

CRIME AND COMMUNITY SAFETY PARTNERSHIP
28 FEBRUARY 2000



Minutes of the CRIME AND COMMUNITY SAFETY PARTNERSHIP held on WEDNESDAY
 1 DECEMBER 1999 at 10.30 am

Present:

Partners	I Fraser	-	Milton Keynes Local Councils
	A Hill	-	Milton Keynes College
	M May	-	Victim Support
	H Miller	-	Milton Keynes Council
	Superintendent M Morris	-	Thames Valley Police
	M Myatt	-	Oxfordshire and Bucks Probation Service
	M Rock	-	Milton Keynes Racial Equality Council
Associate Partners	J Best	-	Milton Keynes Council
	R Callow	-	Milton Keynes Council
	N Coolman	-	Thames Valley Police
	P Crisp	-	District Audit
	A Flack	-	Milton Keynes Council
	M James	-	Thames Valley Police
	L McGillivray	-	Milton Keynes Council
	J Marshall	-	Milton Keynes Council
	S Roberts	-	Thames Valley Police
	J Shaw	-	Milton Keynes Council
	R Solly	-	Milton Keynes Council
	L Westlake	-	Milton Keynes Youth Offending Team
Apologies:			
Partners	A Cochrane	-	Open University
	Councillor S Coventry (Chair)		Milton Keynes Council/ Thames Valley Police
	P Flatt	-	School Governors
	J Haynes	-	Buckinghamshire Health Authority
	K Stanley	-	Milton Keynes Community NHS Trust
Associate Partners	Councillor E Ellis	-	Milton Keynes Council

Councillor N Long	-	Milton Keynes Council
Councillor D Newcombe	-	Milton Keynes Council

1.0 MINUTES OF MEETING – 15 SEPTEMBER 1999

The Minutes of the meeting of the Partnership, held on 15 September 1999, were received.

2.0 COMMUNITY SAFETY REPORT BY DISTRICT AUDIT

1. The Partnership received a presentation from Peter Crisp of District Audit on his report about the progress of the Crime and Community Safety Partnership during its final year of operation. The Partnership noted the approach within the overall guidance set by the audit commission.
2. Partners discussed relevant issues including the way in which Milton Keynes Partnership fitted into this strategy. Partners expressed concern that this was an ambitious programme which belittled local achievements. The need to prioritise areas of concern was noted.
3. The Partnership received the action points set out by District Audit and gave detailed consideration to the following issues:
 - (a) The methods and structures which could be adopted to ensure that the Partnership would be able to deliver the crime reduction strategy with maximum effectiveness.
 - (b) The way in which the cost of implementing a strategy would be shared between Partners.
 - (c) Ways in which the Partnership could ensure that it received feedback from the public and vulnerable groups in the community.

AGREED –

1. That the three tier structure suggested in the report, incorporating an executive board, the partnership and task groups, be implemented, with the provision that the executive would meet every 6 weeks and the Crime and Community Partnership to meet every 3 months. R Solly to circulate the detail of this, for comments.
2. That the executive consist of Partnership representatives from the police, Council and probation service, and should include at least one other member. The latter may be drawn from the segment of the Partnership that represents community groups.
3. That the Executive should produce a bulletin following each meeting to ensure that the Partners are kept informed.

3.0

ISSUES FROM PARTNERS AND QUESTIONS ON STRATEGY INFORMATION

1. Community Safety Forum: Links with Partnership

The Partnership considered a report on new arrangements for Community Safety Forum meetings. The importance of the involvement of the Crime and Community Safety Partnership was recognised.

It was noted that the date at 1.3 should read 16 September 2000 rather than 16 August 2000.

AGREED –

- (a) That a Partnership member shall act as Chair to the forum.
- (b) That the co-ordinators will consult with partners in order to obtain a Chair for the next forum.

2. Partnership Work and Strategy Delivery: Mapping of Current Structures

The Partnership received maps of current structures.

3. Feedback from Partners: Organisation of Meetings

The Partnership received a report on the outcome of the questionnaire sent out to Partners on 15 October 1999, which resulted in a recommended model agenda for Partnership meetings.

AGREED –

That the model agenda set out in the report be adopted for future meetings of the Partnership.

4. Draft Crime Reduction Targets

The Partnership was informed that the revised draft crime reduction targets are still in preparation.

AGREED –

That a revised chart of the targets be circulated as soon as possible by the Partnership co-ordinators.

5. Partnership Membership: Proposals for Business Involvement

The Partnership received a report on additions to the membership of the Partnership and considered involving the business community in the Partnership.

AGREED –

That the Corporate Affairs Manager of the Chamber of Commerce and the Executive Director of the Economic Partnership be included as associate members of the Crime and Community Safety Partnership. In this capacity, they would be added to the mailing list and would have an opportunity to

attend Partnership meetings. Although associate members have no voting rights on the Partnership, this arrangement would enable the business representatives to attend when matters arose which were of particular relevance to them.

6. Closed Circuit Television Strategy Progress –

The Partnership received a report on the progress of the CCTV strategy.

AGREED –

That R Solly produce a report on the possibility of lay member inspections, to be circulated to Partners.

7. Partnership Logo: Proposal to Fund Design of New Logo

The Partnership considered the possibility of developing a new logo which identifies the aim and intent of the Partnership.

AGREED –

(a) That through Milton Keynes Council and police contacts, a local designer be commissioned to produce two logos within agreed guidelines.

(b) That the Partnership select the final logo.

8. Draft Youth Justice Plan

The Partnership considered the draft youth justice plan.

AGREED –

That any comments be forwarded to L Westlake

9. Vandalism and Graffiti

The Partnership received an oral report on discussions about vandalism and graffiti which occurred at the Tackling Anti Social Behaviour Delivery Group, in relation to a report submitted by the Council's Environment Committee.

4.0 DATES OF MEETINGS FOR 2000

The Partnership agreed the following dates for meetings of the Partnership for 2000:

Monday 28 February 2000	9.30-11.30	Room 4, Civic Offices
Monday 19 June 2000	10.00-12.00	Room 2, Civic Offices
Monday 11 September 2000	10.00-12.00	Room 2, Civic Offices
Monday 4 December 2000	10.00-12.00	Room 4, Civic Offices

5.0 OTHER BUSINESS

1. School Burglaries

The Partnership noted the seriousness of the apparent targeting of a specific school in Bletchley by burglars.

The Partnership noted that advice was being sent to all schools about security.

2. Asylum Seekers

The representative of Milton Keynes local councils requested that advice be given on the issue of where local councils could refer for advice on asylum seekers.

3. Burglary Delivery Group

The Partnership noted that the group had submitted two bids to the Home Office for funding under the government crime reduction initiative.

4. Heartstone Project

The Partnership noted that some funding had been identified to continue the work with schools in Bletchley.

5. Domestic Violence Home Office Funds

The Partnership was informed that next year Home Office funds would become available for bidding for domestic violence programmes. The Violence Against Women and Children Working Group had set up a sub-group to prepare a bid for Milton Keynes.

6. Drug Action Team

The Partnership was informed that through the Drug Action Team a survey of schools' drug policies had been compiled. This would be made available to all schools in Milton Keynes, and Partnership members.

7. Home Office Targets

The Partnership was informed that by April 2000 the Home Office would expect Partnerships to have a clear set of targets to be met over a five year period. These would focus on those areas of crime which most alarmed the community, domestic burglary, vehicle crime and street burglary.

8. The Partnership wished to record its gratitude to former Partners Kevin Stanley and Ray Fishbourne for their contribution during the last year.

THE CHAIR CLOSED THE MEETING AT 12.20 PM