

KENILWORTH SAFER NEIGHBOURHOODS AREA (KSNA)
MINUTES OF THE MEETING ON 19th May 2008
6.30 pm AT THE COUNCIL OFFICES, SOUTHBANK ROAD.

Present

Cllr Pauline Edwards (Chair)	Kenilworth Town Council
Cllr Norman Vincett	Kenilworth Town & Warwick District Councils
Cllr John Whitehouse	Warwickshire County Council
Cllr Spencer Harrison	Kenilworth Town Council
Cllr Daphne Harrison	Kenilworth Town Council
Cllr Ursula Durrant	Kenilworth Town Council
Cllr Dave Shilton	Kenilworth Town, Warwick District & Warwickshire County Councils
Cllr Alan Cockburn	Kenilworth Town & Warwickshire County Councils
Cllr Felicity Bunker	Kenilworth Town & Warwick District Councils
Joseph Baconnet	Town Centre Manager
Verona Newbold	Kenilworth School
John Durling	Neighbourhood Watch
David Gill	Warwickshire County Council
Katie Western	Warwickshire County Council

Apologies

Apologies were received from Chris Langton, Andy Garsed and Carolyn Chambers.

The meeting had a single agenda item, to discuss and finalise the Kenilworth Safer Neighbourhoods Area 2008 Action Plan.

Speeding

Cllr Whitehouse reported that the first meeting of the speeding subgroup has taken place. Speeding and accident statistics have been received and the group have taken away actions to take forward all the interventions in the action plan. The meeting agreed it would be useful for all members to have a copy of the statistics obtained from WCC.

Action: Carolyn to circulate speeding and accident data obtained from WCC to all members of the Safer Neighbourhoods Panel

A discussion took place around how to measure the success of initiatives introduced. Methods include:

- Volume of complaints from members of the public
- A before and after speed survey in areas where speed reduction measures are introduced

- Number of police hours spent on speed enforcement/reduction initiatives

The safer routes to school programme was also discussed. It was felt that, if parents feel their children are safe walking to school, fewer will use their cars to drive short distances.

Action: Cllr Whitehouse to forward details of the involvement of Kenilworth schools in the Safer Routes to School programme to Carolyn for distribution to the Panel

The Chair thanked the subgroup for their ongoing work and asked that initiatives are built into the action plan as these are developed.

Kenilworth School

Members of the Panel have met with the new Headmaster at Kenilworth School. He is keen to engage with and support the work of the Safer Neighbourhoods Panel.

Action: Cllr Edwards to write and formally invite the new Headmaster to the next Safer Neighbourhoods Panel meeting

A discussion took place around the involvement of young people in the Panel. Cllr Shilton suggested more than one young person should be invited. Verona will continue in her efforts to find a student representative from Kenilworth School, although it is currently exam season.

Cllr Edwards has written to invite the young man who attended the Youth Club Committee to the Panel, but has yet to receive a response.

Action: Cllr Whitehouse to follow up Youth Club representation

Verona suggested the Panel could offer a small amount of funding to contribute towards printing of the Safer Neighbourhoods input to the school newsletter.

Graffiti

A discussion took place around graffiti walls. Cllr D. Harrison stated she is opposed to these, except within school grounds. Katie has researched a potential alternative, removable graffiti boards, that the Panel may wish to pursue.

Cllr Vincett sits on the working party drawing up the Warwick District graffiti policy. He suggested the Panel may wish to consider adopting the WDC policy for Kenilworth, rather than draw up a separate policy.

Cllr Bunker stated that Panel members should receive a copy of the policy and consider this for discussion at the next meeting on 30th June.

Action: Katie to forward the WDC graffiti policy to Carolyn for circulation to the Panel

A further discussion took place around the use of large graffiti machines by residents and the possible Health and Safety implications of this. Joe

suggested that the Warwick, Leamington and Kenilworth Panels should have discussion regarding the use of graffiti removal machines and Community Payback teams. It may be that the Panels can loan their equipment to the District Council providers for them to remove graffiti.

Action: Cllr Vincett to explore this option

Communications

Many of the items in the action plan can be publicised to improve awareness of the work of the Panel. At the last meeting it was agreed that the Communications subgroup will include Verona, Cllr Shilton, Sergeant Bosworth and Katie. This group needs to meet before the next Panel meeting and feedback their plans.

Action: Verona to arrange the first meeting of the communications subgroup

Communications and related resources required will be an agenda item at all future Panel meetings.

Enforcement of Police Activity

The Panel has now completed the purchase of a further bicycle and weatherproof trousers for the Police SNT.

Cllr Shilton suggested that Julian Hill, ASB Officer for Warwick District Council, should be invited to the next Panel meeting to discuss the joint enforcement activity he undertakes with the Police SNT.

Action: Katie to invite Julian Hill to the next Safer Neighbourhoods Panel meeting

Alcohol

A discussion took place around the importance of publicising any enforcement action taken against premises caught selling alcohol to young people under the age of 18 as part of the communications strategy.

David and Katie are meeting with Trading Standards to discuss the possibility of setting up a seminar around the work of the service for Safer Neighbourhood Panel members across the county. They will also discuss the potential to introduce a '21' scheme when premises decide which young people to ask for ID.

Joe reported that the new earpieces and chargers for PubWatch radios are due to arrive shortly.

Youth Provision

A press release has been issued regarding the mapping exercise of activities available for young people in the Warwick District. Once this is completed, David will produce a specific activities chart for Kenilworth.

Friday evening provision at the Youth Centre is running smoothly and has received a positive reaction from the young people involved. David reported that the Drug and Alcohol Action Team are willing to fund the door staff for a session in June.

Fire and Rescue Service

David has liaised with the Fire Service to include additional actions regarding analysis, education and Community Fire Safety in the action plan. This was welcomed by the Panel.

David will now incorporate all feedback received from Panel members into the action plan. He will then circulate the plan for final approval by Panel members and formal adoption at the next meeting.

Action: David to incorporate all feedback into the action plan and circulate to Panel members for final approval

Date and Time of Next Meeting

The next meeting will be held on **Monday 30th June at 6.30 at Kenilworth Youth Centre.**

Cllr Shilton offered his apologies in advance for this meeting.