

SAFER CAERPHILLY COMMUNITY SAFETY PARTNERSHIP STRATEGY GROUP

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

PRESENT:

Councillor D. Poole

Caerphilly County Borough Council

Together with:

R. Hartshorn
N. Hudson-Featherstone
R. Morris
M. Evans
Insp. K. Childs
J. Hopper
S. Crane
K. Peters
M. Rogers
S. Thomas
A. Davies

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

1. APOLOGIES

Supt. J. Burley
N. Kenny
I. Macvicar
M. Bridgeman

Gwent Police
Caerphilly County Borough Council
Caerphilly County Borough Council
Gwent Association of Voluntary Organisations

The group wish to place thanks and appreciation on record to Supt. Jon Burley for his commitment, efforts and contribution as Chair of the Safer Caerphilly Community Safety Partnership and wish him well in his new post.

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST - NONE

3. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

The minutes of 1st June 2012 were agreed as a correct record.

4. MATTERS ARISING

Michaela Rogers will provide a presentation regarding restorative justice at a future meeting of the Strategy Group.

Kevin Childs and Rob Morris meeting regarding the frailty programme – this meeting will now be postponed until after the election for the Police & Crime Commissioner (PCC) and the priorities of the LSB and Strategic Assessment have been agreed.

4.1(a) Draft Strategic Assessment

Kevin Childs provided the group with an update regarding the current draft of the strategic assessment. In summary it is a positive document and reflects all of the hard work carried out by members of the partnership. Excellent performance is demonstrated throughout the document. Building on previous success figures show that anti-social behaviour has fallen by 34.6%, public confidence has increased by 30.7%, even with the reduction in anti-social behaviour the public perception of the problem does not reflect this., this has been identified as an area to work on. The strategic priorities of the document will remain the same: anti-social behaviour, substance misuse and partnership development. As of March the strategic assessment will be replaced with the unified needs assessment under the single plan.

4.1(b) LSB Strategic Priorities

The Chair informed the group that the three priorities identified as: poverty, alcohol and the single plan. With regards to the single plan, work is currently being carried out through the unified needs assessment, at the end of September contact will be made regarding attendance at workshops. Current timescales will see a draft document in December with consultation, ready to implement the single plan in April 2013.

The Chair informed the group he is currently leading on the issue of poverty, many initiatives are in place, regarding the upcoming welfare reforms the authority are working on employment and training opportunities. A task and finish group will be reporting to corporate membership groups regarding who is involved, Cllr. Gerald Jones will be part of the group. Geographically the priority for the group will be the north of the borough.

Regarding alcohol, a workshop will be taking place at the end of June involving multi-agency participants. An action plan is currently under development, it is expected approximately 60 people will be in attendance at the planned workshop. The next meeting of the Local Service Board (LSB) will take place on 10.10.12 at which time an action plan will be presented to the members.

A Gwent wide alcohol conference will be hosted by Caerphilly on 10.10.2012.

4.1(c) Performance Report

Gwent Police

Joe Hopper updated the members of the group with an overview of crime performance figures from Gwent Police for the last year. Current ASB priority areas are Jones Street in Phillipstown, Markham and Blackwood Town Centre. There is currently a multi-agency approach with regards to the Blackwood area. Metal theft is down 40% compared to the same period last year, between the months of April to August crime is currently down 18% with 850 fewer incidents compared to the same period last year, ASB is currently down 39% which equates to 2000 fewer incidents and detection rates are currently at 32%.

Gwent Police will be meeting next week to discuss interventions over the Halloween and bonfire period in an attempt to replicate last year's success.

The Chair thanked Joe Hopper for all of his work for the partnership and wished him well. Karen Snell will now be taking over as the partnership analyst.

South Wales Fire & Rescue Service

RM provided the group with an update regarding SWFRS statistics. There has been a reduction in vehicle fires of 65% during the first quarter; an area for concern is accidental dwelling fires however work is being carried out to tackle this. Information states the biggest problem regarding accidental dwelling fires is no working fire alarm is installed in the home; this has been identified as an issue across all service areas. There have been no attacks on fire crews in the borough of Caerphilly for 6 months which is extremely positive. Issues have been identified with deliberate secondary fires (fly tipping), SWFRS are currently working with Community Payback in identifying areas of concern; during the first quarter 171 incidents occurred. False alarms are currently down also. Recent activity includes over 500 home fire safety checks being carried out and attendance at 18 road safety events.

RM raised a concern regarding the unified needs assessment and the lack of fire crime indicators included.

ACTION – Kathryn Peters to send a copy of the draft UNA to Rob Morris

ACTION – The Chair will provide contact details to Rob Morris regarding work with CCBC on fly tipping

- 4.1(d) Discussions took place regarding where Community Safety would sit under the single plan structure. Due to current changes in legislation there is no longer a need for a Char 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.

4.2 SUBSTANCE MISUSE AND ALCOHOL HARM

- 4.2(a) Maria Evans provided the group with an update regarding substance misuse. In 2009, the five Community Safety Partnerships (CSP) in Gwent jointly began an extensive programme of work to re-commission adult drug services across the localities. Following extensive research, needs analysis and consultations, a service specification was developed for each service and Torfaen County Borough Council and Newport City County both independently led on procurement exercises that resulted in Drugaid and Kaleidoscope winning the contracts for the delivery of the service specifications

The contracts were put in place in April 2010 for an initial period of three years, with the option to extend for a further two years, subject to agreement by both parties. It is requested that the group approve the extension of the contracts for a further year until 31st March 2014. The group were in agreement that the contracts should be extended.

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

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

A presentation was provided by Andrea Davies – Domestic Abuse Co-ordinator.



Presentation to CSP
Strategy Grp 02 03 11

ACTION – Andrea Davies to provide a progress report at the next meeting.

4.3(b) Anti-Social Behaviour Update.

Kathryn Peters provided the group with an update regarding anti-social behaviour. 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 17th September 2012 with a theme of crime prevention.

4.3(c) Anti-Social Behaviour Report for the PCC

Kathryn Peters asked that any comments regarding the report for the PCC be sent to Natalie Kenny by 14th September 2012.

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 17th May 2012.

5.2 Crime Reduction:

- (a) Domestic Abuse Forum held on 20th August 2012.

5.3 Substance Misuse

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

5.4 Fire Safety

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

5.5 Caerphilly Community Cohesion Forum

- (a) Caerphilly Community Cohesion Forum held on 16th May 2012.

8. DATES OF NEXT MEETING: -

- Thursday 6th December 2012 at 9.30am – Pontllanfraith House, Pontllanfraith, Council Chamber
- Thursday 6th March 2013 at 9:30am – Pontllanfraith House, Pontllanfraith Council Chamber