



WELLINGBOROUGH PARTNERSHIP

the Local Strategic Partnership for Wellingborough



Minutes of Safer Task / Community Safety Officer Group Meeting

DRAFT – subject to approval at the next meeting

Meeting held on Monday 7th April 2008 11am in the Committee Room, Swanspool House, Wellingborough

Present:	David Cross	Town Centre partnership
	Karen Buckley	Heartlands Mediation
	Elly Simms	Wellingborough Homes
	Ann-Marie Hawkins	NCC
	Joe Hubbard	WBC
	Maria Thomas	WBC
	Marie Rose	Fire & Rescue Service
	Carole Stephenson	WBC
	Nicola Hicks	WBC
	Ali Reynolds	Police
	Vanessa Forbes	Education Representative
	Richard James	Police
	Debbie Roe	Police Authority
	Dipana Patel	NCC – NR
	Stephanie Canning	Health Partnership
	Christine Thompson	Victim Support
	Hugh Fenton	LSP
	Louise Moyney	Police/PPO
	Shaun Johnson	Police
	Lynn Chapman	Police
	Kelly McDermott	Police
	Brian Lewin	Trading Standards
	Chris Goss	Probation

- 1. Apologies**
Gordon O'Hara Wellingborough Homes
Matt Chester Compass Unit
Dipana Patel NCC
Richard James Police

Additional Agenda Item

SJ and **KM** updated the group regarding 'Operation Original'. The success of this multi-agency operation was outlined. **SH** highlighted the cost of burglaries and how preventative work as per the recommendations of the environmental visual audit could reduce this cost in the future although an initial outlay would be required. **MT** outlined current and proposed activity in the area and how this could contribute to a short, medium and long-term action plan.

- 2. Minutes of Previous Meeting**
Agreed

- 3. Matters Arising**

No matters arising

- 4. Section 1**
JEH and **AR** talked through the Performance Improvement Bulletin with the group.

In terms of comparative crime there have been marked and sustained reductions but the target will not be met. Town centre violence has recently been downward. Violence offences generally are up and Wellingborough is significantly above the MSCDRP. Although there has been a reduction of 33.7% in robbery offences but the target will still not be met. Reports are up for hate crime incidents but this may indicate that individuals are more confident in reporting. **CS** informed the group that hate crime incidents reported in the bulletin only includes police data and that Magrah, schools and council also collect data. **Action AR to speak with Mark Evans to investigate this further.** There has been a 56.6% reduction from the baseline and the target has been met. **AR** informed the group that 'Operation Villain' impacted on this. The target for distraction burglary has been met. The target for vehicle crime and criminal damage has not been met and Wellingborough is significantly above its MSCDRP.

The target to reduce crime against industrial premises has been met.

AR outlined the force figures: -

- 3% reduction in all crime
- 28% reduction in burglary dwelling
- 17% reduction in robbery offences
- 7% reduction in vehicle crime
- 1% reduction in violent crime
- 1% increase in criminal damage

5. Section 2

Robbery – **NH** – The work of the robbery sub-group has focussed on organising the gang workshop that had to be re-scheduled. **AR** informed the group in response to safer schools, that schools are happy for PCSO's to go into schools on an ad hoc basis or when there is an issue but they do not want a PCSO to be permanently based within the school. It is the intention to hold fortnightly meetings with the PCSO/PC and school to pick up early on individuals who are causing concern. This would enable timely interventions to be put into place. **HF** informed the group that through the Educational Improvement Partnership schools are becoming much more involved in community events and activities.

Burglary Dwelling – **NH** informed the group that the planned activity to install Smartwater on the Hemmingwell estate is now complete. The operation was outlined in the additional agenda item at the start of the meeting. There are now plans to rollout Smartwater to other areas. **HF** raised the issue of displacement following 'operation original'. **Action NH to speak with Matt Chester regarding monitoring this in future bulletins.**

Vehicle Crime – **AR** informed the group that 'operation ramble' is now in place. The sub-group is currently considering park mark status for the Waendel car park as this is the closest and cheapest to achieve at the moment. Numberplate thefts are a cause for concern at the moment although it is thought that this is due to specific individuals and there have been some significant arrests recently.

ASB Processing group – **ES** informed the group that the previous issues around data sharing have been resolved. There are 18 live cases currently (14 are private tenants). **HF** highlighted the positive programmes led by Connexions that are currently beginning in Wellingborough.

Town Centre Task Force – **AR** informed the group that the revised action plan has been agreed for the next 12 months. **AR** also informed the group of the current economic climate in Wellingborough and that 6 pubs have closed in the last 3 months. The group felt that there was a need for a marketing strategy. **MT** asked whether any consultation had been undertaken regarding why people are not visiting Wellingborough. David Cross is currently working on a marketing strategy for the town centre.

Retail Crime – **DC** reported that there is currently no funding identified to support the continuation of the RCI after March 2009. The scheme is very successful with 1 exclusion, 117 members (75 of which are in Wellingborough) and that there are currently 14 reported shop thefts and 6 thefts from person per month. **DC** also circulated a CCTV monitoring report (06/07) which highlighted 312 recorded incidents but the numbers of arrests are reducing. **JEH** highlighted that the upgrade to the cabling system should also improve the picture. **DC** highlighted the need for retailers to report all shop thefts.

Hate Crime Forum – **CS** reported that she didn't attend the last meeting but that most of the meeting looked at revising and agreeing the terms of reference as there is a new chair. There are issues around a shortfall of funding to support reporting hate crime incidents through the REC. **CS** has met with Paul Crofts and consideration is now being made as to how this can be funded in the future. **AMH** suggested that there is a need to consider value for money if future funding is agreed.

DV Forum – **NH** reported that the forum has not met since the AGM. The sunflower provision in Wellingborough has now begun and the office base for the client intervention officer is within the Women's Aid premises.

DAAT – **JEH** – Nothing further to report at this time.

6. Section 3

AR informed the group that the top 2 crime beats are Hemmingwell and Swanspool. The crime types that will be focused upon are criminal damage on the Hemmingwell and retail crime on the town centre. A report has been prepared (Strategic Action Plans) outlining the actions proposed to address these issues and this will be submitted to the PROG. **AR** also informed the group of the 'Remember Callum' operation on the Hemmingwell to remind people to put their wheelie bins away. This operation received very good media coverage.

7. Section 4

AR informed the group that overall the SCT's are working well and individual officers are good. The recruitment process is now ongoing. Nick Lyle is now on the ground. 1 PC has moved on to another force but this has been covered. Operation painting (funded by the police) and working with children is successful. The dispersal order on the Queensway estate is now in place and posters are up. **MT** suggested that when people are moved on from the dispersal zone information be handed out about where they are able to go and activities in the neighbourhood that may be of interest. **AR** informed the group that there is currently an issue with handbag thefts on the town centre.

Action NH to send a letter of thanks to Dave Piper (caretaker) for opening and closing the community house during the install of Smartwater on the estate.

8. **Section 5**

LM introduced herself to the group. There are currently 45 PPO's from the Wellingborough CDRP, 24 of which are engaged with the ROSE project. **LM** informed the group that the main issues at the moment are around accommodation, employment and training. **Action NH to ensure that PPO presentation is placed on the June agenda.**

9. **Section 6**

Nothing to report.

10. **Any Other Business**

- Hallmarks - The group agreed that an extraordinary meeting be convened to look at this issue. **Action NH to arrange a date and circulate information to the group beforehand.**
- Violence Group – The group discussed options around sub-group and whether they are now appropriate or need revising in light of the PSA. **Action NH to take this issue to the next BSG.**
- Straw poll undertaken of regular compass website users. 7 of the total 21 attendees regularly use the website.
- **MT** informed the group of alcohol related incidents (mainly asb) in the vicinity of the Eagle pub. To combat this CCTV is to be installed in the Co-op store. Funding for this project has been through the empowering councillor fund. The equipment is covered under the insurance for the next 2 years but **MT** informed the group that the CDRP should be aware that this cost would need to be covered after this time. **AMH** suggested that Compass monitor the impact of the camera. **MT** informed the group that a baseline has been provided. **Action MT to request continual monitoring through Compass and the sub-groups so that the scheme can be sustained on positive evidence.**

Date of Next Meeting

Monday 12th May 2008 at 11am in the Committee Room, Swanspool House, Wellingborough.