

**South Community Safety Partnership
Minutes of Meeting Thursday 7th August 2008**

Present

Adrian Knowles	West Yorkshire Police
Chief Inspector Julie Sykes	West Yorkshire Police
Christine Tordoff	ASBU
Dick Brabbs	West Yorkshire Fire Service
Gerry Shevlin	South East Area Management , LCC (community safety)
Jennifer Price (Notes)	South East Area Management, LCC
Keith Lander	South East Area Management, LCC
Satbinder Soor	Youth Service

Apologies

Simon Costigan	Aire Valley Homes
Adrian Cornellisen	West Yorkshire Fire Service

Item		Action
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1.0 Welcome and introductions

1.1 KL welcomed the attendees of the meeting and invited them to introduce themselves.

2.0 Minutes of the last meeting and matters arising

2.1 The minutes were agreed as a true and accurate record.

2.2 Item 2.2: - There are no more evenings as the number of incidents has reduced so no need to gather intelligence. The effort that has been put in has been reflected in the stats. There has only been 1 rubbish fire in 4 months, this is a very impressive result and has been used as best practice

It was noted that it hasn't received any publicity; this is a good news story for residents. **GS** to write to residents with feedback and letters to agencies/staff/Andrew Mason & Steve Smith thanking them for their support throughout the project. **GS** to organise press release on making the community better.

2.3 Item 2.3:- KM not available for update.

2.4 Item 2.5:- AC had looked into fire incident training for vulnerable adults and children.

2.5 Item 3.5:- All partners are now contributing £2000. It was queried when this money would be taken. **GS** to investigate.

2.6 Item 4.4:- Unsure

2.7 Item 4.6:- Done, will be looked at as agenda item.

2.8 Item 4.7:- Done.

2.9 Item 5.2:- Dick Brabbs had not contacted, KL to action.

KL

2.10 GS/KL/JS/Cllrs Finnigan & Blake were due to meet on the 18th August, however, this will be rearranged due to conflicting appointments. Admin to action.

**Admin
(Light)**

3.0 Operation Champion

3.1 June – Beeston Hill

All bin yards in Beeston Hill have been cleared, letters sent to residents informing them of their responsibility, new bins given out where needed, daily monitoring plan in place with NWs.

Difficulty with getting rubbish removed – has been done by Environmental Pride where possible. Also reported to bulky items service, however response needs to be quicker to ensure problems don't develop. Meeting arranged with Steve Wetherill to pursue additional service for the bin yards in the INM area.

No fires in bin yards since the project started

July – Belle Isle

Emphasis on community engagement (prompted by request from Neil Evans).

School gate consultation – very successful; evening meeting less so.

Operation tackled the issues raised by residents (planters and behind the Belle Isle Neighbourhood Centre).

Operation had to be moved at short notice because of strike by Unison members.

August – Far Beeston

Started yesterday – focus on young people.

September – Beeston Hill

October – Outer area

Focus on community engagement - £400 secured from Area Committee and from Aire Valley Homes to deliver activity during the operation. Further planning needed, aim is to link it in better with other activity in the outer areas. Also use broader range of intelligence (not just police info) to identify target areas.

November – Beeston Hill

Focus will be on bonfire night

December – no operation

4.0 Tasking update

4.1 There is currently nothing outstanding from tasking.

4.2 It was noted that Middleton & Belle Isle reps for AVH & ASBU which is causing delays or means that the group can't be updated on ongoing issues.

4.3 It was noted that Corinna is updating the list of attendees for all 4 meetings and GS will send out to agencies as a reminder. **GS**

4.4 It was noted that the Belle isle attendance had improved. Morley reports are thin on details but it was stated that there is now a new police inspector who will be attending.

4.5 The group agreed that the current format of the report was good and no amendments were requested.

5.0 Sub group update

5.1 Drug, alcohol & vehicle crime:

- Two meetings held
- Some issues with attendance, though will hopefully be resolved after the summer break.
- Main action point to develop a protocol that will enhance multi agency working when drugs warrants/crack house closures are being carried out.
- Promoting the use of VCrat forms by all staff in hotspot areas where vehicle crime is occurring.
- Five key individuals have been identified as responsible for large proportion of vehicle crime. Details of agency involvement have been requested to ensure that action to address their behaviour is at its most effective.

5.2 Burglary and robbery group:

- Two meetings held
- Sneak in burglary campaign being proposed

5.3 Domestic violence group:

- Drop in established in Morley area for victims of domestic violence
- Concern raised about level of awareness/training within agencies – feedback to be sent to GS.

ALL

- 5.4 Hate crime group:
- Groups have merged so that one meeting looks at education/prevention and priority victims/perpetrators.
 - Ongoing campaign at summer festivals to distribute information about Stop Hate UK and encourage reporting.
 - Focus on what agencies are doing internally to improve their means of recording incidents of hate crime.
 - Next meeting will look at levels of reporting to see if any improvement has been made.
- 5.5 There is a lack of resources, and this will hamper activity so agency support is needed. It was noted that agencies have helped with Operation Champions. Agencies to bring ideas to next meeting. **ALL**
- 5.6 It was agreed that Cluster Managers would be invited to future meetings. GS to liaise with Barbara Temple. **GS**
- 5.7 It was noted that North East have an ASB problem solving panel and a paper will be drafted for one in South East also. This panel would look at ASB in more detail than tasking group.
- 5.8 The ASBO panel may be centralised. A report will be compiled by the end of September and CT to feedback GS with decision. It was noted that there needs to be practical initiatives rather than getting hung up on issues so the group can be seen as delivering something. **CT**
- 5.9 Fire Service stats are being fed into the police for ASBO reports.
- 5.10 DIU will be mapping future meetings to ensure that workloads are evenly spread. AK will be attending NE office to view their working model.
- 5.11 It was agreed that meeting dates for the meetings need to be set for the year for the sub-groups on a 6-weekly basis on a Thursday afternoon. AK to look at mapping and feedback to the group. **AK**
- 6.0 Strategic Intelligence Assessment**
- 6.1 AK talked the group through a PowerPoint presentation. He asked the group to feedback any changes they would like making as the document had been written using the police's 5 objectives of tackling crime and disorder.
- 6.2 AK informed the group that overall crime has reduced over the last 2 years and that this includes the city data.
- 6.3 AK informed the group that results were for the period January – May 2008 compared to the same period in 2006 & 2007.

6.4 Burglary dwelling:

There has been an increase of 25% with 618 offences in total.

Beeston Hill

There were 87 offences (which totalled 14% of the divisional figures) with peak times of 2pm – 5pm

Belle Isle

There were 83 offences . Peak times 6pm – 10pm and 2am – 4am.

Churwell

There are cluster offences but these are not ongoing.

It was noted that Neighbourhood Watch need to be on board, particularly in areas with high crime.

AK informed the group that new developments are historically targeted. Particularly electrical items being stolen such as LCD TVs as these are the easiest to sell on.

6.5 SS to invite AK to South Leeds Partnership meeting. SS to liaise via JS. **SS**

6.6 Violent crime:

There has been an increase of 12% based on 2007 figures.

It was noted that there needs to be publicity about knife crime.

6.7 Robbery:

The highest number of offences has been this year.

6.8 Theft from motor vehicle:

Levels of theft have decreased by 18% against 2007 data.

6.9 ASB:

In the Holbeck NPT area ASB has increased.

Hate crimes are not as high but due to not being informed.

Social networking sites are also used as a way of organising ASB events such as the water fight in Millennium Square..

Youths are tagging.

Social networking site is fuelling tensions between young people and promoting individual viewpoints.

6.10 DB informed the group that the fire service had not been informed by the police about an incident where an accelerant had been put through a resident's letterbox. As it did not ignite the fire service were not called. DB asked JS what mechanism is in place to fire service. It was noted that there needs to be an automatic referral process put in place. JS to progress. **DB/ JS**

6.11 The group acknowledged that they were happy with the format of the presentation.

6.12 It was noted that the group need to focus on education/ communication/ publicity and PR. It was suggested that agency press officers meeting for joint press releases.

7.0 Area Committee – DCSP themed event

7.1 GS had prepared a proposal document, due to technical difficulties this couldn't be view, GS will e-mail to group. **GS**

7.2 The group were reminded that the themed event is proposed to take place as follows:

Inner : 4th November 2008 5pm – 6pm (it was suggested that this date could alter due to it being 'mischief night' and that members of the public may be less willing to attend)

Outer: 8th December 2008 3pm – 4pm

7.3 It was agreed that feedback was needed to help specify topics for future events. **GS**

7.4 It was agreed that the topic proposed for this event would be anti-social behaviour.

8.0 Any other business

- 8.1 Crime Act Monies: JS will be looking into this and will put through a proposal for DSCSP.
- 8.2 September's meeting: This has been made a full multi-agency meeting lasting 3 hours. It was proposed to invite Area Committee Representatives: Cllr Finnigan & Cllr Blake. Lunch will be provided. **KL**
- 8.3 It was agreed that a business meeting still needs to take place in September to discuss the themed event. Admin to arrange. **Admin**
- 8.4 Offender management – deferred for further discussion. **GS**
- 9.0 Dates of future meetings**
- 9.1** All meetings will be at Dewsbury Road One Stop Centre at 1pm on the following dates:
Thursday 25th September
Thursday 27th November