

Cambridge Community Safety Partnership

10th March 2009

10:00 – 12:40

Committee Room 1
The Guildhall, Cambridge

MINUTES

Board Members

Vicky Skeels (Chair ¹)	Cambridgeshire Constabulary
Liz Bisset (Chair ²)	Cambridge City Council
Mike Davey	Cambridgeshire County Council
Michael Harding	National Probation Service
Tom Jefford	Cambridgeshire County Council
Ryan Stacey	Cambridgeshire Fire and Rescue Service
Tim Theaker	NHS Cambridgeshire
Kevin Wilkins	Cambridgeshire Police Authority

In Attendance

Siobhan Dennehy	Cambridgeshire County Council
Paul Griffin	Cambridge City Council
Michael Hendy	Cambridgeshire Magistracy
Vicky Hornsby	Cambridge Business Against Crime (CAMBAC)
Tina Le	Drug and Alcohol Action Team
Jennifer Massie	Cambridgeshire Constabulary
Gaynor Mears	Cambridgeshire County Council
Ian Nimmo-Smith	Leader of the Council (from agenda item 6)
Alastair Roberts	Cambridge City Council
Tom Kingsley (Minutes)	Cambridge Community Safety Partnership

1. Welcome and Introductions.

- 1.1 Apologies were received from Anita Goddard, Rick Hylton, Steve Kerridge, Peter Lester and Ruth McCallum.
- 1.2 The Chair welcomed Mike Davey from Cambridgeshire County Council, who was replacing Nicola Clemo for the time being. Ryan Stacey was attending instead of Rick Hylton.

2. Minutes of 15th January 2009 Cambridge Community Safety Partnership meeting: Agreement.

- 2.1 The Minutes were agreed and would go forward for publication.

3. Action points: Review

- 3.1 The seven action points from the January meeting were discussed, as follows:
 - Action point 11/06: Michael Hendy advised the Partnership of domestic violence-related cases in the Cambridge magistrates' courts. It was difficult to get details,

¹ Item 1 to 4 on the Agenda

² Item 5 onwards on the Agenda

even from the Crown Prosecution Service. Tom Jefford offered the help of the Criminal Justice Board's analyst in getting detailed statistics and these would be brought to the next Partnership meeting.

Action point 03/01

- Action point 01/01: Closed.
- Action point 01/02: Closed.
- Action point 01/03: Closed.
- Action point 01/04: Closed.
- Action point 01/05: Closed. Gaynor Mears advised the Partnership that the first County Sexual Violence Group had met on 2nd March and commissioned a mapping exercise of gaps in services with the Cambridge Rape Crisis Centre. This would be reported to the County Strategic Board in April so the County partnership could consider its role around this issue.
- Action point 01/06: Closed.

4. Chair and Vice-Chair: Accession

4.1 Following on from action point 01/06, Vicky Skeels and Rick Hylton had put themselves forward as Chair and Vice-Chair respectively. Michael Harding nominated and Kevin Wilkins seconded both, and both were voted into office for the coming financial year.

5. Problem profile on cycle theft

- 5.1 Siobhan Dennehy highlighted pertinent areas from her report, circulated to Partnership members, including the facts that 2,326 cycle thefts were recorded in Cambridge in 2008, although 2008 was the second lowest year amongst the last six years. The Grafton, City centre and the railway station were shown as cycle theft hotspots, although 30% of thefts occurred in residential locations. Cambridge University colleges accounted for 4% of the recorded cycle thefts. The work being undertaken by the police, the City Council (including the City Rangers) and County Council was detailed. It was noted that Cambridge had won funding to become a Cycling Town.
- 5.2 The Partnership discussed the report, raising points on a national database of cycles (it was noted that Immobilise charge for the inclusion of photos of cycles), whether there was an evidence of bulk cycle theft and the proportion of acquisitive crime (though it was noted that the majority of thefts were opportunistic). It was also asked whether good practice from other cities or countries could be adopted.
- 5.3 Paul Griffin advised the Partnership that a multi-agency problem-solving group had met on 26th February and discussed various options. Elected members had also been keen for the Partnership to adopt cycle theft as a priority. An enquiry was made as to what constituted a "priority" and Paul Griffin explained that it had a lead officer with an action plan with related SMART³ targets. It was noted that previous Partnership successes had been based partly on ensuring there were no more than four or five focused priorities.
- 5.4 The Partnership agreed not to adopt cycle theft as a priority but to take it on board as a special project for the coming year. Concerns were then expressed as to how that fact the cycle theft was not being adopted as a priority should be promoted to the general public. It was agreed that a one-off meeting should take place in order to discuss the way forward, identify knowledge gaps and set a baseline. It was noted

³ Specific, Measurable, Achievable, Relevant, Time-based

that the Partnership should make contact with the Cambridge Cycling Project to look at how priorities and resources can be aligned to help tackle this issue. Vicky Skeels, working with Tom Kingsley, would draw up a paper to tie all the discussions on this topic together for the next Partnership meeting and Paul Griffin would take the decision of the Partnership to the Neighbourhood Action Groups.

Action point 03/02

Action point 03/03

6. Adoption of robbery as a priority: Decision

6.1 Vicky Skeels spoke to the report circulated to the Partnership. It was reported that there had been 25 robberies in January 2009, a 28% increase from the same time last year. The majority of robberies were carried out by groups of youths on singled-out victims and there was an indicative link with bullying at school. High profile policing was not the solution and there was no “quick hit” option. Work was being done in promoting personal safety and improving prevention and intelligence work. Linking up with the Anti-Bullying Week in November 2009 was recommended. The County Council would look at further preventative work using their Locality Managers.

6.2 The Partnership agreed to adopt robbery as a priority. The police had requested that the priority lead officer should not be from the police and Mike Davey took an action to liaise with the Cambridge Office of Children and Young People’s Services (OCYPS) Locality Manager and report back to the Partnership, via Paul Griffin.

Action point 03/04

7. Community Safety Plan 2008/11 refresh (2009/10): Update

7.1 Paul Griffin spoke to the paper before the Partnership, together with a draft copy of the refreshed Plan. Following the discussions above regarding cycle theft and robbery, it was agreed that the Plan needed to be further revised. Paul Griffin took two actions to ensure that cycle theft and robbery were included and to circulate a revised version of the Plan by the end of March 2009 for formal sign-off by Board members.

Action point 03/05

Action point 03/06

8. Partnership performance report Q3 2008/09

8.1 Siobhan Dennehy spoke to the report circulated to the Partnership. The burglary of homes priority showed a large spike during the quarter and, amongst its 15 peer partnerships, was 13th in this area. Both alcohol-related violence and anti-social behaviour were showing average results amongst the peer group. Paul Griffin reminded the Partnership that the Government Office for the East of England had challenged the Partnership on its acquisitive crime statistics and that a full response had been made, putting the statistics into context: this had been reported at the Partnership meeting in January 2009. The Chair reminded those lead officers present that they needed to address those areas where their respective priorities were not on target.

8.2 Siobhan Dennehy also circulated a useful chart showing the number of recorded violent crimes, assault cases dealt with at Addenbrooke’s A&E Unit and ambulance call outs to assaults, shootings or stabbing, from April 2006 to December 2008. Vicky Skeels asked that Addenbrooke’s be commended for its joint working.

9. Priority area Q3 2008/09 monitoring reports

9.1 Alcohol-related violence

Vicky Skeels spoke to the report before the Partnership and highlighted the sharing of Addenbrooke's A&E assault data on a monthly basis, the Violent Crime Task Group's move to bi-monthly meetings, the multi-agency Sensible Drinking Campaign held in October, the taxi marshalling pilot in December (which was very successful), the Medical and Care Facility in December, and progress on the Community Alcohol Partnership. One of the areas of concern involved an increase in assaults on the "streetlife" community.

9.2 Anti-social behaviour

Alastair Roberts spoke to the report before the Partnership and highlighted the successful safer cycling campaign, the anti-social vehicle campaign (aimed at anti-social parking), the introduction of weekly street drinking counts, and continuing work on environmental improvements under the neighbourhood improvements initiative.

9.3 Burglary of homes

Jennifer Massie spoke to the report before the Partnership in Steve Kerridge's absence, highlighting the reduction of offences in comparison with the previous quarter, awareness-raising events with both Cambridge universities, and SmartWater rollout in the Petersfield ward.

9.4 Domestic violence

Paul Griffin and Gaynor Mears spoke to the report before the Partnership in Anita Goddard's absence, highlighting the training and awareness event held in December, publication of the DV directories for both Cambridge and South Cambridgeshire areas, and the continuing DV awareness raising campaigns. One area of concern discussed was the membership and lack of engagement of the DV Task Group. Mike Davey took an action point to liaise with both the Chair (Anita Goddard) and Simon Kerss and report to Paul Griffin.

Action point 03/07

9.5 Reducing re-offending

Jennifer Massie spoke to the report circulated to the Partnership, highlighting activities in the three strands (Catch and Convict, Prevent and Deter, and Rehabilitate and Resettle) on a number of offenders. The Crime Saved Estimator showed that 60 crimes were saved in the 2008/09 period.

10. Drug and Alcohol Action Team Q3 2008/09 report

10.1 Tina Le spoke to the report before the Partnership, highlighting the two Drug and Alcohol Group meetings held, the employment of a new Alcohol Co-ordinator and the updating of the DAAT website. A service user event ("Voice It") would be held in The Junction on the 24th March. The dangers of reporting of needle finds was highlighted by the Partnership as a one-off find in Mill Road cemetery was reported out of context with needle finds in Cambridge. The Chair requested that future DAAT reports highlight impact and outcomes.

11. Partnership terms of reference: Agreement

11.1 Paul Griffin presented the latest draft of the terms of reference. It was proposed that the document be refreshed annually in line with the Community Safety Plan. A number of minor changes were proposed and the document would then be deemed 'signed-off' once those changes had been made.

12. Principles of partnership working: Update

12.1 Paul Griffin circulated a paper to the Partnership highlighting the five Principles of partnership working of which focus was on the fourth, which sets out how

partnerships should ensure they are open and accessible. Comments were made as to how the Partnership could engage with the public, including public meetings and inviting a County councillor to join the Partnership. A paper would be brought to the next Partnership meeting for consideration.

Action Point 03/08

13. SSCF and Pooled Fund 2009/10: Update

- 13.1 Paul Griffin spoke to a paper before the Partnership, which detailed the projects funded in 2008/09 and those that needed to be continued into 2009/10 (as they either involved a contribution to salary or had been agreed at the Officer Support Group meeting in February). Lead officers were reminded that they should bid in to the residual funding. Paul Griffin would produce a paper on the spending plan for 2009/10 for the next Partnership meeting.

Action Point 03/09

14. Any other business

- 14.1 Jennifer Massie advised the Partnership that a Child Sex Offender Register pilot was running and a paper would follow.
- 14.2 Alastair Roberts advised the Partnership that Alan Campbell, the Parliamentary Under-Secretary of State in the Home Office with responsibility for crime reduction, visited Cambridge on 5th March. The feedback from the minister was positive. Thanks were extended from Alastair and the Chair to all those involved in making the visit as successful as it was.
- 14.3 Gaynor Mears advised the Partnership that the “Violence Against Women” consultation was launched on the 9th March.
- 14.4 There was no other business and the meeting closed at 12:40.