

## SAFER CAERPHILLY COMMUNITY SAFETY PARTNERSHIP STRATEGY GROUP

MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD AT PENALLTA HOUSE  
ON WEDNESDAY 10TH APRIL 2013 AT 9.30AM

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PRESENT:

Councillor K. Reynolds  
Councillor D. Poole  
Supt. B. Williams (Chair)  
Councillor C. Elsbury

Police & Crime Panel Representative  
Caerphilly County Borough Council  
Gwent Police  
South Wales Fire & Rescue Authority

Together with:

Chief Insp. S. Jeffries  
R. Morris  
R. Hartshorn  
K. Peters  
Insp. K. Childs  
N. Hudson-Featherstone  
N. Kenny  
A. Sheehan  
L. Fitzpatrick  
H. Nicholls  
I. Macvicar  
N. Taylor  
I. Fido

Gwent Police  
South Wales Fire & Rescue Service  
Caerphilly County Borough Council (Vice-Chair)  
Caerphilly County Borough Council  
Gwent Police  
Safer Caerphilly Community Safety Partnership  
Caerphilly County Borough Council  
Caerphilly County Borough Council  
Youth Offending Service  
Wales Probation Trust  
Caerphilly County Borough Council  
Office of the Police & Crime Commissioner  
Aneurin Bevan Health Board

**1. APOLOGIES**

S. Crane  
M. Evans  
M. Rogers  
N. Davies

Aneurin Bevan Health Board  
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Youth Offending Service  
Wales Probation Trust

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

**2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST - NONE**

**3. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING**

The minutes of 6<sup>th</sup> December 2012 were agreed as a correct record.

#### 4. MATTERS ARISING

- 4.1 The Chair held discussions regarding the future of group and stated that all partners have an equal responsibility, the members of the group agreed that they are all happy to contribute going forward.

The presentation regarding restorative justice has been rescheduled to take place at the next ordinary meeting of the SCCSP Delivery Group at the request of Rob Hartshorn. Chief Insp. Simon Jeffries stated that if the circumstances of a case handled by Gwent Police merit it – restorative justice is used and is very popular with the victims of crime. Restorative Justice has gone live with Gwent Police for young people and there is an incremental plan to introduce it to adult offenders.

**ACTION** – Andrea Davies to circulate the Domestic Abuse Action Plan to the members of the group – this is yet to be circulated. (ACTION CARRIED FORWARD FROM MEETING HELD IN DECEMBER)

#### 4.2 Performance Report

##### **Gwent Police**

Insp. Kevin Childs provided the group with an update regarding Gwent Police crime statistics. A large number of reductions have been seen on top of the previous year's reductions.

A copy of the statistics has been circulated to the members of the group.

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

Rob Morris provided the group with an update regarding SWFRS statistics. Total fires has seen almost a 50% reduction over the past year on all incidents – this is a significant decrease, deliberate primary fires (outdoor structures) has seen a decrease of 40%, the category of vehicle fires has a reduction of 56%, there have been only two injuries in accidental dwelling fires in the last year and this is a very pleasing result and finally deliberate secondary fires are down by 30%.

Rob Morris stated that these statistics show the excellent evidence of the value of this group.

Cllr. Dave Poole requested that ASB figures dated back from the start of the partnership to date be compiled for comparison however Insp. Kevin Childs stated that recording mechanisms and categories over time have changed and this could distort figures. The Chair requested the figures go back 3 years for the comparison and a press release be issued.

**ACTION** – Partnership Communication to be released to include data over the past three years showing a downward trend.

Discussions took place regarding future performance reports being more focussed around the delivery of the Single Integrated Plan.

#### 4.3 Single Plan Delivery

The document containing priorities 1 – 4 of the Single Integrated Plan for Safer has been distributed to the members of the group. Discussions took place regarding S1 to S4. The Chair stated the S4 would be difficult for this group to deliver and a meeting will be taking place between the Chair and Sandra Aspinall to discuss any items that could possibly be moved.

At the last meeting of this group it was discussed and decided that this group should remain and in terms of delivery the group should continue and potentially open membership up to others.

Regarding S1, S2 & S3, The CSP will still exist and follow Home Office legislation. There is also still a statutory responsibility regarding substance misuse. Issues for the harm it causes communities are encompassed within S3. However substance misuse issue for users have now moved to the Healthier strand of the Single Integrated Plan (SIP). Regional funding will have an impact on how the theme is delivered.

Under S1 of the SIP the Junior Community Safety Wardens Scheme is being taken forward as is the role of the Victims Champion after receiving funds from the Police & Crime Commissioner (PCC). The role of the Victims Champion has now also been extended to include mediation services. Work with the Youth Offending Service and Youth Services will continue.

Under S2 of the SIP a review will take place of what has been achieved so far. Domestic abuse is a large area of work as is hate crime. The number of repeat victims of domestic abuse will be monitored.

Under S3 of the SIP, support will be given to the work of the Gwent Area Planning Board in tackling substance misuse issues that affect the community, enforcing DPPO's to restrict drinking on the street by adults and those under 18 years of age.

Going forward work is needed on the action plan and the performance scorecard. The SIP is a 5 year plan and the indicators will change on a shorter timescale. This group will be held to account and the work of this group will be reported to a higher level group and ultimately the LSB.

Discussions took place regarding the need for a sub group/ task & finish group. The Strategic Coordinators group continues to meet with Howard Rees and is developing a template for everyone to feed into.

It was agreed that this group would have a set membership and a review of the agenda and the frequency of meetings would take place. Cllr Dave Poole stated the group need to ensure there is no duplication of figures recorded. E.g there is a strong crossover between domestic abuse and alcohol. Neil Taylor stated that performance monitoring identifies what is working well and the effects on members of the public. Louise Fitzpatrick stated that Michaela Rogers has set up a meeting regarding the Integrated Family Support Team – an additional service – this will be offered to families with specific problems and it is hoped this will have a positive impact.

The Chair asked the group for their thoughts on how to set targets. Chief Insp. Simon Jeffries stated that Community Safety is such a broad area, the success of the group will be judged on whether the Safer Caerphilly element of the SIP is being delivered.

**ACTION** – All members to look at their area of delivery and identify the correct measures for local roles and identify any commonalities. This information will then be fed back to Natalie Kenny

Funding for the future will depend on if the PCC thinks our process is working – results are going to be needed to support this.

Neil Taylor stated that the office of the PCC is looking at a Results Based Accountability (RBA) Commissioning Model for August this year. This year the PCC has continued funding to allow CSPs to continue however after August the bidding process will be opened up to allow anyone to bid in for funding to deliver the same services of the CSP.

Robert Hartshorn stated that the single plan provides a starting point – The purpose of the meeting is to develop an action plan however commitment is needed from all partners. Once the draft action plan has been developed all partners will need to review it.

**ACTION** – Natalie Kenny and Sgt Robert Davies to begin to develop an action plan and scorecard for discussion among this group. All partners use Safer as a starting point and feed any information back to Natalie Kenny by the 19<sup>th</sup> April 2013.

#### 4.4 **Strategic Assessment**

Kathryn Peters updated the group regarding the Strategic Assessment. The SCCSP still has a legal responsibility to provide an annual plan and strategic assessment. In order to assist in showing progress against the single integrated plan there will be a requirement for partners to provide datasets that measure performance. Analytical capability amongst partner organisations is an area which is at risk from reduced resources. However, it is difficult to envisage how progress will be shown without a continued commitment from partners to provide data, at least on an annual basis, that meets the statutory timescales.

The Chair stated that there has been a review of analysts at Gwent Police and this may have an impact on figures – the review is currently on-going.

**ACTION** – An extra ordinary meeting of this group to take place in a month's time to review progress with the regular meetings resuming in June.

It was agreed by the members of the group to change the name of the group to the 'Safer Caerphilly Delivery Group' and would continue to meet on a quarterly basis.

#### 5. **TO NOTE THAT THE FOLLOWING MEETINGS HAVE TAKEN PLACE SINCE THE PREVIOUS MEETING AND THE MINUTES WILL BE AVAILABLE ON THE SCCSP WEBSITE WHEN APPROVED.**

##### 5.1 **Crime Reduction**

(a) Domestic Abuse Forum held on 17<sup>th</sup> December 2012.

##### 5.2 **Substance Misuse**

(a) Substance Misuse Action Team held on 15<sup>th</sup> October 2012.

##### 5.3 **Fire Safety**

(a) Fire Safety Action Team held on 13<sup>th</sup> February 2013.

##### 5.4 **Caerphilly Community Cohesion Forum**

(a) Caerphilly Community Cohesion Forum held on 20<sup>th</sup> March 2013.

#### 6. **DATES OF FUTURE MEETINGS: -**

- Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> May 2013 at 09:30am at Penallta House, Rhymney Room. To discuss the scorecard for Safer.
- 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.