



## SAFER CAERPHILLY COMMUNITY SAFETY PARTNERSHIP STRATEGY GROUP

MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD AT PONTLLANFRAITH HOUSE  
ON FRIDAY 6TH DECEMBER 2012 AT 9.30AM

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PRESENT:

Councillor D. Poole  
S. Crane  
Councillor C. Elsbury

Caerphilly County Borough Council  
Aneurin Bevan Health Board  
South Wales Fire & Rescue Authority

Together with:

Chief Insp. S. Jeffries  
R. Morris  
R. Hartshorn  
K. Peters  
Insp. K. Childs  
N. Hudson-Featherstone  
M. Rogers  
H. Nicholls  
A. Davies

Gwent Police  
South Wales Fire & Rescue Service  
Caerphilly County Borough Council (Chair)  
Caerphilly County Borough Council  
Gwent Police  
Safer Caerphilly Community Safety Partnership  
Youth Offending Service  
Wales Probation Trust  
Caerphilly County Borough Council

### 1. APOLOGIES

Councillor K. Reynolds  
Supt. B. Williams  
N. Kenny  
M. Evans  
I. Macvicar  
M. Bridgeman

South Wales Fire & Rescue Authority  
Gwent Police  
Caerphilly County Borough Council  
Aneurin Bevan Health Board  
Caerphilly County Borough Council  
Gwent Association of Voluntary Organisations

Introductions were made around the table and new members were welcomed to the group.

Supt. Brandon Williams was elected as the new Chair of the Safer Caerphilly Community Safety Partnership after the departure of Supt Jon Burley.

### 2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST - NONE

### 3. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

The minutes of 6th September 2012 were agreed as a correct record.

#### **4. MATTERS ARISING**

**ACTION** - Michaela Rogers will provide a presentation regarding restorative justice at the next meeting of the Strategy Group.

A paper has been sent to the office of the PCC regarding the activities of the SCCSP.

##### **4.1(a) LSB Strategic Priorities**

Robert Hartshorn updated the group regarding the Local Service Board Strategic Priorities. The Chair informed the group that the three priorities have been identified as: poverty, alcohol and the single plan.

With regards to alcohol, the alcohol action plan has been approved by the LSB and a paper will be circulated in due course. Caerphilly recently hosted the successful regional alcohol conference on 10th October 2012 at Penallta House. The report from the conference will be uploaded to the SCCSP website.

With regard to poverty the main focus will be the Upper Rhymney Valley area, with a meeting set to take place next week with Communities First and other agencies.

Workshops have taken place regarding the single plan and it is very likely there will be a safer strand to the single plan. As well as a focus on crime and disorder reduction and anti-social behaviour there will also have a focus on domestic abuse and safeguarding vulnerable adults. The team currently responsible for writing the single plan are hoping to have the document ready for consultation on the 7th January 2013. Sam Crane stated that the process of delivering the single plan still needs clarification.

##### **4.1(b) Performance Report**

###### **Gwent Police**

Insp. Kevin Childs provided the group with an update regarding the performance figures for Gwent Police for the year to date. Under the category of crime performance the target is not quite being met, detection rates are currently at 35%. There is currently a 13.1% decrease in overall crime which equates to 963 fewer victims of crime and a 34.5% reduction in anti-social behaviour which equates to 2587 fewer incidents.

###### **South Wales Fire & Rescue Service**

Rob Morris provided the group with an update regarding the key areas for SWFRS service statistics. By the end of the year it is forecast there will be a 28% reduction in all incidents, a 15% reduction in special service calls and it is anticipated there will be a 50% reduction of deliberate vehicle fires. Areas for concern at the moment are dwelling fires which have seen a slight increase although numbers are still relatively low.

A 90% reduction has been forecast against injuries as a result of fire – a reduction that has never been seen before. Work is taking place with community payback in tackling loose refuse/fly tipping and at present a reduction of 32% is expected.

Attacks on fire crews are at zero to date this year.

SWFRS are still carrying out free home fire safety checks and fitting fire alarms containing ten year batteries free of charge. The current target for home fire safety checks is set at 2,200 with 1,200 carried out to date within Caerphilly county borough.

Community road shows are set to take place in Newport next week and planning is underway for one to take place in Caerphilly during February 2013. These road shows will be heavily reliant on partnership working.

Rob Morris stated he was also pleased to see that deliberate fires have been included in the single plan.

#### 4.1(c) **Partnership Development.**

The Chair provided the group with an update regarding partnership development, with regard to the communications group – no meeting has been held recently however the usual communications publications are continuing. Rob Morris informed the group that this year the Welsh Government has not approved funding for project Bernie, however the SCCSP commissioning group has approved a funding application of £8,000.00 and the project will run again in Caerphilly county borough and planning is already underway.

A pilot Junior Community Safety Wardens scheme will be taking place in 15 schools that have been identified in 'hot spot' ASB areas within Caerphilly county borough from January 2013 to March 2013, the wardens will go into the school and talk to year 4 children about littering, ASB, dog fouling and criminal damage. The children will receive a goodie pack for taking part in the session including a Junior Warden membership card, a pencil case, colouring pencils and a ruler all containing the logo of the SCCSP. If the sessions go well it is hoped that the programme will be rolled out to all junior schools across the county borough providing the resources are available.

All funding for the financial year 2012/13 will be spent in full once again.

Funding has been provided for the costs of the Domestic Abuse Coordinator post for the next 12 months however the future of the post is unknown at present, the Home Office will still be providing £10,000.00 of funding towards the cost of the IDVA however it is unknown if the Welsh Government will continue to provide funding. A paper has been put together by CSP's to increase the capacity of the IDVA service and move to a regional delivery model.

#### 4.1(d) **Partnership Review**

The Chair provided an update regarding the partnership review. The report circulated to the group has been prepared with a view to promote discussions as to where the SCCSP would sit under the new single integrated plan. Through the unified needs assessment and workshops two additional strands have been identified as 'Safer' and 'Greener' however there is a risk that with five themes we end up with something very similar to what we have already been working too previously. The new single plan process offers an opportunity to rationalise, become more effective, be more efficient and adapt however we still need to ensure we have the right people at the right times. Also a lot of community safety is non-devolved and this causes a little conflict as to where community safety should sit under the single plan.

Due to current changes in legislation there is no longer a need for a Chair of the partnership, and it is no longer necessary for all partners to attend the meeting. The group were asked for their views on this. The group agreed they could still see the benefits of a group at Strategy Group level. It was felt that if this group were to be discontinued partnership working would suffer and contacts would be lost. Kathryn Peters informed the group that we are keen to keep the Safer Caerphilly branding as this is now well known throughout the borough as it is used on our website, vehicles, promotional materials and leaflets. The group agreed that this group was essential for continued partnership working.

Discussions took place regarding the sub groups of the SCCSP, members were in agreement that the Partnership Development Action Team, (PDAT), Commissioning Group, Communications Group and the Emerging Crime Group would all be disbanded with immediate effect. It was agreed that the Partnership Tasking Group would sit under the Strategy Group and will be Chaired by Chief Insp. Simon Jeffries and the Safer Caerphilly branding would be retained.

**ACTION** – Nadine Hudson-Featherstone to update the structure chart of the SCCSP.

## 4.2 Substance Misuse and Alcohol Harm

- 4.2(a) Sam Crane provided the group with an update regarding the substance misuse report. Work has commenced by CRI with the statutory provision Young Persons Specialist Substance Misuse Service (YPSSMS) and the substance misuse worker within the Youth Offending Service (YOS) with a view to co-locate, a decision is still awaited by Welsh Government regarding the funds for this. Michaela Rogers stated that the YOS worker would not be part of the co-location as this is the first time she has been made aware of this. It is not possible to co-locate the YOS worker as they also cover the Blaenau Gwent area. There will be access to clinical supervision, use of the office as a satellite office and support by the YOS.

Regarding the APB, the guidance has been received from Welsh Government and the APB will be meeting next week on 13<sup>th</sup> December to continue discussions. The Chair stated that membership of the APB needs to be reviewed. The APB are currently looking for a regional banker to hold the Gwent fund, Kathryn Peters has prepared a paper on behalf of Caerphilly county borough council for this.

Regarding the CSP Substance Misuse Action Plan – a copy of the report is available if required.

A multi-agency base is currently being developed in the north area of the borough. This will be a one stop facility for the Rhymney Valley area and it is hoped it will be up and running by August 2013. The base will be on the site of the old health centre.

## 4.3 Crime Reduction and Anti-Social Behaviour and Improve The Street Scene

### 4.3(a) Domestic Abuse & Safer Caerphilly MAC Update

The Welsh Government have launched the consultation period on the White Paper 'legislation to end violence against women, domestic abuse and sexual violence (Wales)'. This document has been circulated to the members of the domestic abuse forum, it is unsure at the moment how the proposal will be received. Consultation will be carried out with service user groups and investigations are on-going into consultation with children and young people, it is hoped a children's version of the document will be created.

Any comments regarding the consultation paper to be fed back directly to Andrea Davies.

Regarding the 10,000 safer lives report – many actions have been taken forward by the G7 group who are taking the lead responsibility to ensure recommendations are implemented across Gwent. The G7 group will also lead on the development of a common assessment for victims of domestic abuse.

**ACTION – Andrea Davies to circulate action plan to the members of the group.**

Rob Morris stated that there are currently two on-going domestic homicide reviews. The Home Office has passed the responsibility of these onto Community Safety Partnerships. Rob Morris has sourced training through CSP Academy however limited space is available.

### 4.3(b) Anti-Social Behaviour Update

Kathryn Peters provided the group with an update regarding the anti-social behaviour report. During the last quarter there were 528 referrals to the 4 strike process with 5 of these progressing to the 4<sup>th</sup> strike.

There are currently 26 live anti-social behaviour orders (ASBO) within Caerphilly 11 of which are adults and 15 juvenile. A review will be taking place regarding the publicity matrix used by SCCSP after concerns have been raised by our education services after a person under the age of 16 was publicised that had previously been listed on the child protection register.

Victims Champion, Lana Harrison, is currently undertaking training to become a qualified Mediator which will further enhance her role and enable her to offer additional services when working with families. Lana has received 179 referrals between April 2012 to September 2012.

Throughout April – September 2012, a total of 17,688 hours of work were carried out within the county borough. Offenders work under the supervision of Wales Probation Trust and recent projects have included extensive work to clear, improve and maintain Crosskeys RFC, Caerphilly War Graves, ad-hoc clearance of areas and the removal of graffiti from various locations across the borough.

This quarters figures show that strike one of the four strike process is having a huge impact in the drop-off between strike one and two. Significant success has also been achieved in the second quarter.

The next meeting of the Safer Caerphilly Volunteer Network is scheduled to take place on the 25<sup>th</sup> February 2013.

**5. THE FOLLOWING MEETINGS HAVE TAKEN PLACE AND THE MINUTES WILL BE AVAILABLE ON THE SCCSP WEBSITE WHEN APPROVED**

**5.1 Partnership Development:**

- (a) Partnership Development Action Team held on 15<sup>th</sup> November 2012
- (b) Commissioning Group held on 14<sup>th</sup> November 2012

**5.2 Crime Reduction:**

- (a) Domestic Abuse Forum held on 22<sup>nd</sup> October 2012

**5.3 Substance Misuse**

- (a) Substance Misuse Action Team held on 16<sup>th</sup> January 2012.

**5.4 Fire Safety**

- (a) Fire Safety Action Team held on 8<sup>th</sup> November 2012.

**5.5 Caerphilly Community Cohesion Forum**

- (a) Caerphilly Community Cohesion Forum held on 21<sup>st</sup> November 2012.

**6. DATES OF NEXT MEETING: -**

- Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> March 2013 at 9:30am at Pontllanfraith House, Pontllanfraith Council Chamber
- Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> June 2013 at 09:30am at Pontllanfraith House, Pontllanfraith, Council Chamber
- Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> September 2013 at 09:30am at Pontllanfraith House, Pontllanfraith, Council Chamber
- Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> December 2013 at 09:30am at Pontllanfraith House, Pontllanfraith, Council Chamber