

2C4C Crime Subgroup Minutes: 5th September 2009-09-08

Present: Samuel (*Chair*)
Nnebs
Ruth Morton
Catherine Roberts (*Minute taker*)

Apologies: Kurt
Natasha
Zoe
Rosie
Jo Van Zanten
Dan Rankin

Absent: Liam
Martin
Rebecca

1. Introduction and Apologies

Catherine was present at the meeting and will be continuing, from now on, to support the subgroup. This was explained further, later on in the meeting, agenda point 3.
Apologies were given as above.

2. Minutes of the last meeting

Minutes of the last meeting were read and agreed.
Nnebs feedback from the Braintree Fun day; the main event was very good although it could have been aimed more at teenagers as it was mainly families with younger children who attended. There were quizzes and drama pieces around 'peer pressure' as well as dancers, basketball playing and singers.

3. YEA Co-ordinator

As Clare Ratcliffe is now on maternity leave, Catherine is covering her role as YEA Co-ordinator. This role means supporting 2 of the YEA subgroups. As Ruth is not specifically a YEA worker but supports a number of other youth action projects too, Catherine will, from now on, be the main supporting YEA worker for the 2C4C subgroup. If you would like to contact Catherine, you can ring: 01206 762923/ 07747 486466 or email Catherine.roberts2@essex.gov.uk
If you have any questions or concerns relating to this or anything else, please do get in contact.

- **AP- Catherine** to find out who can/can't access email attachment and/or internet to ensure that everyone is receiving up to date information.

4. Feedback from local youth councils/forums

Braintree: Nnebs fed back that the youth council had not yet met over the summer due to staffing problems etc but hopefully this is to be sorted next week.

Epping: Epping youth council has produced a film around drugs to inform young people of the dangers including alcohol abuse. In the making of the film, police officers were interviewed and the youth council had gone into various youth centres in order to gain information. Samuel mentioned a problem had arisen with consents but that this is hoping to be resolved so that the film can be distributed.

5. Website Critique/ Policing Pledge

Unfortunately Jo and Dan were unable to attend but sent their apologies.

Samuel had 3 completed forms

- **AP- Ruth** to send these to Jo

Nnebs is hoping to go back to her old school to distribute the website forms. Ruth mentioned that maybe Nnebs could do a talk at her school on what the group are currently working on and what the website critique forms are all about.

6. Action Plan

Unfortunately the YOF application was unsuccessful on this occasion due to 'lack of evidence of young people involvement' and because of reasons connected to permissions to getting the graffiti boards in certain areas.

- **AP- ALL** to look into research, maybe find out from Jo and Dan, of areas with highest crime rates- therefore areas in most need
- **AP- ALL** as a group to have more consultation and to discuss maybe re-submitting this application next march as an on-going project for next summer.

Due to not having been awarded funding, the group will now need to work on a new action plan. The YEA elections voted the issue to be 'crime and feeling safe' and so Nnebs and Sam came up with any ideas/issues they felt relating directly to this. Please see 'Crime/Feeling safe ideas' doc attached.

From this, those present then came up with 4 main points as ideas that could be developed and worked on. These were as follows: -

- **Raising awareness of internet safety**- the idea was to hold an event/s, maybe in schools, to raise awareness of the risks of chat rooms and social networking on the internet. This would incorporate 2 groups- one group who would be of mixed ages and genders, talking to another group, in a different room, via the internet, and seeing who was able to tell who they were actually talking to.
 - **Policing of areas on trains and buses**/ at bus stops and train stations (especially at weekends and in the evenings)
 - **More powers for community police to intervene and take action**- this is to include not victimising people who are not doing anything wrong but actually tackling those who are acting in an intimidating way.
 - **Tackle views that young people think the police won't ever do anything**- this could mean looking into possibilities of young people delivering training to the police
- **AP- ALL** to ensure that they look at the attached document and have a think on which of the above points you would all like to work on and how you would go about doing this. Please email Catherine any ideas and thoughts ASAP as we are looking to hold another subgroup meeting on Sunday September 20th.

7. A.O.B

Attendance: The issue was raised that there is some concern as to the lack of attendance of some of the subgroup members. It was hoped that now the aim is to set a clearer agenda, maybe it will encourage those not attending to start doing so. If this does not work, the matter will need to be looked at more closely.

- **AP Sam** to draft a letter that could go out to those members who are not attending subgroups, explaining they should maybe reconsider their position if they feel they can no longer contribute and represent those young people who voted for them.

- **AP- Catherine** to email group to invite to attend a meeting on Sunday 20th September

Details of next meeting: 4th October 2009 (if agreed, meeting before this 20.09.09)