

Senior Management Team meeting

10:00, 17 August 2010

Kendal Police Station

Open Minutes

Present: Sean Robinson (SR), Bob Qazi (BQ), Ken Jewell (KJ),
Emilyn Key (EK) & Simon Nicholson (SN)

1. Apologies: Cath Thundercloud (CT), Ali Dufty (AD) & Carol Dobson (CD)
2. Minutes & actions of last meeting (21.07.10)

The minutes and actions were agreed without amendment.

Sean Robinson welcomed Simon Nicholson to the Senior Management Team.

3. Declaration of A.O.B. – see below
4. Standing items
 - a) Personnel issues

KJ presented CD's usual report and establishment, abstractions, restricted duties and long term sickness were discussed by exception.

- c) Operational overview

KJ remarked on positive performance on 'year to date'. August to date – doing well on burglary, violent crime and criminal damage. Difficult start in April & May but June & July have been good – seeing a drop off in all crime from 904 to 752 this year (16% improvement). Reduction in all categories with the exception of low level assaults and robbery. Detections are at 39%, giving a sustained rate of 37.2%. Other theft and other stealing are high volume.

6. A.O.B.

- ii. Feedback from BME focus group meeting (KJ)

KJ told of a recent BME focus group that PC Da Silva Neto had set up. Two members of the public were invited to attend to share their experiences of life in South Cumbria. Among the BME community it was said that trust issues were of concern and there was a strong belief that 'stop searches' were disproportionate. It is thought that complaints about victimization are played down by police officers and that there are barriers to reporting issues. How we respond to issues, our website and Appleby fair were also raised.

The members of the public would be prepared to talk again and would happy to bring others to another meeting.

It is hoped that PC Da Silva Neto will have brought this piece of work to conclusion by the end of September 2010.

SR commended PC Da Silva Neto's census report (for SLDC) on black and ethnic minority groups and asked KJ to thank him for the production of such a useful piece of work.

7. Next meeting – 10:00, 01.09.10 @ Kendal