

TONBRIDGE AND MALLING COMMUNITY SAFETY PARTNERSHIP

20 October 2008

Present:	CLr G Court (Chair)	Tonbridge & Malling Borough Council
	K Andrews	Russet Homes
	P Beddoes	Tonbridge & Malling Borough Council
	R Beesley	Tonbridge & Malling Borough Council
	L Excell	Invicta Telecare
	A Finch	Tonbridge & Malling Borough Council
	A Ford	KCC Youth Service
	M Gorringe	Kent Connexions
	S Gregg	Tonbridge & Malling Borough Council
	D Hughes	Tonbridge & Malling Borough Council
	N Knibbs	Tonbridge & Malling Borough Council
	C Lower	Invicta Telecare
	P Lowney	KCC
	R Marsh	West Kent YMCA
	P May	HMCS
	C Michel	Kent Partnership
	L Moreau	Tonbridge & Malling Borough Council
	T Onuchukwu	KCC Children, Families & Education
	G Parkin	KCC Children, Families & Education
	M Raymond	Tonbridge & Malling Borough Council
	P Rollington	West Kent NHW Association
	L Rose	Kent Fire & Rescue Service
	G Rowe	KPA/KCC
	M Smith	KCC Community Warden
	T Thomas	Kent Police

Apologies were received from J Bardell, L Flory, C Jones, D Pate and M Varshney.

1. Minutes of the meeting held on 21 April 2008

The minutes of the meeting held on 21 April 2008 were agreed as a correct record.

2. Matters Arising

Presentation from 'Valley of Visions'

N Knibbs advised that she had passed on R Bayne's contact details with the minutes.

Update on changes to Community Safety Partnership

N Knibbs advised that she had attached the new logo with the minutes.

End of Year Report 2007/08

L Moreau stated that she had consulted with the police media officer and an article had been produced and placed in the TMBC Here & Now magazine.

Try Angle Awards

N Knibbs had circulated information regarding to the Try Angle Awards with the minutes.

Caught Doing it Right

L Moreau stated that she had forwarded two press releases to M Smith regarding the Scheme 'Caught Doing it Right'.

3. Minutes of Sub-Group meetings

Paper A Strategy Group (10 September 2008)

A Finch stated that a date for the Partnership Development Day had now been confirmed and would take place on Friday 6 February at Kenward Trust in Yalding.

Chief Constable Michael Fuller

A Finch advised that Chief Constable M Fuller had attended the Strategy Group meeting on 10 September and stated that he had been impressed with the work that the Partnership had undertaken to reduce crime in the borough.

Update of CSP Initiatives

SNAP

A Finch advised that the next SNAP event was due to take place on 29 October at the SOS Nightclub, Tonbridge and this event was for 14 to 17 year olds. She stated that group members were welcome to attend the event.

Alcohol Outreach Worker

A Finch stated that a new young person's alcohol outreach worker had now been appointed and would be starting in November 2008. She stated that once the worker was in place she would arrange a meeting with appropriate agencies to look at what areas he/she would focus on.

Scambusters

A Finch stated that the Scambusters event had been successful with over 50 older people in attendance.

Update on PPO

A Finch stated that the PPO forum had now changed back to a joint West Kent Forum.

West Kent Business Crime Partnership

A Finch advised that the Business Crime Partnership would be extending into other areas of the borough including, West Malling, Snodland and Larkfield. The Partnership were also looking at employing a co-ordinator to undertake this work from April 2009.

Paper C Violent Crime & Abuse Sub-Group

M Raymond stated that since the last meeting there had been a change of chair, the new chair person for the sub-group was inspector D Pate. He stated that this sub-group had discussed the suggested priorities and had

decided to try and focus on specific areas of concern. He stated that at future meetings the group would concentrate on developing actions to address priority areas. Initial suggested priority areas included under age drinking, domestic abuse and night-time economy issues.

It was also noted that the minutes in relation to Item 3, Paper C (02) Violent Crime & Abuse Sub-Group minutes, should have shown J Wilkinson in attendance.

Paper D Perception of Crime Sub-Group

L Moreau stated that the first two meetings had been very useful and well attended by group members. She stated that so far a draft communications strategy had been produced and that the group had looked at available data on perception of crime and had discussed the methods of collecting data. She stated that the group had also discussed initial ideas for promotional campaigns and were now working on an alcohol awareness campaign to be launched in December.

Paper E ASB Sub-Group

K Andrews stated that there had been two ASB sub-group meetings. He stated that the group had discussed the priorities of the ASB sub-group and had decided to concentrate the next meeting on two specific issues, these were neighbour disputes and criminal damage to vehicles. He stated that the next step would be for the group to come forward with related actions in order to tackle these priorities. He further stated that a letter would be written to relevant partner agencies to encourage all members to attend the next meeting.

Paper F Tasking & Co-ordinating Sub-Group

Cllr G Court stated that papers F, Tasking & Co-ordinating Sub-Group minutes were for information only, if members had any comments regarding these papers they could email A Finch with their queries.

T Thomas further stated that the monthly Tasking & Co-ordinating Sub-Group would continue to look at priority hotspot areas and ways to tackle these issues each month with actions. He also stated that the group should be aware that crime could increase due to the credit crunch.

4. Strategic Assessment and agreement of priorities

R Beesley updated the Group on the progress made regarding the Strategic Assessment 2008. He advised that the document circulated was the final version, although it was still possible to make some amendments. R Beesley stated that as well as the main Strategic Assessment document he had produced a number of supporting documents including a scanning document, which compared the level and rates of crime and a refresh document which considered more up to date data.

R Beesley also reported that for the Local Strategic Partnership (LSP), he had produced a 'Borough Profile' which would also be of use to the Strategic Assessment. It was agreed that this document would be circulated to the Group for their information.

Rather than looking through the whole document the Group agreed to focus on the key priorities arising from the recommendations. These key priorities were discussed and the Group agreed that these were the correct recommendations.

C Michel explained that there were some issues relating to the data on Kent Crime View. These would be resolved in order to ensure that the correct data was included in the Strategic Assessment.

[Following the CSP meeting, R Beesley met with C Michel to discuss the issues. The inaccuracies on Kent Crime View had now been clarified. The incorrect counts for the number of crimes allocated by Kent Crime View to Tonbridge & Malling were due to an error with the underlying data, which C Michel was working to resolve].

D Hughes advised that issues could start to arise linked to the current economic problems. It was suggested that even though the Strategic Assessment would not contain data related to this the CSP would need to monitor the implications and report back at a future meeting.

Once these final amendments were agreed a copy of the document would be circulated to the Group.

ACTION: N Knibbs to circulate a copy of the 'Borough Profile' with the minutes.

C Michel and R Beesley to meet to discuss the concerns raised.

N Knibbs to circulate a copy of the final Strategic Assessment with the minutes.

5. Communications Strategy

L Moreau explained that she and A Finch had produced a communications strategy document for the CSP. This included various information on how the CSP could achieve the aims and objectives to reduce the fear of crime in the borough. This document also included ways in which various media could be used to communicate with the residents and other partner agencies. She stated that this would also ensure that partners communicated effectively with each other. An action plan was attached to the strategy and this would enable partners to take forward their actions in relation to the strategy. The Group confirmed that they were happy to endorse this document.

6. Cold Calling Control Zones

A Finch explained that the Cold Calling Control Zone in Bishops Oak Ride had been established since July and stated that an evaluation had just been completed. She stated that there had been no reports of cold calling or distraction burglaries since the establishment of the zone. A Finch stated that the CSP would be looking to establish new zones in the borough which would include; West Malling, East Malling, Ditton, Eccles and South Tonbridge. The current zone in Bishops Oak Ride would also be extended. A Finch stated that she had received confirmation from the West Kent NHW Association that they would establish these new zones. She stated that funding would be received from the KPA (via G Rowe) which would assist in setting up these new zones.

7. Publication of CSP Minutes

D Hughes explained to partners that he had been approached by West Malling Parish Council who had asked whether they could gain access to the Tonbridge & Malling CSP minutes and agendas. He asked the group whether they would be happy to publicise these papers or had any reason why they should not be publicised.

The group discussed this idea and had agreed that the minutes and the agenda of the CSP and the minutes of the Strategy Group would be publicised on the Tonbridge & Malling CSP website. When the CSP minutes had been completed they would be circulated to partners for their comments and approval before being published. The group also agreed that an item would be added to the minutes that would include success stories and initiatives/projects undertaken by the CSP.

ACTION: The CSP minutes and agendas and strategy group minutes to be added to the CSP website once finalised.

An item to be added to each CSP agenda on initiatives/projects undertaken by the CSP.

8. Any Other Business

Alcohol Campaign

A Ford advised that a campaign for young people called Awear had been established and was run by KCC and the PCT. This campaign would provide information in regards to drugs, alcohol and health issues. She stated that this campaign would start on 21 November in Gravesend to eventually run in Tonbridge & Malling.

A Ford also advised that two big creative events for young people were due to take place in Maidstone in relation to kicking out racism out of football.

P Lowney advised that she would be attending meetings to discuss this campaign and stated that she would provide the dates and venues as to when these campaigns would take place and update the group at the next meeting.

ACTION: P Lowney to provide the dates and venues of the 'Awear' Campaign at the next meeting.

KCC Select Committee

G Rowe advised that KCC had established a Select Committee looking at the provisions of activities for young people. He stated that before this was finalised KCC would arrange for young people to be invited to be involved with the debate. He stated that each district would have the opportunity to engage with this report.

9. Date of the next meeting

The next Community Safety Partnership meeting to be confirmed.