

SAFER CAERPHILLY COMMUNITY SAFETY PARTNERSHIP STRATEGY GROUP

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD AT PONTLLANFRAITH HOUSE
ON FRIDAY 1ST JUNE 2012 AT 9.30AM**

PRESENT:

Superintendent J. Burley
A. Bush
Councillor H.A. Andrews
Councillor C. Mann
Councillor D. Poole

Gwent Police
Wales Probation Trust
Gwent Police Authority
South Wales Fire Authority
Caerphilly County Borough Council

Together with:

N. Hudson-Featherstone
R. Morris
I. Macvicar
N. Taylor
Insp. K. Childs
J. Hopper
K. Peters
C Edmunds
R Hartshorn

Safer Caerphilly Community Safety Partnership
South Wales Fire & Rescue Service
Caerphilly County Borough Council
Gwent Police Authority
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Caerphilly County Borough Council
Aneurin Bevan Health Board
Caerphilly County Borough Council (Chair)

1. APOLOGIES

N. Kenny
M. Rogers
M. Bridgeman
M. Evans
A. Sheehan
S. Martin
N. Davies

Caerphilly County Borough Council
Youth Offending Service
Gwent Association of Voluntary Organisations
Aneurin Bevan Health Board
Caerphilly County Borough Council
Aneurin Bevan Health Board
Wales Probation Trust

The Chair placed thanks on record to Sian Martin for all of her work involving the Community Safety Partnership

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST - NONE

3. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

The minutes of 2nd March 2012 were agreed as a correct record.

4. MATTERS ARISING

Page 1 - Matters arising – CSP Scorecard, Joseph Hopper has received information from Maria Evans; further data will be distributed when received.

Page 1 – The Chair thanked Inspector Matthew Williams regarding his presentation ‘Police & Crime Commissioner Transition’.

Page 2 – ACTION regarding Kevin Childs and Rob Morris meeting to discuss frailty program. This meeting has yet to take place; the meeting will take place within the next month.

Page 2 – ACTION regarding vacant properties. A contact has not yet been passed to Rob Morris, Nadine Hudson-Featherstone to investigate and provide information to Rob Morris within the next seven days.

Page 4 – ACTION regarding restorative justice DVD. Statistics regarding restorative justice to be requested from Michaela Rogers and a link to the restorative justice DVD to be placed on the CSP website.

ACTION – Michaela Rogers to provide a presentation regarding restorative justice at a future meeting.

4.1 Draft Strategic Assessment

The Chair informed the group that that current draft strategic assessment is currently up to version 4 of the document. This is an excellent document to circulate to strategic partners in particular Communities First. Version 4 of the document is yet to be circulated. Communities First have written a plan following a community mapping session and this demonstrates a lot of good work coming together.

ACTION – Any comments regarding the Strategic Assessment should be sent directly to Insp. Kevin Childs.

The alcohol strategy has identified an action plan to take forward to the ACC and all agencies have been involved. Approximately 3 months ago the Welsh Government (WG) produced an action plan regarding the sales of alcohol.

Chris Edmunds informed the group that he is looking to establish a forum to link up with the drinks industry. A response was received from Gareth Hewitt who felt that the drinks industry would not be interested in such a forum. Gareth Hewitt is currently on annual leave; Chris Edmunds will meet with him upon his return.

ACTION – LSB Strategic Priorities to be added to future agendas of the Strategy Group.

Discussions took place regarding the Local Service Board (LSB) and a change of structure regarding the SCCSP. Howard Rees is currently putting together the plan and at present it is agreed that this is a valuable group and should remain in its current state

5.1 PARTNERSHIP DEVELOPMENT

5.1(a) Performance Report

ACTION – SWFRS Performance to be added to all future agendas.

Gwent Police

Joe Hopper updated the members of the group with an overview of crime performance figures from Gwent Police for the last year. The target for a drop in crime has been exceeded, the reported figure for the last year is 15.6%, and this exceeds the 7% target that was set. This equates to 1,926 fewer victims of crime. Anti-Social Behaviour (ASB) had a target reduction of 7%, figures show there was a reduction of 34.6% for the year with 5,400 fewer victims of ASB. Using iQuanta statistics, Caerphilly LPU is currently number one out of sixteen similar area partnerships on a three month rolling period. Rankings for Caerphilly are:

- Number one in the category of all crime
- Number one in serious acquisitive crime
- Number four in domestic burglary
- Number one in robbery
- Number four in vehicle crime
- Number two in other wounding
- Number two in racial/religiously aggravated offences

The Chair stated these results show an excellent example of partnership working.

Current performance from April of this year shows that criminal damage is currently down by 30% and if maintained, this will equate to a 9.1% decrease with a predicted 950 fewer incidents by the end of the financial year. ASB is currently down by 33% with a predicted 3,400 fewer incidents by the end of the financial year.

NT asked what has been done differently to achieve these results. The Chair stated that Community Support Officers (CSO) are engaging and working in partnership with Community Safety Wardens (CSW) and CCTV.

South Wales Fire & Rescue Service

RM provided the group with an update regarding SWFRS statistics.

- All fires attended are currently down 33%
- Special services calls have seen an increase of 10%

Best performing categories for the Caerphilly borough are:

- Accidental dwelling fires
- Deliberate dwelling fires – of these only 40% had a smoke alarm fitted and 10% of these did not work.

The vulnerable people category has historically been elderly, this however has now changed to 20 to 30 year olds and SWFRS are currently attempting to collect baseline data regarding incidents in this category. Home fire safety checks will be targeted to vulnerable groups. To date 2,656 home fire safety checks have been carried out, 95 road safety events have been attended along with 22 youth events.

The Project Bernie evaluation will be published in a week's time. Overall a 67% reduction was achieved and Caerphilly was the only area to experience a reduction over the first two weeks of the operation.

- During the two weeks of the Easter holiday a reduction of 78.6% was recorded
- During the final two weeks a reduction of 100%

There were a total of 378 young people engaged with during the project with 25 diversionary activities taking place and Bernie's Facebook friends reached a total of 2,526. In total 43 days of patrols took place over the six week period by members of Gwent Police, Community Safety Wardens and members of SWFRS.

JH prepared a comparison of the ward in which Project Bernie took place compared to all other wards of the Caerphilly LPU. This information has been included in the evaluation. Also as a result of the awareness raised by Project Bernie officers from Risca were able to apprehend two males attempting deliberate grass arson and who were subsequently handed community service orders.

5.1(b) Partnership Development

Draft Strategic Assessment

Any comments regarding the document should be sent directly to Kevin Childs.

The Safer Caerphilly website is now updated by the Community Safety team; as a result the website can now be kept more up to date. Planning for the Big Cheese 2012 is underway with the theme of the Community Safety marquee focusing on reducing the harm caused by alcohol; there will be a multi-agency presence once again this year.

Spend plans have been previously presented to the group for the current financial year and a protocol has been developed for the commissioning process. This matrix is currently being used whilst processing this year's funding.

5.2 SUBSTANCE MISUSE AND ALCOHOL HARM REDUCTION

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

ME provided the group with an update regarding substance misuse. Needle exchange continues to be a problem for substance misuse. ME is currently investigating blood borne virus (BBV) training to take place at Chambers House. There is currently no needle exchange provision in the north of the borough and it is hoped that the new resource centre due to open in Rhymney may be able to help tackle this. As highlighted in the substance misuse report, information protocols between Emergency Departments and local substance misuse services needs to be developed to ensure that a treatment pathway plan is established and maintained which is timely, effective and appropriate.

At present it is unknown the impact that the APB will have on the Substance Misuse Fund or how services in Caerphilly will be affected.

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

5.3(a) Domestic Abuse & Safer Caerphilly MAC Update

ACTION – The Chair to contact Andrew Jarrett regarding the non-submission of a report or representation of Domestic Abuse at today's meeting.

5.3(b) Anti-Social Behaviour Update.

KP provided the group with an update regarding anti-social behaviour, there have been excellent reductions regarding the four strike process. Of 181 strike ones during January to March 2012 only one progressed to the anti-social behaviour order (ASBO) stage.

Evidence is being produced to support the post of the victims' champion, during 2011/12 a total of 377 referrals were made to the service.

During 2011/12 a total of 37,582 Community Payback hours were carried out within the Caerphilly county borough.

The Chair wished place thanks on record to Lana Harrison for all of her on-going work which has made a huge difference to the victims of anti-social behaviour (ASB).

6. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Bobby van Scheme

KP informed the group that as the Bobby van scheme is no longer operating the SCCSP has identified an amount of funding to service vulnerable victims through Care & Repair. Guidelines will be set in place regarding referrals to the service.

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 17th May 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 16th May 2012.

8. DATES OF NEXT MEETING: -

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