



Minutes of the CRIME AND COMMUNITY SAFETY PARTNERSHIP held on WEDNESDAY 28 FEBRUARY 2000 at 10.30 am

Present:

Partners	P Burns	-	Milton Keynes College
	Councillor S Coventry (Chair)	-	Milton Keynes Council/ Thames Valley Police
	P Flatt	-	School Governors
	I Fraser	-	Milton Keynes Local Councils
	M May	-	Victim Support
	H Miller	-	Milton Keynes Council
	M Myatt	-	Oxfordshire and Bucks Probation Service
	Chief Superintendent M Page	-	Thames Valley Police
	M Rock	-	Milton Keynes Racial Equality Council
	J Williams	-	Milton Keynes Primary Care Group
Associate Partners	A Brooks	-	Thames Valley Police
	R Callow	-	Milton Keynes Council
	N Coolman	-	Thames Valley Police
	G Davis	-	MK Shopping Centre Management
	L McGillivray	-	Milton Keynes Council
	J Marshall	-	Milton Keynes Council
	Councillor D Newcombe	-	Milton Keynes Council
	I Richardson	-	The Parks Trust
	S Roberts	-	Thames Valley Police
	R Solly	-	Milton Keynes Council
	L Westlake	-	Milton Keynes Youth Offending Team
	David King	-	Buckinghamshire Fire and Rescue

Apologies:

Partners	A Cochrane	-	Open University
Associate Partners	Councillor E Ellis	-	Milton Keynes Council
	C Fox	-	Chamber of Commerce
	M Geddes	-	Milton Keynes Economic Partnership
	Councillor N Long	-	Milton Keynes Council

1.0 MINUTES OF MEETING – 1 DECEMBER 1999

The Minutes of the meeting of the Partnership, held on 1 December 1999, were received.

2.0 REDUCING CRIME IN THE CITY CENTRE

The Partnership received a presentation from A Brooks of Thames Valley Police entitled "Business and Retail Crime in Milton Keynes City Centre". This included current levels and types of crime, as well as future predictions, with suggested innovative solutions. The Partnership thanked Mr Brooks for his work.

3.0 ISSUES FROM PARTNERS AND QUESTIONS ON STRATEGY INFORMATION

1. Draft Crime Reduction Targets

The Partnership considered a report on the draft Crime and Disorder Reduction Strategy for Milton Keynes. Officers reported that with the consent of the Partners, the targets outlined in Annex B to the report would be pursued for two years. It was noted that this would be a living document so actions for delivery groups would be subject to continuous adjustment over the period.

The Partnership discussed the need to ensure that a public document including the aims, objectives and targets contained in the report, would be well presented and easy for the general public to understand.

AGREED -

- (a) That Partners' comments on the report be forwarded to the co-ordinators by Friday 17 March 2000;
- (b) That details of a baseline audit of crime and disorder, to be carried out in April 2000, be circulated before the next Partnership meeting;
- (c) That the aims, objectives and targets contained in the report be incorporated into a public document during the next three months; and
- (d) That statistics to demonstrate progress with regard to meeting crime reduction targets be tabled at each meeting of the Crime and Community Safety Partnership.

2. Partnership Logo

The Partnership considered a report to encourage feedback on the proposed Partnership logo. With regard to the compliments slip including the logo, the Partnership stated that a phone number other than the general Milton Keynes Council one should be used, so that callers could talk directly to the Partnership Co-ordinators.

AGREED –

That Partners' comments on the proposed Partnership logo be forwarded to the Co-ordinators before 10 March 2000.

3. Proposals for Structure and Format of Community Safety Forum Meeting

The Partnership considered a report on the proposed structure and format of the Community Safety Forum meeting to be held on Saturday 25 March 2000. Partners were informed that I Fraser would be chairing the meeting.

A request was made for a Partner to present an update on the work of the Partnership.

AGREED –

That M Myatt would provide an update on the work of the Partnership during the forum.

4. Racial Incidents Strategy

The Partnership considered a report on the proposed method of dealing proactively with racial violence and harassment in Milton Keynes.

AGREED -

- (a) That the overall direction of strategy for prevention and eradication of racial violence and harassment be entrusted to the Crime and Community Safety Partnership;
- (b) That a protocol for reporting and dealing with major incidents be adopted as suggested in Section 2 of this report;
- (c) That a Strategy Group be formed, as suggested in Section 3 of the report;
- (d) That the Strategy Group develop and implement a plan of action aimed at preventing major incidents and promoting racial tolerance and harmony throughout Milton Keynes. This plan would recognise the central role of the community, as well as professionals, in each locality;
- (e) That the Anti-Racial Harassment Group be confirmed and supported as the principal body for dealing with reports of racial violence and harassment, and for collating information obtained from these activities;
- (f) That the Strategy Group invite the Anti-Social Harassment Group to make recommendations as to how the above strategy could be implemented; and
- (g) That the Crime and Community Safety Partnership receive an update every six months from the Strategy Group.

5. CCTV Strategy

The Partnership considered a report on the criteria which would be used for the development of CCTV in Milton Keynes, and guidance provided to those groups seeking backing from the Partnership to support local CCTV bids.

Officers reported that it was likely that in the near future the Home Office would be creating opportunities to bid for funding for CCTV schemes. It was supposed that guidance on this would be available in March or April.

6. Youth Offending Team

The Partnership considered a report on the Milton Keynes Youth Justice Plan. It was reported that the Youth Offending Team was prepared for the introduction of measures under the Crime and Disorder Act 1998, which would come into effect in April 2000.

7. The Executive Board

The Partnership considered a report on the terms of reference for the Executive Board.

AGREED –

- (a) That the Executive Board meet six weekly to consider all policy decisions relating to the formulation and implementation of the crime reduction strategy;
- (b) That the Board consist of the following members:
 - (i) The Police Area Commander;
 - (ii) The Council Chief Executive;
 - (iii) The Director of Operations of Oxfordshire and Buckinghamshire Probation Service;
 - (iv) The Chief Officer of the Primary Care Group; and
 - (v) One other Partner, representing other members, with the post being rotated annually according to list that will be drawn up by the co-ordinators and agreed by members;
- (c) That the Partnership Co-ordinators and the Youth Offending Team Manager be present to assist the Board;
- (d) That after each Board meeting the co-ordinators prepare an information bulletin for partners;
- (e) That the recommendations of the Executive be referred for consideration during the quarterly Partnership meetings, unless one of the following principles apply:
 - (i) The issue requires an urgent decision from the Executive Board;
 - (ii) The matter under consideration is within the sole remit of one partner organisation; or
 - (iii) The subject is part of a programme of work that has already been agreed by the Partnership; and
- (f) That the Agenda for Executive meetings be circulated to all Partnership members prior to meetings.

8. Changes in Membership

The Partnership considered a report on changes in, and proposed additions to, Membership of the Partnership.

AGREED -

- (a) That the Chief Officer of the Buckinghamshire and Milton Keynes Fire Authority, or his representative, be included on the Partnership as an associate member; and

(b) That the changes to the Partnership's membership be noted.

9. Current Crime Prevention Initiatives

The Partnership considered a report on the current position of certain individual delivery group projects. Councillor Newcombe questioned how the Travellers Management Unit had been publicised. Officers responded that an item had been written for publication in Messenger.

I Fraser requested that more detailed reports on criminal damage and vandalism and the Travellers Management Unit be produced for a future meeting of the Partnership.

AGREED –

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10. Protocol on Information Exchange

The Partnership considered a report on the information exchange powers that were introduced under Section 115 of the Crime and Disorder Act (1998).

The prompt response of Thames Valley Police in drawing up an information exchange protocol was noted.

The Partnership discussed proposals for establishing an agreed protocol of information exchange between the partner agencies in Milton Keynes.

It was noted that although powers existed to exchange information in the interests of community safety there was no government guidance on how this should be done.

It was reported that it was unlikely that a registry of common information would emerge as this would be likely to infringe data protection rules. It was also noted that Partner organisations used different technology and so systems would be likely to be incompatible. Therefore there could only be information exchange.

AGREED –

That a Sub-group of the Data and Information Group be established to discuss the matter in depth making recommendations to the next meeting of the Partnership.

11. Oxfordshire and Buckinghamshire Probation Community Safety Strategy

The Partnership considered a report on the OBPS Community Safety Strategy. It was reported that the comments of Partners would be welcomed and should be made by 21 March 2000.

12. Crime Concern Information

The Partnership considered information, circulated at the meeting on courses run by Crime Concern and NACRO. It was reported that further information could be obtained from the co-ordinators.

4.0 DATES OF FUTURE MEETINGS

The Partnership noted the date for the next meeting of the Partnership, as follows:

Monday 19 June 2000 10.00-12.00 Room 2, Civic Offices

5.0 ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Future Presentations

Councillor Newcombe requested that a future presentation be received by the Partnership on the topic of the Travellers Management Unit.

AGREED –

That officers endeavour to arrange a future presentation by the Travellers Management Unit; and

That a list of proposed presentations be circulated for Partners comments.

THE CHAIR CLOSED THE MEETING AT 11.25AM