



Minutes of the CRIME AND COMMUNITY SAFETY PARTNERSHIP held on WEDNESDAY  
15 SEPTEMBER 1999 at 10.30 am

<b>Present:</b>	Inspector J Barnes	-	Thames Valley Police
	J Best	-	Milton Keynes Council
	R Callow	-	Milton Keynes Council
	A Cochrane	-	Open University
	N Coolman	-	Thames Valley Police
	Councillor S Coventry (Chair)	-	Milton Keynes Council/ Thames Valley Police
	Councillor E Ellis	-	Milton Keynes Council
	R Fishbourne	-	Oxfordshire and Buckinghamshire Probation Service
	P Flatt	-	School Governors
	I Fraser	-	Milton Keynes Local Councils
	A Hill	-	Milton Keynes College
	L McGillivray	-	Milton Keynes Council
	H Miller	-	Milton Keynes Council
	Superintendent M Morris	-	Thames Valley Police
	Councillor D Newcombe	-	Milton Keynes Council
	S Roberts	-	Thames Valley Police
	R Solly	-	Milton Keynes Council
	K Stanley	-	Milton Keynes Community NHS Trust
	Superintendent E Watson	-	Thames Valley Police
<b>Apologies:</b>	D Berkin	-	Private Schools
	A Flack	-	Milton Keynes Council
	J Haynes	-	Buckinghamshire Health Authority
	Councillor N Long	-	Milton Keynes Council
	L Westlake	-	Milton Keynes Council
<b>Also Present:</b>	E Brownlow	-	Milton Keynes Drug Referral Scheme
	W Grant	-	Milton Keynes Council
	S Heap	-	Milton Keynes Council

**1.0 MINUTES OF MEETING - 9 JUNE 1999**

- 1.1 The Minutes of the meeting of the Partnership, held on 9 June 1999, were received.

**2.0 MINUTES OF MEETING WITH MILTON KEYNES RACIAL EQUALITY COUNCIL - 2 JULY 1999**

- 2.1 The Minutes of the meeting with Milton Keynes Racial Equality Council, held on 2 July 1999, were received.
- 2.2 The Partnership's attention was drawn to an incident of a racial nature, which had recently occurred on the Lakes Estate around Leon School.
- 2.3 It was noted that although the incident was of a serious nature, details had not been communicated to all the appropriate agencies, including the local Neighbourhood Council and person, such as Headteachers.
- 2.4 It was recognised that there was a need to develop clear lines of communication in case such an incident happened again, and to this end a debrief was to be held next week. It was suggested that the next meeting of the Partnership could consider developing a protocol for future use.
- 2.5 It was also noted that there was a need for a Community and Race Relations Strategy for Bletchley, in order to start resolving the problems particular to that area, although it was also recognised that this should link to an overall strategy.
- 2.6 It was suggested that there should be a standard agenda item which would allow such incidents to be reported direct to the Partnership.

**3.0 CRIME AND COMMUNITY SAFETY STRATEGY**

- 3.1 The Partnership considered progress in developing the Crime and Community Safety Strategy, particularly the actions identified to meet the targets.
- 3.2 It was noted that once adopted, the draft Strategy would then be subject to an extensive consultation exercise over the next three months for report to the next meeting of the Partnership, although, where appropriate, work would be continuing to progress the actions already identified.
- 3.3 A wider ranging discussion took place on the Strategy, including the following suggestions:
- (a) That Housing Allocation Policies needed to be reviewed to ensure that they did not inadvertently create problems.

- (b) That harassment of the elderly should be a specific category.
- (c) With regard to Alcohol and Drug related crime, that it was necessary to identify the groups involved and where drinking was taking place, in order to allow action to be taken to prevent violent incidents. Prevention would also require joint working between all agencies involved.

That a key indicator of success should be re-offending rates.

- (d) That rather than try to reduce repeat victimisation by burglary, efforts should concentrate on preventing burglaries in the first place, this could be supported by measures to prevent re-offending.

That targets should also reflect those adopted by the Thames Valley Police as a whole.

- (e) That Local Councils could be more involved and be able to contribute towards the funding of certain measures, accordingly a Local Council's Sub-Group could be established and issues raised in Local Council's News Letters.
- (f) That the existing Sub-Groups should now be holding workshop sessions to challenge the targets in the Strategy.
- (g) That Travellers issues should continue to be addressed via existing mechanisms, but must link with the Crime and Community Safety Strategy.
- (h) That an in depth discussion on the overall effectiveness of the Strategy needed to be held to ensure each of the partners were aware of the individual issues, and ensure information on the Strategy as disseminated widely.
- (i) That one or two key indicators should be identified for each area of the Strategy to help monitor progress in implementation.

3.4 AGREED -

That the draft Strategy be adopted for consultation.

## **4.0 MEMBERSHIP**

4.1 The Partnership considered extending its membership.

4.2 AGREED -

- (a) That the Director of Milton Keynes Racial Equality Council and the Manager of the Local Victim Support, be invited to become members of the Partnership in a voting capacity.
- (b) That further consideration be given to including a representative of the business community in the Partnership.

## **5.0 YOUTH OFFENDING TEAM**

- 5.1 The Partnership considered progress on establishing a Youth Offending Team, noting particularly that a Manager had been appointed and two bids to the Youth Justice Board had been successful.

## **6.0 DRUG REFERRAL SCHEME**

- 6.1 The Partnership received a presentation from Inspector Ken Webster and Eileen Brownlow on the Drug Referral Scheme, which provided drug users with a referral service to appropriate treatment services. It was particularly noted that this scheme was wider than the Arrest Referral shows being advocated by the 'Drugs Czar'.

- 6.2 It was reported that in its first year of operation, seventy referrals had been made.

- 6.3 It was noted that Inspector Webster was shortly due to relinquish line management responsibility for the project, which meant that there was currently some uncertainty as to who was to fulfil this role and, as a result, the future location of the project. It was also noted that committed funding was only available from Thames Valley Police until 31 March 2000. Therefore, if the project was to continue, alternative sources of funding needed to be identified after that time.

- 6.4 It was suggested that one measure of the success of the scheme could be by future re-offending rates following arrest referrals. However, the scheme did appear to be reducing crime and studies suggested that this type of scheme, being wider than arrest referrals, was more successful.

- 6.5 It was noted that future financing of the Scheme needed to be considered at a future meeting of the Partnership.

## **7.0 CCTV: PROPOSAL FOR STRATEGIC REVIEW**

- 7.1 The Partnership received details of current initiatives/issues around the development of CCTV in Milton Keynes, particular the progress of bids for Home Office Funding, for which the Wolverton scheme had reached the second stage.

- 7.2 It was recognised that an overall CCTV Strategy was essential in supporting bids for further Home Office monies, and as part of the overall Crime and Community Safety Strategy. It was also recognised that the existing schemes needed to be co-ordinated to maximise their effectiveness and any new schemes should also be required to become part of the existing network, and be bound by the same operating protocols.

7.3

AGREED -

- (a) That a draft CCTV Strategy be developed by a Strategy Group, comprising:
  - (i) Thames Valley Police
    - Central Sector Inspector
    - Crime Reduction Officer
  - (ii) Milton Keynes Council
    - Head of Policy and Support Services (Chair)
    - Community Safety Officer
  - (iii) Milton Keynes Economic Partnership
    - Executive Director
  - (iv) Parish/Town and Neighbourhood Councils?
- (b) That the Group consider how CCTV should be developed within Milton Keynes.
- (c) That the draft Strategy be presented to the next meeting of the Partnership.

## **8.0 DOMESTIC VIOLENCE - DRAFT CODE OF PRACTICE**

8.1 The Partnership received the draft Code of Practice on Domestic Violence formulated by the Milton Keynes Violence Against Women and Children's Working Party.

## **9.0 MILTON KEYNES GOVERNORS' NEWS LETTER**

9.1 The Partnership received an article submitted by Paul Flatt, for inclusion in the Autumn Term issue of the 'Milton Keynes Governor' newsletter, concerning the work of the Partnership.

## **10.0 INSPECTOR JOHN BARNES**

10.1 The Partnership noted that Inspector John Barnes was standing down as the Thames Valley Police Partnership Officer and thanked him for his contribution to establishing the Partnership and its continued work.

10.2 The Partnership welcomed Neil Coolman who was replacing Inspector Barnes.

**11.0 DATES OF NEXT MEETING**

- 11.1 It was noted that the next meeting would be held on 1 December 1999 at 10.30 am in the Council Chamber at the Civic Offices, Central Milton Keynes.

THE MEETING CLOSED AT 12.27 PM