Environmental Health Department and incidences such as abandoned cars were not included in the quarterly recording figures. In response, LS reported that the Police Service Centre was investigating that issue.
- 6.13 In conclusion it was agreed that:
- CBMs should be encouraged to use the E-cop system. PO undertook to check they were **PO**
 - The configuration of the telephone number for the Police Service Centre should be consistent with telephone voice mail messages giving out the number. **PO**

7. SAFER AND STRONGER COMMUNITIES FUND: CAPITAL ALLOCATION

- 7.1 The capital allocation relating to the Street Lighting Initiative was tabled at the meeting.
- 7.2 As part of the CDRP funding must be proportioned for capital initiatives, *inter alia*, £20,000 was allocated to a Street Lighting Initiative following SCDC's decision to discontinue its contribution of funding towards footway lighting around the district. Negotiations between District, County and Parish Councils had resulted in none of the footway lights being switched off and it was recommended that the initiative be dropped for 2006/07. The situation would, however, be monitored over the winter months to ascertain whether there was an impact on crime and disorder in the district and considered again in 2007/08.
- 7.3 The Executive Group recommended
- (a) that three items of capital expenditure previously paid out of the pooled fund be transferred to the Safer Stronger Communities Fund (SSCF) to free more funding in the pooled fund as detailed below:

Laptop for Partnership Support Officer

£681.40

Business Watch – reinforcement of perimeter fence in Over	£2000.00
Envirocrime Video Project	£750.00
Total to be transferred	£3431.40
Remainder	£16568.60

- (b) that if the CDRP supports any of the funding bids under agenda item 10, that the capital element be paid from SSCF
- (c) further initiatives for investigation,
 - Anti-Social Behaviour Database
 - Van for transporting PCSOs and their bicycles to villages
 - Stack fire cameras to link with stack fire alarms previously supported by the CDRP

7.4 The CDRP **AGREED** the recommendations described above and noted that allocation of funding will need to be made at the next CRDP meeting on 4 December 2006 to ensure the money is spent by the end of March 2007.

8. FUNDING UPDATE 2006-07

8.1 Safer Stronger Community Funding 2006/07

The CDRP **NOTED** that

- (a) a total of £24,216 had been paid to projects for Q1,
- (b) £16,568.60 (see agenda item 7) remained as unallocated capital funding, and

AGREED

- (c) the withdrawal of £4,180 allocated in the PPO Prevent & Deter section as no individuals had met the criteria for transferring to the Revenue account.

8.2 Pooled Fund

- Targeted Youth Work – at the request of LO, GW to e-mail areas to be targeted. **GW**
- Overall grants/allocations were monitored on a quarterly basis and reviewed by the Executive Group and CDRP if necessary
- An annual review and evaluation of grants/allocations to be presented after Q3 by GW **GW**

8.2 It was noted that the uncommitted balance of the Pooled Fund was £4,246.47.

9. CONNECTIONS BUS

9.1 Concern was raised on the results of the health survey completed by the young people using the Bus although it was felt that the results were most likely synonymous across the district. DR undertook to bring this issue to **DR**

the attention of the Improving Health Partnership when it next meets.

9.2 It was noted that funding for the Bus was available until Christmas and although it had ceased visiting Cambourne since a youth club had been formed, it was felt that the community would benefit from a re-instatement. GW would investigate the possibility. **GW**

9.3 The CDRP **AGREED** that funding for the Connections Bus should continue.

10. POOLED FUND APPLICATIONS: BLAZERS CADET PROJECT 2006/07

10.1 The CRDP considered three requests for funding a Blazers Cadet Project 2006/07 in the villages of Sawston, Linton and Fulbourn/Teversham. The Executive group recommended that Sawston and Fulbourn/Teversham be allocated funding as Linton had in the past experienced the Blazers project. It was noted that the Fire and Youth services were contributing towards the projects and that the equipment could be re-used.

The CDRP **AGREED**

- (a) to allocate funding for the Blazers Cadet Project 2006/07 for the villages of Sawston and Fulbourn/Teversham, **BF**
- (b) that the applicants be requested to seek alternative funding for Linton, **BF/PK**
- (c) that the applicants seek sponsorship for the uniforms from, for example, the Prince's Trust, Marshalls or parish councils, and **BF/PK**
- (d) that photographs of the project be made available for publication in the South Cambs magazine **PK**

11. 'POLICING YOUR NEIGHBOURHOOD' EVENT

11.1 The CDRP noted the agenda for the Policing your Neighbourhood event to be held at Marshalls Airport on 20 September and that 95 people, mainly from Parish Councils, had confirmed their attendance. Representatives from other areas were urged to attend the event.

12. PROLIFIC AND OTHER PRIORITY OFFENDER MATRIX

12.1 Consideration was given to the proposals for changes to the South Cambs Prolific and other Priority Offenders (PPO) scoring matrix. The proposal had been initiated as the Catch and Convict and Resettle and Rehabilitate Strands of the scheme currently had only 10 clients on the scheme. The Home Office requirement is to work with 15 clients on the Catch and Convict strand.

12.2 It was proposed that a change to the current matrix be increased in respect of the ASB/public order weighting by 2, making a total of 3 altogether.

12.3 The CRRP **SUPPORTED** the revised matrix system in respect of

ASB/public order to 3 points.

12.4 A further request for a change to the maxtrix in respect of anti-social behaviour was referred to the ASB Task Group for determination. **PO**

13. UPDATE FROM COMMUNITY SAFETY STRATEGIC GROUP

13.1 SMC reported that

- LAA were looking at targets, particularly domestic violence and the recording of incidents
- No targets currently exist for alcohol
- There was a need to focus on managing perception
- Funding for 2007/08 SSCF – the proposal was accepted for a 30/70 split between the County Group/CDRPs to spend at their discretion. Funding will come from the LAA
- There will be an ASB Steering Group, formerly known as the Implementation Team. It will take the lead on the `Respect` agenda and will report to the County Strategic Group

14. FIRE AUTHORITY REPRESENTATION ON THE CDRP

14.1 The CDRP considered inviting an elected member of the fire authority to attend the Group meetings and following a brief discussion, it was **AGREED** that the Chief Fire Officer be invited to nominate a Fire Authority representative to attend future meetings of the CDRP. **BF**

15. RURAL COMMUNITY ACTION GROUP

15.1 The CDRP had been asked to nominate a representative to attend meetings of the Rural Community Action group. LO volunteered to attend and this was agreed. **LO**

16. TARGETED PREVENTION PROJECTS AND FUNDING

16.1 PK requested the necessity for continued monitoring of items purchased from capital funds. GW undertook, via the Officer Support Group a review of the procedure. **GW**

17. EQUALITY IMPACT ASSESSMENTS (EIAS) FOR PARTNERSHIPS

17.1 Following a brief discussion it was **AGREED** that the format the Fire and Rescue Service currently used for Equality Impact Assessments be considered at the next meeting of the Executive Group with a recommendation from that Group brought to the first available meeting of the CDRP. **GW/SM**

18. NEIGHBOURHOOD POLICING

18.1 An update on neighbourhood policing was tabled at the meeting. An additional Neighbourhood Panel was launched on 11 September 2006 in the Sawston neighbourhood area with over 50 people in attendance to raise issues that were of concern to them locally. Information was given to the meeting about local trends in crime, disorder and anti-social behaviour. There had been considerable debate regarding the information

provided and all parishes (except Babraham) were represented. Particular concern had been voiced regarding the danger caused by speeding vehicles throughout the neighbourhood area.

18.2 Priorities set for partner action during the next 8 weeks were:

- Anti-social behaviour in High Street, Sawston
- Anti-social behaviour in High Street and surrounding area in Great Abington
- Speeding throughout the neighbourhood area

Communities will be kept informed of action taken and a detailed update will be given at the next panel meeting.

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19. **DATES OF FUTURE MEETINGS**

It was agreed that future meetings would be held on:

- Monday 04 December 2006
- Monday 19 February 2007
- Monday 21 May 2007
- Monday 17 September 2007
- Monday 03 December 2007

All meetings to commence at 10am and held in the Swansley Room at South Cambridgeshire Hall.

The meeting ended at 12.50 p.m.
