



# 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 12<sup>th</sup> May 2008 11am in the Committee Room, Swanspool House,  
Wellingborough**

Present:	David Cross	Town Centre partnership
	Karren Buckley	Heartlands Mediation
	Elly Simms	WBC
	Ann-Marie Hawkins	NCC
	Joe Hubbard	WBC
	Mark Ainge	Fire & Rescue Service
	Carole Stephenson	WBC
	Nicola Hicks	WBC
	Ali Reynolds	Police
	Dipana Patel	NCC – NR
	Hugh Fenton	LSP
	Darryn Frost	Probation

**1. Apologies**

Christine Thompson	Victim Support
Louise Moyney	Police/PPO
Stephanie Canning	Health Partnership
Marie Rose	Fire & Rescue
Matt Chester	Compass Unit
Vanessa Forbes	Education Representative
Richard James	Police
Debbie Roe	Police Authority
Mike Hodgeson	YOS

**2. Minutes of Previous Meeting**

Agreed

**3. Matters Arising (other than those on the agenda)**

- Hate crime reporting – **AR** informed the group that hate crime reports are collected through various agencies and not just the police.
- Smartwater evaluation – **NH** confirmed that Compass will monitor the effects of the smartwater operation on the Hemmingwell
- Dave Piper letter of thanks – **NH** informed the group that the letter has been drafted and will be sent out in the next week.
- **NH** confirmed that the PPO presentation will be placed on the June agenda
- Hallmarks – initial meeting has taken place.

**4. Section 1**

The Performance Improvement Bulletin was not available. **JEH** and **AR** updated the group on the current situation. Across all areas overall crime is up with burglary dwelling, criminal damage and vehicle crime being of particular concern in Wellingborough. **AR** informed the group that there have recently been a couple of significant arrests which should impact on this.

Violent crime and robbery are reducing.

**JEH** to speak with Matt Chester regarding resource issues and attendance at this meeting.

**AR** informed the group that imminent prison releases may have an impact on our burglary figures. However, strict conditions will be imposed on these individuals on release.

**5. Section 2**

Robbery – **NH** – The group is focusing on the safer schools initiatives. Discussed developing new delivery groups and how this group would fit in. Assistance required highlighted the need for police representation at this meeting. **AR** to speak with Sean Bell regarding this.

Burglary Dwelling – **NH** informed the group that a project initiation document is currently being worked up by the police regarding the roll out of smartwater. Once completed Chairs of the CDRPs will be contacted to discuss roll out plans further. All senior schools (except Weavers) and Oakway Infants and Junior school are covered.

Funding has been applied for to enable roll out for Park Farm and Finedon Road industrial estates.

Vehicle Crime – **NH** informed the group that Waendel car park is now up to a standard where Park Mark status can be applied for. Kay Mingay is to ensure links with police and borough council media contacts to publicise this once successful.

ASB Processing group – **ES** informed the group that the processing group currently have 13 live cases. She outlined the new county roles of PTLP who will be taking on some of the cases where appropriate. 3 cases have currently been passed to PTLP.

**ES** attended a parenting orders conference recently and has signed up to a working sub-group looking at these issues and will keep the group updated.

**AR** gave a brief safer schools update. 10 high risk pupils (identified through the school) will benefit from early intervention work through the police in the hope that their behaviour does not escalate.

Town Centre Task Force – **AR** informed the group that the TCTF meets next week. Some work has been done with taxi firms. Town centre violence is currently not causing concern.

Hate Crime Forum – **CS** reported that hate crime incident reporting is up 12.5% compared to the same time last year. This is a good sign that reports are being made. According to the police performance figures there has been an increase of 9% in sanctioned detections. There has been a 20% decrease in disablist reports and a 10% decrease in homophobic reports. The issue of the BNP candidacy in Wellingborough was raised by **JEH** and the group were requested to be aware of possible heightened community cohesion tensions in light of this. **AR** informed the group that from a police perspective this was not the case. **CS** informed the group that a BNP candidate may be standing in the Castle ward election. **CS** also made the group aware of a conference to be held in the Autumn about community cohesion may become an annual event.

Domestic Violence Forum – **NH** reported that the Forum meets again in June. **NH** has been working on drawing up joint terms of reference for the forum since it merged with East Northants. **NH** also informed the group that 3 lower level target hardening projects have been undertaken (under the sanctuary scheme) in June 2007. The project has not been fully publicized due to a lack of funding. However, the CDRP has successfully applied for £5,000 to support the sanctuary project so this work should expand during the next year (depending on need).

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. Action plans are currently being worked up and will be circulated in due course.

7. **Section 4**

**AR** outlined to the group that the teams are now all in place and working well. There have been some issues with officers moving on to other forces but the gaps are being filled with probationers and the recruitment process is in place. Wider membership of the Jags is being worked on and **AR** will keep the group informed of progress with this. Good links with education have been made through the safer school work.

8. **Section 5**

There was no update on PPOs as **LM** was unable to attend the meeting. **ES** made the group aware that a female individual (identified PPO) is due for release in the near future and this could impact on local crime figures.

9. **Section 6**

- CDRP targets. The group considered the proposed/suggested targets as outlined in a paper produced by Paul Wright and previously circulated to the group. **NH** to insert the agreed targets into the partnership and circulate to the group. The group agreed to have some headline targets and other indicators which would be monitored through the delivery groups.
- CDRP sub-groups. The group discussed at length and agreed to wait until the LSP review has been undertaken before making final decisions. **NH** to coordinate a meeting with **AMH, CS, HF** and **AR** to progress this.
- Neighbourhood renewal. **DP** informed the group that engagement with SCTs is very good. She outlined the lack of police representation at the NR theme group – **AR** to look into this. The group discussed at length SCT priorities and how these are dealt with. **AR** will give a presentation at the next meeting about past and current priorities. **AR** has been very happy with the swift works undertaken by Wellingborough Homes in response to the recent EVA on the Hemmingwell. **ES** to present a report at the next meeting on the progress regarding this EVA and future roll outs. The group agreed that NR feedback to CSOG on action plans on an annual basis.
- Partnership strategic assessment (PSA). **AMH** outlined the proposals regarding future PSAs. Both **AMH** and **JEH** are members of the PSA board and will feedback through this. **CS** informed the group that WBC is currently looking at data collected to inform this process.
- Criminal Justice Board. **JEH** - as a result of the desire to create closer working relationships between the NCJB and CDRPs, representatives of CDRPs are invited to join the Strategic Advisory Committee on community safety and justice. The STAC is a key advisory group and the focal point for liaison between the CDRPs and the Local Criminal Justice Boards (LCJBs) with the aim of helping each other to achieve key targets and deliver better outcomes for communities and individuals. Meeting quarterly, the STAC will have members from LCJBs, CDRPs, the Police Authority, Police Criminal Justice Department, Probation Board, Trading Standards and defence community representation.

A copy of the terms of reference is available from Nicola Hicks - CSOG at its next meeting will determine the CDRP representative and named deputy.

- Hallmarks. An initial workshop has been undertaken. **NH** and **JEH** to meet and complete the document ensuring that gaps are identified. The document will then be brought back to the next meeting for endorsement by CDRP members. **ALL** to feedback to **NH** regarding gaps and blockages from their agency perspective by **16<sup>th</sup> June 2008**.

**10. Any Other Business**

None

**Date of Next Meeting**

**Monday 30<sup>th</sup> June 2008 at 11am in the Committee Room, Swanspool House, Wellingborough.**