

## Appendix A

Apologies were received from Councillors Shaw and Walley, C Atkins MP, G Edwards SCC

### PRESENT

John Jones	Biddulph Mayor
Rodger Deane	Biddulph Deputy Mayor
Ken Harper	Chair/Town Councillor
John Rushton	Town Councillor
Hilda Sheldon	Town/District Councillor
Jim Davies	Town/District Councillor
Linda Deaville	Town Councillor
Elaine Baddeley	Town/District Councillor
Kate Thacker	Town Chief Officer
Jean Gaunt	Town Officer
Tony Worthington	Neighbourhood Watch
Margaret Worthington	Knypersley Residents Group
Craig Harris	Volunteer Centre
Karen Stevenson	Staffordshire Police
Jo Lewis	Staffordshire Police
Mr E Rogers	Pensioner
Sgt Lee Crowther	Staffordshire Police
Ian Dale	Gillow Heath Residents Association
Sue Davies	Resident
Emma Gaffney	BVNCA
Jenni McMahon	BVNCA
Jazelle Hook	BVNCA
Beverley Webb	BVNCA
Ian Lawson	County Councillor
Helen Roberts	BVNCA
Madelaine Lovatt	District Councillor
Kath Clark	BVNCA
Eileen Cox	Town Centre Resident
Adrian Roberts	Staffordshire Police
Ruth Reeves	District Officer
John Salt	Sports Council
Carl Kisicki	Resident

**NOTES OF THE MEETING OF THE TOWN FORUM: COMMUNITY SAFETY HELD ON TUESDAY 15 SEPTEMBER 2009**

*For attendance see appendix A*

**16.09 CHAIRMAN'S WELCOME**

Councillor Harper welcomed everyone to the meeting of the Forum.

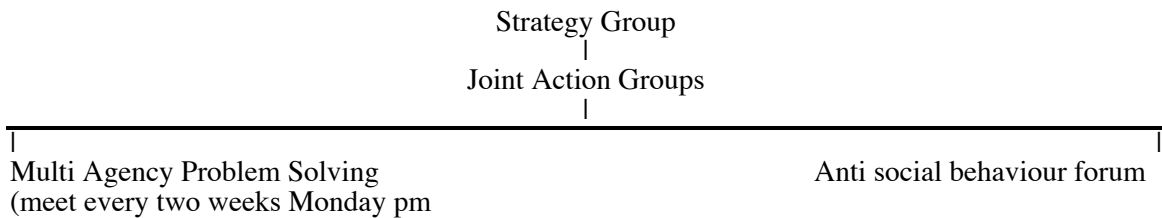
**17. INTRODUCTIONS**

Introductions were made.

**18. PRESENTATIONS**

- a Mr David Smith, SMDC, gave a presentation and introduction to the Moorlands Safer and Stronger Communities Partnership

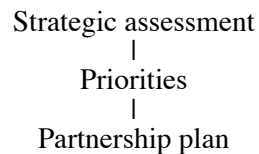
**PARTNERSHIP STRUCTURE**



**PRIORITIES 2009-10**

violent crime  
Increase in domestic violence  
anti social behaviour  
prolific offenders  
business crime  
road safety  
stronger communities

**ANNUAL REQUIREMENT**



**PROBLEM SOLVING - PATS and RATS**

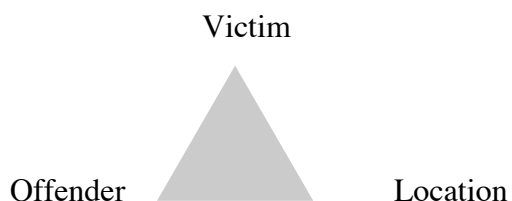
Routine Activity Theory

Motivated  
Offender

Suitable Victim  Lack of Capable Guardian

Need someone available and willing  
Need something available and opportunity there  
Need no-one willing to intervene eg neighbourhood watch, teacher  
If we remove one corner of triangle it would make some improvement, it is not worth committing crime

### Problem Analysis Triangle



Think about the three aspects, break the issue down into the three parts, time of the incident is also useful tool.

- b Mrs Samantha Lawrence – Police Statistician - gave a presentation on the Biddulph Problem Profile – Police statistics on recorded crime and community safety incidents. Handout enclosed.

## 19. DISCUSSION GROUPS

Those attending were encouraged to discuss the following questions within their table groupings:

- What do you feel are the key community safety issues and priorities in Biddulph?
- How would you tackle the top three priorities?

## 20. FEEDBACK

### What was the TOP issue/priority discussed by each group?

- Anti social behaviour, perceived threat from groups of 13-19 year olds
- Large groups of teens in Halls Road area with alcohol
- Vandalism to property with no perceived purpose
- Drug dealing issues around St Lawrence's Church and Albert Street.
- Irresponsible parking issues outside schools – especially Biddulph High
- Criminal damage to Biddulph in Bloom property
- Windows smashed
- Fear of crime
- Drug and alcohol misuse
- Threat of violence
- Alcohol related disorder in the town centre and High Street especially on Friday and Saturday evenings
- Misuse and abuse of sport facilities and equipment especially in the school holidays and weekends
- Lack of respect

- Criminal damage to vehicles in John Street – broken windows, scratched cars at weekend, especially Saturday nights
- Disorder and nuisance adult drinking in the town centre
- Damage and vandalism by older teens and older people
- Traffic speeding
- Dog fouling
- Survey over 2 years - high perception of drug use and drug dealing
- Very low report in Staffordshire Moorlands
- Main concerns vandalism
- Second greatest concern was anti-social behaviour; young people hanging about in groups
- Preserver rather than actions
- Signal crime
- How comfortable people feel in their area
- Alcohol related disturbance leads to anti-social behaviour and vandalism

Mr Smith said that the Safer Communities Support Group would look at how to tackle the above and the team would report back in six months time, at the next Community Safety Forum.

**Solutions:**

Raise age to buy alcohol in town/more transport to get people home at night more quickly  
 Intergeneration work in Biddulph use U3A to promote respect between different sections  
 Use CCTV to ultimate effect  
 Neighbourhood watch  
 Diversionary tactics anti-vandalism street furniture  
 Role model for youngsters  
 Made to pay reparation  
 Parental education aware of location of youngsters  
 More enforcement of offender  
 More effective use of pub watch scheme  
 Risk of decanting from glass bottles so not threat of harm – use polycarbonate

Increased police patrol in evening in High Street when well monitored CCTV in operation

A Home Office initiative called Not In My Neighbourhood to involve police, fire council and other agencies in the three market towns was to be held on Wednesday, Thursday & Friday 2 – 6 November 2009. There would also be free winter checks for cars.

Community Clean Ups would get people active in the street and encourage neighbourhood pride. Neighbourhood Associations to feedback to Ruth, Kate or Jean.

**21. CLOSE**

Councillor Harper drew the meeting to a close at 8 pm and thanked everyone for attending. The next Forum would be held on Tuesday 20 October and the topic would be Economy and Sustainability.