

**COMMUNITY SAFETY ACTION COMMITTEE MEETING held at the  
COUNCIL OFFICE SAFFRON WALDEN at 12.30 PM ON TUESDAY 24  
OCTOBER 2006**

Present: - Chairman – Paul Bowers – Essex Fire and Rescue Service.

Jane Elsom, Fiona Gardner, Councillor D W Gregory, Rose  
Johnson, Nicole Morton-Swain, Cathy Roberts and Tracy Turner  
– Uttlesford District Council  
Dale Atkins – West Essex PCT  
Chris Bishop – Alcohol & Drug Strategy Group  
Councillor Robert Chambers – Essex Police Authority  
Alan Johnson – Uttlesford Neighbourhood Watch  
Steve Sparrow – Essex Police  
Kerry Vinton – Go East  
Peter Woollard – Essex Probation Service  
Michael Young – Uttlesford Road Safety Working Group

**1 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies for absence were received from Alasdair Bovaird, Alex Stewart,  
Chris White, Yvette Wetton, Jenny Schiller and Colin Steele.

**2 MINUTES**

The minutes of the last RAG meeting held on 25 July 2006 were signed by the  
Chairman as a correct record subject to amendment of Minute 7 to include  
George Street.

**3 CHAIRMEN'S REPORTS FROM LAST QUARTERLY MEETING**

**(a) Community Support Group**

Nicole Morton-Swain reported on the action agreed at the last meeting of this  
Group. Councillor R Chambers added that the Police were now distributing  
fridge magnets incorporating emergency hate-crime numbers.

**(b) Alcohol and Drug Strategy Group**

Chris Bishop explained that Jenny Schiller was now supporting the Group as  
UDC new Alcohol and Drug Officer. The Group had received a presentation  
from a Ruskin University member regarding research into alcohol and risky  
behaviour/sex. A working party was also considering binge  
drinking/problematical drinking.

**(c) Road Safety Working Group**

Michael Young informed the meeting that local KSI statistics were generally  
down on previous and that it seemed likely that the Essex County statistics

would be down compared with National Statistics. Vehicle activated signs were being well received.

He informed the meeting about staff changes and annual events such as “Motorwise” and the “Stop watch” interactive theatre.

#### **4 ANTI-SOCIAL BEHAVIOUR**

Fiona Gardiner reported on recent developments. Two further “ABC”s had been signed and a further asbo was being investigated.

She outlined the firebreak initiative which had been successful for 6 young people in the Uttlesford District. She highlighted the easy availability of alcohol as the pernicious source of much juvenile bad behaviour. Fiona also mentioned that another “Prison no way” project was ongoing for alternative education students and that another would run in February for other students in the District

She described progress with the Designated Public Place Order in Elsenham and said that possible future locations might include Stansted. Fiona referred to the ASBO Support Officer, Katie Woolman who was working for Essex Police and working alongside Fiona in the District. They were looking at Parenting support groups as a way forward.

Members also discussed progress of “Respect” changes. Councillor Chambers, on behalf of the Police, stressed that although national community safety for the UK was being transferred from the policing plan to the “national community safety plan”, there was little information as to what “Respect” was and the way any action was to be carried out.

Following requests by Dale Atkins and the Chairman it was:-

**Agreed:-** that Nicole coordinates a working group newsletter to summarize work being carried out in this quarter.

#### **5 ALCOHOL FREE ZONES**

Steve Sparrow reported on proposals to provide signed alcohol free zones. He hoped that George Street and Oast House Court would be included amongst others. He added that the pilot study would be at Saffron Walden.

Nicole Morton-Swain expressed concern about how the zones would be policed due to PCSOs being unable to enforce this. Councillor Chambers will request that there is manpower available to enforce.

Steve illustrated on a map the areas he was proposing. A meeting to discuss this further would take place shortly.

6            **NEIGHBOURHOOD POLICING TEAMS**

Going ahead at present. No further update.

(Councillor Gregory joined the meeting at this point)

7            **PROLIFIC AND OTHER PRIORITY OFFENDERS**

Peter Woollard informed the meeting that no PPO offenders were being supervised at the moment which spoke a lot for community safety in Uttlesford, although some were being less formally monitored.

8            **LSP/CDRP MERGER**

Tracy Turner gave an update on this matter in the absence of Alex Stewart. A draft constitution had been prepared and the Local Strategic Partnership was about to engage with the draft.

9            **FUNDING AND STRATEGY UPDATE**

Nicole Morton-Swain described the use of quarterly monitoring, including best value performance indicators and domestic violence etc statistics, to inform strategy and funding. She and Kerry Vinton described IT difficulties regarding separation of blocks of information.

10          **LAA UPDATE**

The meeting was updated on the Local Area Agreement. Nicole Morton-Swain said that after a joint LSP and RAG meeting it had been agreed that RAG would lead on the SSC block.

11          **NATIONAL STANDARDS**

The meeting was informed, in the context of the Crime and Disorder Act Review, that it was hoped that all information would be ready and in place by 2008. Kerry Vinton explained that information from seven regular events had been collated and policy would be drawn from that.

12          **OTHER BUSINESS**

**(a) PCT Reconfiguration**

Dale Atkins described the names involved in this reconfiguration which would create a Director of Public Health and a number of Locality Directors.

**(b) Dates of future CSAT and RAG meetings**

It was noted that the CSAT date remained to be arranged due to the merger, as it might be incorporated into the Assembly. The RAG meeting would take place on 24 January at St Mark's College.

**(c) Alcohol and Drug Strategy Group**

The Chairman drew attention to Essex County Council staff changes arising from proposed merger of Partnership and Area coordinators. Members were concerned about the effect of this on CSAT and the District.

It was agreed that Nicole Morton-Swain and the Chairman would draft representations to be sent to the Essex County Council.

**(d) CSAT/RAG functions**

Councillor D W Gregory expressed concern about the functions of CSAT and RAG, since RAG seemed to take all the decisions. He asked that RAG minutes be sent to all CSAT members to keep them informed.

**(f) "Outlook" – Magazine for Go-East**

Kerry Vinton said this magazine had carried a short mention for Crucial Crew.

The meeting ended at 2.05 pm.