

**UTTLESFORD ALCOHOL AND DRUG STRATEGY GROUP held at 12.30 pm at  
COUNCIL OFFICES SAFFRON WALDEN on 5 APRIL 2006**

Present:- Chris Bishop – Chairman

Nicole Morton – Community Safety Officer  
John Murphy – District Councillor  
Stephanie Planchenault – Essex DAAT  
Cathy Roberts – Committee Clerk  
Caroline Skinner – Uttlesford PCT  
Steve Sparrow – Essex Police Licensing Officer  
John Starr – Youth Service  
Claire Wheeler – Essex Probation

**526 APOLOGIES**

Apologies for absence were received from Fiona Gardiner, Elaine McGuiness, Jen Sims, Rebecca Proctor and Mike Young.

**527 MINUTES AND MATTERS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MEETING**

The notes of the meeting of the Group held on 11 January 2006 were agreed as a correct record subject to amendment of the meeting date to read “2006” not “2005”.

**528 SUB-GROUP CHAIR’S REPORT FROM CSAT**

It was agreed that only the Chairs of the Working Groups would attend CSAT meetings to update the full Group about the work of the Working Groups. There was concern that the Group should be represented at RAG meetings when financial matters were discussed to provide genuine financial accountability. Nicole agreed to supply financial information if it was required. Members noted that the RAG meetings were to happen every quarter whereas the CSAT meetings were one in every six months. Nicole Morton added that the RAG meetings were the forum for performance management, funding, strategy and updating on current projects.

**529 UPDATE FROM FAMILY SUPPORT CENTRE**

In view of the absence of Andrew Thomson consideration of this item was deferred until later in the meeting.

**530 FEEDBACK FROM EDUCATION GROUP**

**Skate Park**

John Starr updated the meeting on funds obtained and still to be obtained for the skateboard park and the contacts being maintained/developed with the

Turpins Bowling Club and the experts on construction. Members discussed the desirability of a project manager for the park, the concerns of the Turpins club, which were mainly about toilets, and the need to deflect trouble makers.

Members expressed their commendations to John Starr for his persistence with the project, and to the other members of the Skate Group.

It was hoped to commence work in May and open in August. The advantage to the Committee from the park would be to divert young people from less healthy recreational activity.

John Starr provided details of training planned for School Information points at Saffron Walden County High School and elsewhere.

It was noted that delay in replacing staff had again resulted in a gap in provision for drug education which would probably last until April.

Clare Wheeler (Probation) briefly explained her role.

#### 531 **PERFORMANCE MONITORING**

Stephanie Planchenault gave a comprehensive report on the activities of DAAT, the Treatment Plan and the Drug Intervention Programme.

She asked for details about private landlords from Judith Snares and informed the meeting about National Tackling Drugs Day which was to be held on 23 May 2006.

Steve Sparrow reported on crime/alcohol related statistics and it was noted that 45% of crimes were alcohol related. He informed the meeting that the District Council was being asked to provide alcohol-free zones in some streets of Saffron Walden. The Police were also providing a "Best Bar None" competition for accreditation as a safe place to drink.

#### 532 **FUNDING**

Members discussed possible directions/projects which might be met by funding from the devolved budget. Nicole Morton stressed that the Group should link their action plan with funding, obligations and outcomes. She suggested an action group meeting to prepare an action plan to extend to 2008.

It was agreed that this should take place in May and that a speaker should be invited to deal with the subject "Alcohol and sexual health and behaviour" at the October meeting.

#### 533 **NEXT MEETING**

The next meeting would be held on 5 July at 12.30pm at the Council Offices Saffron Walden. The alcohol and drugs worker would possibly be in post by then. If so, the Group agreed, the meeting should have no set agenda but be

an opportunity to meet the new officer and inform them what each agency is doing in Uttlesford.

The meeting ended at 2.25 pm