

## SAFER CAERPHILLY COMMUNITY SAFETY PARTNERSHIP STRATEGY GROUP

### MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD AT PONTLLANFRAITH HOUSE ON THURSDAY 2ND MARCH 2012 AT 9.30AM

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PRESENT:

Superintendent J. Burley  
C. Ace

Gwent Police  
Wales Probation Trust

Together with:

N. Kenny  
N. Hudson-Featherstone  
R. Morris  
M. Rogers  
I. Macvicar  
M. Bridgeman  
N. Taylor  
Insp. K. Childs  
R. Meredith  
M. Evans  
J. Hopper  
K. Peters  
Insp. M. Williams  
B. John

Caerphilly County Borough Council  
Safer Caerphilly Community Safety Partnership  
South Wales Fire & Rescue Service  
Youth Offending Service  
Caerphilly County Borough Council  
Gwent Association of Voluntary Organisations  
Gwent Police Authority  
Gwent Police  
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Aneurin Bevan Health Board  
Gwent Police  
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#### 1. APOLOGIES

Councillor H.A. Andrews  
S Martin  
R Hartshorn  
Councillor C. Mann

Gwent Police Authority  
Aneurin Bevan Health Board  
Caerphilly County Borough Council (Chair)  
South Wales Fire Authority

#### 2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST - NONE

#### 3. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

The minutes of 1st December 2011 were agreed as a correct record.

#### 3.1. MATTERS ARISING

Page 5 – **ACTION** – Maria Evans to provide data to Joe Hopper for inclusion in the SCCSP Scorecard. This action has yet to be completed and will remain.

#### 4. **PRESENTATION BY INSP. MATTHEW WILLIAMS – POLICE & CRIME COMMISSIONER TRANSITION**

**ACTION** – Nadine Hudson-Featherstone to circulate a copy of the presentation along with links provided by Matthew Williams.

#### 5.1 **PARTNERSHIP DEVELOPMENT**

##### 5.1(a) Performance Report

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

Joe Hopper updated the members of the group with crime performance figures from Gwent Police. For the seventh consecutive month a reduction has been reported in crime. This is an unprecedented achievement in the Gwent Police area. All crime is currently down by 14.6%, which equates to 1630 fewer victims, current detection rates are 31.4% and ASB is currently down 34.3% with 4941 fewer incidents of ASB within the borough. Current priority areas regarding ASB are Nelson and Bargoed wards with issues relating to youth nuisance.

Criminal damage volume continues to remain low, despite an increase during February of 12.5%, which equates to 18 incidents. Vehicle related criminal damage has decreased by 3% in February and is now at an historic low. Other criminal damage volume has seen an increase to 24%, however this figure is still well below average.

Overall vehicle crime continues to remain low. Theft of vehicle currently remains static and theft from vehicle offences, although experiencing a 21% increase in February this remains well below the 2011 monthly average.

Overall violent crime has decreased by 30%, which equates to 47 less incidents, figures are currently at an historic low.

During a recent internal audit findings indicate that Gwent Police is currently the most accurately recording Local Policing Unit (LPU) and satisfaction levels are increasing within the LPU.

The SCCSP Scorecard is in the process of being updated. Once complete it will be circulated by Joe Hopper.

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

Rob Morris provided the group with a highlight of the statistics from SWFRS. The area of deliberate secondary fires is currently an area for concern along with arson vulnerability. A contact name is needed from the local authority that SWFRS are able to contact for vacant properties. The category of accidental dwelling fires is the best performing category for Caerphilly out of all ten unitary authorities.

**ACTION** – Kevin Childs and Rob Morris to meet and discuss frailty program

**ACTION** – Natalie Kenny to forward a name to Rob Morris regarding CCBC vacant properties

Rob Morris distributed a copy of the SWFRS service directory containing information and contacts regarding the different services and departments available from SWFRS. This is not a public facing document and should only be used by partnership organisations. If additional copies of the directory are required requests should be sent to Rob Morris.

##### 5.1(b) Partnership Development Report.

###### **Commissioning Group**

Howard Rees has now taken up his new post of Programme Manager - Partnership Development and Collaborative Improvement and Kathryn Peters has been appointed as Community Safety Manager.

### **2011/2012 Funding**

Natalie Kenny informed the group that all funding provided for the year 2011/2012 is on target to be spent and no under spend is expected.

### **Funding 2012/2013**

The spend plans were distributed as appendix 1 of the partnership development report to members.

Spend plans for 2012/2013 for the Community Safety Fund have been based on indicative amounts received from the Home Office however this amount is yet to be confirmed. This fund is significantly reduced from 2011/2012 allocation with an expected amount of £71,781.00. Changes to the spend plan include alterations to the amount provided to the ASB team, this amount now covers partial costs of the ASB Administration post, Community Safety Officer and the Victims Champion. Unfortunately due to the reductions in the fund the CSP will no longer be able to fund the Bobby Van scheme or the Small Grants Scheme.

After speaking with Karin Phillips of the Welsh Government it is expected that the funding for the Safer Communities Fund will remain the same however this decision is still with the Minister at present. Spend plans have been drafted on the assumption that there is no change to the amount of funding provided. All projects remain the same with a slight increase against the ASB team, which now covers three posts stated above. There is also a decrease in the amount allocated to the diversionary activities fund.

Spend plans were approved in principle by both the SCCSP Commissioning Group and SCCSP Partnership Development Action Team.

#### **Substance Misuse Spend Plans**

Maria Evans provided the group with an overview of the changes made to the Substance Misuse spend plans for the new financial year. A number of services have been decommissioned after under spends were experienced during the current financial year. Approximately £70,000.00 of under spend will be utilised by existing projects such as needle exchange.

The group approved all spend plans in principle.

A copy of the updated Community Safety structure was circulated to the members of the group. The Emerging Crime & Community Safety Group is now a task and finish group and will meet as the need arises. The Alcohol Harm Reduction Group has now been disbanded and removed from the structure chart. The Vulnerability Group has also been removed as this area will be covered by the Team Around the Family team.

## **5.2 SUBSTANCE MISUSE AND ALCOHOL HARM REDUCTION**

### **5.2(a) Substance Misuse and Alcohol Harm Reduction Action Team Update**

Maria Evans provided the group with an update regarding substance misuse. A bid has been submitted to the Welsh Government requesting additional funding to set up a needle exchange programme at Chambers House. At present an under spend of £20,000.00 has been utilised from this years spend plans with a further £30,000.00 requested from the Welsh Government. Should the application be successful, training will take place with all staff at Chambers House regarding blood borne viruses (BBV) and needle administration. Naloxone training will also take place at Chambers House.

The Tough Choices program is still in operation at Ystrad Mynach custody suite however two new drugs have emerged that are not detected. These are China White and Black Mamba, tests to detect these drugs need to be carried out in a lab to confirm their presence.

**ACTION** – Maria Evans to forward a briefing to Nadine Hudson-Featherstone for distribution to members of the group regarding new drugs.

The Chair informed the group that OWL is being used as a way of warning members of the community about substance misuse messages. A message will be sent out to OWL users today regarding the contamination of heroin in the Rhymney area.

Rebecca Meredith updated the group regarding communications for substance misuse. A campaign will take place regarding the use of energy drinks, a mass survey will take place regarding the prevalence of use and a blanket ban has been introduced across all schools.

The Wings to Fly production is taking place this month and the Wrecked production will be taking place in April, both of which will be performed at Blackwood Miners Institute.

### **5.3 CRIME REDUCTION AND ANTI-SOCIAL BEHAVIOUR AND IMPROVE THE STREET SCENE**

#### **5.3(a) Domestic Abuse & Safer Caerphilly MAC Update**

The group noted the content of the report provided by Andrea Davies regarding the Safer Caerphilly Multi-Agency Centre (MAC). The MAC is currently going through a redesign process and the Team Around the Family (TAF) will be moving in the building in the near future.

The Domestic Abuse service is currently under review due to funding, a meeting will take place with strategic partners to discuss this further.

#### **5.3(b) Anti-Social Behaviour Update.**

Natalie Kenny provided the group with an update regarding anti-social behaviour (ASB). Since the last meeting of the Strategy Group one anti-social behaviour order (ASBO) has been granted, there are currently 25 live ASBO's, 11 of which are adults with the remaining 14 juvenile. The Gold Standard toolkit introduced by Gwent Police has now gone live and the Victims Champion is working with CADRO offices regarding referrals for victims of ASB.

Up to and including 31.12.2011 over 27,500 community payback hours have been carried out with Caerphilly County Borough, this equates to £168,928.00 worth of unpaid work.

## **6. ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

### **Review of COMPACT Plan**

The Chair thanked Kevin Childs for his input in the review of the COMPACT plan. The new plan will be circulated to the members of the group.

### **Restorative Justice DVD**

Michaela Rogers informed the group that a Restorative Justice DVD funded by SCCSP containing real stories promoting restorative justice would be used at a Restorative Justice conference. The DVD produced has been identified as best practice and Michaela Rogers asked if it would be possible to promote the DVD.

**ACTION** – Natalie Kenny will speak with the Communications Team regarding the promotion of the DVD.

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

**7.1 Partnership Development:**

- (a) Partnership Development Action Team held on 9th February 2012

**7.2 Crime Reduction:**

- (a) Domestic Abuse Forum held on 21st February 2012

**7.3 Substance Misuse**

- (a) Substance Misuse Action Team held on 16th January 2012.

**7.4 Fire Safety**

- (a) Fire Safety Action Team held on 20th February 2012.

**7.5 Caerphilly Community Cohesion Forum**

- (a) Caerphilly Community Cohesion Forum held on 18th January 2012.

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

- Thursday 7th June 2012 at 9.30am – Pontllanfraith House, Pontllanfraith, Council Chamber
- Thursday 6th September 2012 at 9.30am – Pontllanfraith House, Pontllanfraith, Council Chamber
- Thursday 6th December 2012 at 9.30am – Pontllanfraith House, Pontllanfraith, Council Chamber