

DERBYSHIRE SAFETY CAMERA PARTNERSHIP

WORKING GROUP MEETING

MINUTES

Wednesday 26th October 2005 at 2.00pm

Police Headquarters – New Reception Room

OPEN SESSION

1. Attendance:

Margaret Ward	-	Police
Roy Stevenson	-	Police
David Skinner	-	Police
Sarah Ryde	-	Police
Ellen Li	-	Police
Liam Vint	-	Police
Rebecca Hampson	-	Police
Pete Leigh	-	Derbyshire County Council
David Allsop	-	Derbyshire County Council
Neill Bennett	-	Derbyshire County Council
Paul Robinson	-	Derbyshire County Council
Sue Pollard	-	Derbyshire County Council
Jon Pumfrey	-	Derby City Council
David Payne	-	Derby City Council
Keith Sharples	-	AMScott

2. Apologies: Geoff Hall (Police), Martin Cantrill (Police), Graham Wheatley (County), Neil Hickman (County), Bridget Gould (County), Simon Tranter (County), Ian Butler (City), Andy Roberts (City), Ben Cooke (AMScott), Jane Kirk (Magistrates), Sue Savage (Magistrates), David Fox (Magistrates), Louise Harper (CPS), Becky Mahon (CPS), Andrea Charity (CPS).

3. Minutes of Previous Meeting

The Minutes of the previous meeting held on 13th September 2005 were agreed as a true and accurate record.

4. Matters Arising:

Maggie updated the group on the operations to date:-

Operations Update:

5.PR/Marketing:

Prince Michael Road Safety Award – commendation winning campaign posters – Rebecca, Maggie and Mike Ashworth are to attend a presentation in Birmingham due to the success of the Midlands Regional Partnership's Anti Speeding posters (three

posters aimed at promoting speed awareness to three different age groups). The group wished to congratulate Rebecca on her involvement, and on all the research undertaken with different age groups.

NEC Motorcycle and Scooter Show (27th October to 6th November). DSCP are to be involved as part of the Regional Partnership's campaign.

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6. Vehicle Activated Signs:

At the last meeting it was raised that a member of the public had complained about the VAS due to be erected at Tibshelf. He wants it moved away from his house, as he claims it would be too obtrusive. Roy confirmed that the situation is still pending in negotiation with Graham and the member of public, but a possible compromise is that the sign may be moved slightly.

7. Rockwool - Intumescent seals to fixed housings:

Roy stated that Rockwool are confident that they can fully insulate the housing provided to them. However they require £800 for further fire testing costs. The current type approval is owned by a company called Crown who refuse to contribute to the testing, as they have their own solution (although this doesn't provide 100% effective fire proofing), which is used by both Gatso and Truvelo.

8. Mobile Gatsos:

The loan mobile Gatso has been in operation for approximately two months. So far the results have been good with few offences occurring at mobile Gatso sites. The installation takes two officers to set up. Visibility and location, also operating during hours of darkness are paramount to the process. A second mobile Gatso has been loaned and we are awaiting delivery.

9. Accurate Signs:

Inspector Matt Pickard previously raised the issue that he was receiving queries from the public with regard to the signing of mobile sites. Maggie asked the group if they could all ensure that signing is accurate. Pete confirmed that all the signs in his area are now ok. David Skinner raised the point that it would be a good standard of practice to ensure that all signage is kept as accurate as possible, although he conceded that this is sometimes difficult to do when changes in legislation can make some signs obsolete. Roy commented that although keeping signage accurate is important, it is not a legally required consideration when enforcing speed.

Action: Maggie is awaiting an e-mail from Simon Tranter for an update regarding signage in the Baslow area.

10.Speed Data Collection:

Golden River will be commencing implementation of the loop system at our fixed sites in the near future. Neill pointed out that there is currently a delay with the approval of City sites, so Golden River are to change their schedule to complete as

many County sites first – they anticipate that it will take approximately three weeks to complete, provided they have no problems due to the weather.

A few problems have been identified with the radars in relation to Health and Safety. As the radars will need to be placed onto street furniture (any street lighting will have to be risk assessed and this is being undertaken) working at height and using ladders will entail officers working in pairs. A cherry picker has been considered, but from feedback DfT would not approve and is considered to be “over the top”. Maggie is currently considering the 90 mobile (approved) sites for radar in-house surveys, but is assessing the costs of outsourcing the 250 annual complaint sites. She confirmed that the West Mercia Partnership are paying around £80 per site in outsourcing fees.

11.Risk Assessments:

All risk assessments are being revised to incorporate the new speed data collection kit, fixed and mobile operation, surveillance, shows etc.

12.Staff:

Two members of the Film Viewing Section are leaving the unit within the next few weeks and recruitment has commenced initially for one SC Enquiry Officer. This has been undertaken due to an activity analysis earlier in the year assessing the affects of the new film viewing process (StarVision). Less staff are required in the film viewing section, but there has been an increase in workload in the Enquiry Unit section.

13.Any Other Business:

Ellen is due to leave the unit by the middle of November. The entire group thanked Ellen for all her hard work and good service during her time with the Partnership and wished her all the best for the future. As a temporary measure Sarah and Liam are stepping in to undertake the work until a suitable replacement is appointed.

Jon confirmed that the Burton Road housing has now been refurbished, and a spare has been obtained. He also asked what the situation was with the proposed hard standing at Station Road, Mickleover. It was confirmed that this is currently on hold and mobile Gatso enforcement is likely to be used in the meantime.

Paul asked if the planned hard standing at A6175 North Wingfield had been given the go ahead. As with Station Road, mobile Gatso enforcement is due to take place.

14.Speed Awareness Courses:

Maggie stated that a National ACPO Press Release on 3rd October 2005 confirmed that all Police Forces will be running Speed Awareness Courses in the future. As the majority of funding for these schemes will come from the Safety Camera Partnerships, Maggie and Geoff are to discuss the situation for Derbyshire. Maggie will prepare a paper for the Chief Constable detailing the results of the research, and both Maggie and Geoff will be liaising with the Chief Constable to decide the best course of action. Jon wished it to be known that Derby City Road Safety want to put in a bid to deliver the actual courses.

Operational Case 2006/2007:

Maggie confirmed that at the National Meeting, the group were informed that the Operational Case submission will not be required until the New Year.

Any new sites – Maggie asked the group to submit them to herself or Ellen (while she is still here).

16. Date of Next Meeting:

Wednesday 7th December 2005 – 2.00pm – New Reception Room Police HQ.

