

Safer North Ayrshire Partnership

Thursday, 8th September 2011

Committee Room 1, Cunninghame House



Members Present:

Chief Inspector Roddy Newbigging, Strathclyde Police (Chair)
 Sheena Campbell, NAWA Business Manager
 Jane Houston, Principal Officer – ASB / CSS
 Jim Dougall, Strathclyde Police
 Stephen Brown, NAC – Children and Families
 Angela Morrell, Education and Skills
 Morna Rae, Community Planning Officer
 Gordon Jones, Strathclyde Police – LALO
 Lorne Campbell, KA Leisure
 Joanne Balmer, NHS Ayrshire and Arran (for Margaret McWilliam)
 Councillor Peter McNamara
 Councillor Andrew Chamberlain
 Jim McCrae, Criminal Justice Principal Officer
 Mark Gallacher, Strathclyde Fire and Rescue
 Sandra Bale, Policy and Performance Officer, North Ayrshire Council
 Alastair Osborne, Policy and Performance Officer, North Ayrshire Council
 Lesley Jeffery, Community Planning Assistant (Minute)

Apologies:

Alan Howard, CJA
 Iain Mitchell, Scottish Children's Reporter Administration
 Clarke Callaghan, Strathclyde Police
 Christine McGuire, Education and Skills
 Barry Brotherston, Education and Skills

1. WELCOME AND APOLOGIES

CI Roddy Newbigging welcomed everyone to the meeting. He highlighted the new format of the agenda which now replicates the other CPP groups and allows issues to be discussed and / or decided upon. Items for information would not be discussed as part of the meeting but questions could be taken from the group if there are any issues.

CI Roddy Newbigging introduced Sandra Bale, Policy and Performance Officer for North Ayrshire Council. Sandra explained that Anne Todd has now moved to another post within the Policy and Performance team and she is now the portfolio holder for Community Planning but will continue with other duties. She took the opportunity to remind everyone that community planning is everyone's business and that we all need to participate. Sandra further explained that she has been involved in

community planning since its inception in 2003; she set up the structural arrangements and processes and has covered the team leader post on a number of occasions previously.

CI Roddy Newbigging took the opportunity to thank Anne Todd for all the work she had done whilst in the post and that it was greatly appreciated by him.

2. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING: 19th MAY 2011

Item 6.5: Joanne Balmer, NHS Ayrshire and Arran explained that the strategy is complete and that it is the **mapping exercise** that would be completed by the summer (although this is now extended to October).

**Lesley
Jeffery**

With this correction the minute was accepted.

3. MATTERS ARISING

Those items, which required an update from a member of the group who was unable to attend, will be deferred to the next meeting. Lesley Jeffery to email Linda Brandon to remind her that we are still awaiting the evaluation of First Steps / Safe to Say.

**Lesley
Jeffery**

5. Meeting with Sheena Campbell and Roddy Newbigging

CI Roddy Newbigging confirmed that this was still to be done.

**Roddy
Newbigging /
Sheena
Campbell**

6.1 Questions for Youth Summer Consultation

Angela Morrell confirmed that some questions had been received and have been fed into the Rewards Sub-group. This would be further discussed at the next meeting and should be on the agenda.

**Angela
Morrell /
Lesley
Jeffery**

4. SOA Action Plan 2011/12 Q1 Indicator Report

Discussion on the status of individual indicators which were not on target took place as follows:

9b2: CI Roddy Newbigging said that common assaults were on the increase across the Strathclyde area and the increase could be due to the policy of actively encouraging the reporting of domestic violence incidents.

9b8: This can be monitored again at the next meeting.

9b5 and 9b6: It was noted that these should be red as it did not make the Q1 target, but CI Roddy Newbigging explained that seasonal adjustments were required.

9d4: Mark Gallacher said that this was also due to there being no seasonal adjustment and it would be expected that more deliberate fires would take place in the summer months but that he anticipated to be on target by the end of Q4.

Considerable discussion took place regarding domestic violence and it was agreed that this should be placed on the agenda for discussion at

Lesley

the next meeting.

Jeffery

It was agreed that the following would be invited to participate:

- Marjorie Adams, NAC;
- The detective inspector from the Domestic Abuse Response Team;
- Elizabeth Stewart, Reception Services Manager, Social Services and Health;
- Fiona McKinnon, Community Justice Manager

**Roddy
Newbigging**

**Stephen
Brown
Peter
McNamara**

5. FUTURE GROUP STRATEGY

The group split into smaller groups to consider the questions. Responses will be collated for the next meeting and discussed further.

**Lesley
Jeffery**

6. ANTI SOCIAL BEHAVIOUR AND ACTION PLAN INDICATORS

Anti Social Behaviour Action Plan

Jim Dougall reported that all responses had been received and asked that everyone continue this performance. A short-life working group to discuss consultation fatigue would be set up in the near future with himself, Jane Houston, Morna Rae and Angela Morrell and progress would be reported at the next meeting.

The Anti Social Behaviour Strategy was distributed to the group and a press launch would take place soon.

The Community Safety Strategy would also be completed soon but there will be no separate action plan as it is contained within the SOA action plan.

7 TASKING AND PROBLEM SOLVING GROUP

Cl Newbigging referred to the evaluation of the Pennyburn initiative but highlighted that there are now more partners involved.

At the time of the initiative he met with Pennyburn residents and Ann Robertson, the Community Representative. Their complaints / concerns about the area were fear of stabbings, fear of crime, drinking and fighting. He met with the residents again recently and asked again for their concerns which are now scratched cars, balls hitting windows and young people breaking up footpaths! He said these are normal neighbourhood disputes and demonstrate the considerable improvement which have been made.

The Multi Agency Problem Solving Team will be returning to Pennyburn on 16th September. An EVA has been arranged for 20th September to examine the area, check if the work has been done, if it has made a difference or if any other issues have arisen meanwhile. Angela Morrell agreed to include young people in this walkabout as they were not previously involved.

**ALL/
Angela
Morrell**

Also at the request of the community, a community information event is being arranged by Gordon Jones and Gillian Trotter of Strathclyde Police in Cranberry Moss Community Centre. Gordon Jones added that an email has been sent to partners with information and a leaflet drop of the area is being organised and Skills Development Scotland, Money Matters, Army Recruiting, Mobile Youth Centre and Activator are attending.

This will be followed up by Roddy Newbigging taking questions from the community on 21st September together with Jane Houston and a member of staff from Irvine Housing Association.

CI Roddy Newbigging added that the request for this event is an indication that the community in Pennyburn is now taking ownership of their area.

CI Roddy Newbigging confirmed there would be follow up visits to the other areas in the future beginning with a revisit to the Castlepark / Redubrn and Vineburgh.

Stephen Brown praised the evaluation and its format stating that it was a useful document with concise information and was a good template for future evaluations.

CI Roddy Newbigging provided an update on the most recent multi-agency initiative was during the summer with anti-social behaviour across all of North Ayrshire being tackled. The initiative resulted in decreased levels of anti-social behaviour, youth disorder and drinking in public which demonstrates that the targeted approach and youth diversionary activities are being successful.

CI Roddy Newbigging also wished to highlight the positive comments received by the young people listed in the Soccer Stadium reports and wished to thank all partners including Strathclyde Fire and Rescue staff, community wardens and the street workers for their input.

Angela Morrell said that as a result of this initiative there are now more young people attending youth provision and staff from her service and the Young Persons Support Team were working with the young people on the periphery of the diversionary activities to encourage them to take part.

Sandra Bale outlined details of the upcoming Ministerial visit by Aileen Campbell, Minister for Local Government and Planning who wished to see an example of community planning and the Pennyburn initiative has been put forward. During the visit she will meet partners and members of the community. A paper on the Ministerial visit is being submitted to the CPP Board on 15th September.

8. CPP UPDATE

Moran Rae, Community Planning Officer highlighted the new CPP SNAP logo which had been used in the meeting packs and asked all members when using the logo to ensure to use the revised one in future.

Note

The SOA Annual Report 2010/11 is being submitted to the Scottish Government at the end of September. CI Roddy Newbigging told the group that at a recent SMT meeting he attended Community Safety was highlighted as an example of good practice.

The People's Panel questionnaires have been issued and Morna will report back to this group those which relate to Community Safety.

The recent Child Poverty briefing was well attended and Morna asked members if they had any topics which they could suggest for future briefings to contact her.

ALL

9. SOA ACTION PLAN 2011/12 – QUARTER 1 ACTION REPORT

Morna stated that all sub-actions are on target with one exception (Anti-Social Behaviour Strategy) but that an explanation has been included.

10. FINANCIAL MONITORING

Jane Houston reported that the vast majority of the funding has already been committed and included a recent spend of £2,000 for Neighbourhood Watch signs. More than £12,000 is being kept aside for the Safer Streets initiative over Christmas. The Scottish Government has not yet indicated if they will award this grant for 2011/12 but this initiative has been a success in the past and there is no reason not to continue although consideration could be given to its format.

The group agreed that the Safer Streets initiative should continue.

11. UPDATES

Cashback for Communities

Lorne Campbell said that a full report on the Cashback for Communities activity was included as part of his partner report but he wished to highlight his concern regarding the current sporadic approach and for the group to consider trying to match the sports activity provided from this initiative.

Whilst it was agreed that Lorne and CI Roddy Newbigging would discuss separately how to increase attendance at these activities it was noted that the SCS network also have concerns about the impact and targeting of the Cashback monies.

**Roddy
Newbigging /
Lorne
Campbell**

Mark Gallacher said that the school liaison fire officers could be used to promote activity in each area and Jim McCrae added that the SWS CJA has been awarded £500K with £125K for capital spend which is being used at sports clubs and includes a longer term commitment for offenders in their area.

**Mark
Gallacher**

Jim McCrae agreed to provide an update on this project at a future meeting.

**Jim McCrae/
Lesley
Jeffery**

North Ayrshire Physical Activity and Sports Strategy

Joanne Balmer reported that the group had not met since the previous meeting and that the mapping exercise of what is available in the area

<p>has been extended until October. The information from Jim McCrae regarding facilities should be included as part of the facilities strand.</p>	<p>Joanne Balmer</p>
<p><u>Community Representative</u></p>	<p>Roddy Newbigging</p>
<p>CI Roddy Newbigging confirmed he had not yet met with Anne Robertson and would provide an update at the next meeting.</p>	
<p>12. PARTNER REPORTS</p>	
<p>CI Roddy Newbigging reminded the group that partner reports are now submitted for information unless there are questions regarding any of the reports.</p>	
<p>Councillor Peter McNamara wished to highlight the ADP report stating that alcohol is at the root of many of the issues for this group and this should be recognised with dedicated time set aside for indepth discussion at a future meeting.</p>	
<p>The group agreed and it is to be included in a future agenda.</p>	<p>Lesley Jeffery</p>
<p>Lorne Campbell wished to highlight that a bid for funding is being submitted to provide street games aimed at girls and that he would report back to the next meeting.</p>	<p>Lorne Campbell</p>
<p>Sheena Campbell informed the group that her next report would include very detailed statistics for 2010/11 and that they are now collecting stats on whether there is any police involvement. These will be useful in the future to see if there is an increased level of reporting to the police.</p>	<p>Sheena Campbell</p>
<p>It was agreed that Domestic Violence should be discussed at the next meeting.</p>	<p>Lesley Jeffery</p>
<p>13. MINUTES OF MEETINGS</p>	
<p>Minutes are submitted for information.</p>	
<p>14. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS</p>	
<p>As stated, it was agreed that Domestic Violence and Safer Streets should be discussed at the next meeting however, if a Safer Streets application is required prior to November Jane Houston will contact partners separately.</p>	<p>Lesley Jeffery / Jane Houston</p>
<p>A discussion on Alcohol is to take place at the meeting on 15th December.</p>	<p>Lesley Jeffery</p>
<p>15. ANY OTHER BUSINESS</p>	
<p>Angela Morrell</p>	
<p>Angela informed the group that the Greenwood Learning Community was being inspected by HMIE. There is a meeting with inspectors on 26th September on the work of the problem solving group which is being co-ordinated by John McKnight as Angela will be on annual leave. She asked as many partners as possible to attend.</p>	<p>ALL</p>

North Ayrshire is also hosting the Young Scottish Parliament on 29th and 30th September with over 200 young people expected as well as the Secretary of State for Scotland who is attending to take part in a question and answer session.

Councillor Andrew Chamberlain

Councillor Chamberlain stated that he had attended a CoSLA meeting on 24th August. The meeting discussed the recent riots in England and why they did not occur in Scotland and this was thought to be due to the work done by Strathclyde Police on gang culture.

There was also discussion on the single police force and the majority of those attended supported the CoSLA stance.

New Meeting Format

CI Roddy Newbigging said he hoped that the new format still met the needs of the organisations involved and that there would be opportunities in the future to amend the format if that was required to more suit our needs.

15 DATES OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting takes place in **Committee Room 1**, Cunninghame House at **10am on Thursday, 3rd November 2011**.

Future Meeting Dates

Thursday, 15th December 2011 (moved from 29th December 2011)

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ACTION CHECKLIST – 8th September 2011

Minute Item	Action required	Responsibility	Checklist for next meeting ✓
3	Evaluation of Activity Agreements to be distributed to the group when available	Angela Morrell	
3	First Steps / Safe to Say Training Evaluation to be submitted to a future meeting. Lesley Jeffery to email Linda to remind her.	Linda Brandon / Lesley Jeffery	
3.	Sheena Campbell and Roddy Newbigging still to discuss involvement of Women's Aid in Problem Solving group separately.	Roddy Newbigging / Sheena Campbell	
3.	Community Justice Authority's Outcomes Framework to be on agenda for next meeting.	Lesley Jeffery	
4.	Domestic Violence to be on Agenda for discussion at the next meeting.	Lesley Jeffery	
4.	The following people to be invited to attend next meeting to discuss Domestic Violence: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Marjorie Adams, NAC and Detective Inspector from Domestic Abuse Response Team; • Elizabeth Stewart, Reception Services Manager, Social Services and Health; • Fiona McKinnon, Community Justice Manager 	Roddy Newbigging Stephen Brown Councillor Peter McNamara	
5.	Responses to Future Group Strategy to be collated and placed on agenda for further discussion at the next meeting.	Lesley Jeffery	
7.	The group to take note of the Pennyburn revisit timetable and attend EVA on 20 th September and community information event on 21 st September if possible.	ALL	
8.	All members asked to start using new logo on documents and to adhere to the protocol.	ALL	
8.	Any suggestions for future CPP Briefings to be forwarded to Morna Rae.	ALL	
11.	Cashback for Communities activities to be further discussed.	Roddy Newbigging / Lorne Campbell	
11.	Mark Gallacher to utilise school liaison officers to publicise Cashback for Communities activities.	Mark Gallacher	
11.	Jim McCrae to provide an update on SWSCJA Communities Cashback monies to a future meeting.	Jim McCrae	

11.	SWSCJA Communities Cashback funding should be included as part of the North Ayrshire Physical Activity and Sports Strategy.	Joanne Balmer	
11.	Roddy Newbigging to provide an update at the next meeting of his meeting with the Community Representative.	Roddy Newbigging	
12.	Street games funding bid update to be provided at the next meeting.	Lorne Campbell	
12.	Sheena Campbell to provide detailed stats for use as part of the discussion on Domestic Violence for the next meeting.	Sheena Campbell	
14.	If necessary, Safer Streets application to be dealt with separately.	Jane Houston	
14.	A discussion on alcohol is to be on agenda for meeting on 15 th December.	Lesley Jeffery	