



**Crime and Safety Subgroup Meeting  
Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> March 2009  
County Hall, Chelmsford**

**Present:**

John (Brentwood)	Sam (Epping Forest)
Kurt (Chelmsford)	Rosie (Tendring)
Zoe (Chelmsford) <i>Minutes</i>	Liam (Colchester) <i>Chair</i>
Nnebs (Braintree)	Natasha (Rochford)
Jo Van Zanten (Essex Police)	Ruth Morton (Essex CC)

**Apologies:**

Rebecca (Basildon)	Alex (Harlow)
Dan Rankin (Essex Police)	

**Absent:** Carriann, Joshua, Martin

**1. Introductions and Apologies**

Apologies received from Rebecca (Basildon), Alex (Harlow) and Dan Rankin. Liam chaired the meeting as Alex was unable to attend. Zoe agreed to take the minutes.

**2. Minutes of the last meeting**

The minutes were read and agreed.

**3. Feedback from local youth councils/forums**

**Rosie** – Issues in Tendring - gang rivalry, especially between gangs in Colchester and Harwich. Organised fights, including knives.

**Tasha** – youth conference held, with police involvement. PCSO's have good relationships with young people. Graffiti and vandalism are problems.

**Kurt** – Effective campaigns included shock images, personal accounts, weapons amnesties.

**Liam** – Local youth council mainly agrees with the YEA priorities. Mosquito in local area. Worried about assault. Graffiti is a problem.

**4. Existing publicity**

Neither Dan nor Alex present to give feedback. Zoe had done some research on the Internet about the publicity already around the three main aims of the subgroup. There was a lot of information and campaigns around knife crime, but relatively little about vandalism and public perception. Zoe tabled a diagram of her research summary in which she highlighted the information on vandalism/graffiti, weapons and public perception. Jo will progress Dan for other information he can supply.

**5. Graffiti wall feedback**

**Nnebs** – researched the subject in her school, people were concerned about the cost of a graffiti project.

**Liam** – discussed in college, students were concerned that a project might encourage more graffiti.



It was suggested that we could apply for Youth Opportunity funding to raise money. Southend, Thurrock and Harlow have or have had graffiti wall projects and it may be useful to see what has worked/not worked in these areas.

#### **6. Graffiti artist details**

No details available at this meeting.

#### **7. Guest – Jo Van Zanten**

Jo advised the group that she works with Dan Rankin and gave an overview of her police career history. Jo advised that she is involved in the 2 SMART campaign – originally developed as 2 SMART 4 DRUGS, now expanded to include knives, bullying and alcohol. Jo handed out details of the 2 SMART roadshows which are being held around the county. The focus is positive engagement of young people and 17,000 young people will see the roadshow this year. The roadshows are 90 minutes long and delivered to Years 7/8, including facilitators such as Tanner, an ex alcoholic and drug user.

Jo explained that Essex is part of the TEKAP programme and that much of the violent crime in Essex is actually domestic violence. She advised that the perception is that a lot of people carry knives, but the reality is not as bad as people believe.

Liam suggested that the subgroup have a link to the 2 SMART programme and develop either (or both) a complementary workshop addressing anti-social graffiti problems or/and giving evaluations of the existing roadshows to inform the development of them for an older target audience. The group agreed with this.

**Action Point** – All – look at the 2 SMART website to find out what it is and what it aims to do; also to watch videos of previous roadshows.

Sam pointed out that some areas in Essex are not covered by the roadshows.

There may be an opportunity for some young people to work with the police, training officers.

Liam, Rosie, Natasha, Kurt and Zoe said they would like to attend the roadshow nearest to them as research for the subgroup project.

**Action Point:** Ruth to write to the schools asking for permission for the young people to attend.

#### **8. Name of Subgroup**

Following a secret vote, the name “2clever4crime” was unanimously chosen.



**9. Logo for Subgroup**

The subgroup's logo will be "2C4C" in graffiti style writing; a short version of the group's name and in graffiti writing as that is one of the issues the group wishes to address.



**10. Details of next meeting**

Please send apologies if unable to attend.

**Next subgroup meeting: Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> May @ 11.00.am**  
**Venue: County Hall, Chelmsford.**