

DERBYSHIRE SAFETY CAMERA PARTNERSHIP

STEERING/WORKING GROUP MEETING

MINUTES

Wednesday 18th May 2004

Police Headquarters – New Reception Room

OPEN SESSION

1. Attendance:

Margaret Ward	-	Police
Alan Bannister	-	Police
Geoff Hall	-	Police
Martin Cantrill	-	Police
Liam Vint	-	Police
Philip Bellefontaine	-	Derbyshire County Council
Ian Butler	-	Derby City Council
Jon Pumfrey	-	Derby City Council
Jane Kirk	-	Magistrates
David Fox	-	Magistrates
Sue Savage	-	Magistrates
Ben Cook	-	AMScott
Keith Sharples	-	AMScott
Andrea Charity	-	CPS

2. Apologies:

Ian Windmill (Police), Ellen Li (Police), David Skinner (Police), David Walker (County), Graham Wheatley (County), Pete Leigh (County), Paul Robinson (County), Neill Bennett (County), Becky Mahon (CPS).

3. Minutes of Previous Meeting

The minutes of the last meeting of the 7th April 2004 were read and agreed as a true and accurate record.

4. Matters Arising:

Maggie gave an update on the operations to date, as follows:-

Operations Update:

CTO Workload/Enforcement:

Geoff confirmed that everything was up to date and there is currently no backlog. He also mentioned that they are still in a position to cope with the impending vacancies of two positions within CTO due to the recruitment of agency staff.

Maggie informed the group that representatives from StarTraq have visited CTO to discuss the implementation of their system. It was confirmed additional IT work would need to be completed, to update the server, at a cost of £30,000. When this is completed an order can be placed with StarTraq by the Contracts Section, and the system can be installed. The estimated time for implementation is July.

It was noted that within the StarTraq process, only one video viewer is required. Currently three are in use. This will mean that the other two viewers will be used in emergency situations instead.

PR/Marketing:

Maggie told the group that after a successful interview, the position of PR/Marketing Officer was offered to Rebecca Hampson. She is likely to start within the next six weeks following the appropriate security checks.

PR/Marketing Leaflets:

Leaflets have been distributed to all members of the Partnership, with the exception of County. Currently Pete Leigh is in the process of arranging collection for them.

Carlton Advertising:

Maggie informed the group that the Senior Partners approved cinema advertising within the Operational Case 2004/05 of £9,000. This is being progressed by the Project Team.

Drafts have been made to the size and specification of Carlton, and the designs have also had the approval of Sue Beck. The 4 prototypes are to be made into actual creatives and then be sent to Carlton for use at the UCI and Showcase cinemas. The creatives are to be made via a local printing company due to copyright laws on the pictures, and so that professional designs can be prepared.

Radio Advertising:

The scripts designed by RAM fm for the radio campaign have now been approved. The best scripts have been chosen and are to be re-edited to suit the DSCP using a new 'voice' in place of Neil Morrissey.

Video production:

Chief Superintendent Bateman has suggested that contact be made with Derby University as they hold a Media Course, and may be interested in assisting with the production of a promotional videotape for the DSCP. Liam has sent a written request to Derby University, but has received no reply as yet. As it is coming to the end of term time, it may mean that this will have to be put on hold until September, unless an alternate arrangement can be found.

Promotional Items:

Promotional items have arrived at Police HQ. 5000 bags of items, placed in boxes of 150 are now stored in the CTO.

Further different promotional items will require ordering after May.

Advertising Boards:

All boards should be placed in each of the chosen sports grounds, and up and running by the start of the appropriate season.

Regional Marketing:

There is to be a Regional SC stand at the Motor show, NEC in May. Derbyshire is to attend the show for two days. Ian has chosen the Officers attending to represent Derbyshire at the show.

WORKING GROUP SECTION:

5. Proposed Fixed 2003/2004 Sites:

Phil stated that all of County's housings are now in, four of which have power.

Jon confirmed that all of City's housings are in, along with all the Piezos.

6. Removal of 2 unused housings:

Update from Pete Leigh at the next meeting.

7. Signing:

Problems with cameras being sited behind a school sign at Ambergate, and town boundary sign at Heanor. This situation needs to be resolved, as it looks like a deliberate attempt to hide the cameras, and therefore will leave the Partnership open to criticism. Phil stated he would look into the matter.

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8. Casualty Analysis:

Ellen provided a quarterly update. This showed a substantial reduction in casualties and collisions. Information regarding this is to be made into a press release for early June, as it shows the positive effect the Partnership is having on Derbyshire's roads.

9. Truvelo update:

10. Gatso's

Gatso front photography: Trialled in Essex. Used purely for identification – not type approved, but used in conjunction with current rear photography – using optical sensor – sites on top of robot system. 2 systems: wet film / digital - currently researching the flash. A visit is to be made in the near future when the Essex Partnership confirms a date to attend. Ellen is currently awaiting a response from them.

11. Stenson Road, Derby:

It was mentioned that the 30mph signs at Stenson Road, Derby have been causing problems. This is due to someone turning them around so the oncoming traffic see the reverse side of 40mph, and assume that is the limit. All the signs have now been turned the right way round, but there is currently nothing to stop this from being done

again. It was suggested in the meeting that the signs could be placed on square posts to prevent this in future.

12. Anti-Graffiti Coatings:

A company called Protech have been contacted to arrange for anti-graffiti coatings to be applied to the housings in the Harvey Road and Long Eaton areas due to excessive vandalism along these routes.

13. Service Level Agreement / Memorandum of Understanding:

The SLA (Memorandum of Understanding) has now been resolved and the renewed MOU will be discussed at the Senior Partners meeting on Wednesday 19th May.

14. FOI:

The Project Team had met with Stuart Barlow (FOI Manager) regarding the Freedom of Information Act, which is due to be implemented by January 2005. Action is to be taken to ensure the DSCP are compliant in good time.

15. Any Other Business:

Phil mentioned that work is soon to commence on the hard standing for the Mobile Route at Dove Holes.

Phil also queried whether it was permissible to be more 'flexible' in signing the beginning and end of camera enforcement routes, instead of placing them at each end of a 1km fixed distance, in view of practical difficulties experienced at some sites in finding a suitable location for the signs. It was noted that signing has caused many problems in the past and is believed to be the central issue in the impending appeal court case. On that basis it was felt that signing has to be accurate within the TSRGD and the DfT criteria.

A report has been received from Dave Skinner and Ivan Kent regarding the A621, which has had around 37 injury accidents in the last 3 years (many of which have been motorcyclists). Currently Ellen and Ian are looking into this as a possible Mobile Route. However as its is a long road with many bends it might not be feasible, especially if the accidents are spread out over several km's, which could mean that the DfT criteria is not met.

Ian stated that he had received a phone call from a member of the public, who had been caught on camera in one of the Casualty Prevention Sites (15% routes). It was suggested that temporary signing to mark these routes out while they were being enforced would be a good idea in the City area.

Legacy sites are to continue being used for deterrent purposes. The housings are to remain, however cameras will only be used every so often.

16. Date of Next Meeting:

Thursday 1st July 2004 – at 2.00pm - ***New Reception Room – Police HQ***