Milton Keynes LCU IAG Meeting

Minutes

DATE: Wednesday 16th July 2025

TIME: 6pm-7.30pm

LOCATION: Kiln Farm Gurdwara, Tilers Rd, Kiln Farm, Milton Keynes

Initials	**Position**
AK	IAG Chair
EB	LCU Commander, TVP
GB	Staff Officer, TVP
NS	CADO, TVP
JHe	Ch/Insp, TVP
JB	A/Insp, TVP
KM	IAG Member
PS	IAG Member
TLJ	IAG Member
RRK	IAG Member
TG	IAG Member
AH	IAG Member
SB	IAG Member
AS	IAG Member
JV	IAG Member/Deputy
HC	IAG Member
JC	Guest
SH	Guest
AKe	Admin Support, TVP (Minutes)
Apologies	
HS	IAG Member
LP	IAG Member
TR	IAG Member
JH	IAG Member
JW	IAG Member
NR	IAG Member
DH	IAG Member
ZM	IAG Member
JS	IAG Member

1. **Welcome and short briefing** **AK**
   The Chair welcomed all those present, introductions were made and apologies given.

2. **Previous minutes** **All**
   The IAG Minutes are published on the TVP Website and can be viewed here: Milton Keynes Independent Advisory Group | Thames Valley Police

3. **AOB** **All**
   JS reported a disturbance in a Gurdwara in Birmingham where protesters disrupted a mixed faith marriage taking place. These Weddings happen in MK too so attendees are aware of the possibility of disruptive tactics being used here.

AK notified those present that there had been nothing submitted ahead of tonight's meeting for member's attention.
PS mentioned the ongoing war in DRC and how those with power were trying to echo that power here in the UK. The Congolese community here are trying to promote unity by holding a series of football matches and BBQs. EB asked if there are any vulnerable persons in MK from the Congolese community and PS explained that there are 400 tribes but no overall majority. There is a scam occurring involving payment for visas and some residents here had been targeted and lost money.
AH explained his early departure tonight due to a full council meeting but let those present know he has a new role with MKCC, championing older people.
RRK referred to speeding in the rural area, use of speed guns but training is taking a while to secure. Noise and anti-social behaviour (ASB) from the rec in Olney is on the rise. There is a PSPO but alcohol is still present.
JV spoke about ASB in some city car parks, with NHPT Sgts aware and managing. Landowners have responded with cutting hedges and improving lighting but sexual activity was still occurring so safe practice was being promoted. It was decided not to close the car parks to avoid displacing the activity to a location nearer to where there may be children present. There has been an increase in disability and LGBTQ+ hate crime, particularly involving neurodiverse individuals and sunflower lanyards. There are efforts to try and empower vulnerable individuals who are subject to this. MK Autism and TalkBack organisations are here to help and NS explained that TVP have already forged connections with TalkBack and worked well with them before. TVP is active regarding the neurodiverse community with a support group of its own.
EB said that there had been hate posts/comments on TVPs social media that Comms had taken down. However, MK residents are good at policing the comments themselves, frequently calling out unacceptable comments.
JV is keen to upskill moderators in how to deal with hateful comments.
JH explained that our Comms team delete hateful comments when, sometimes, a reply is needed but they are often reluctant to respond.
TLJ spoke about a number of young persons she deals with who have undiagnosed neuro-diverse conditions. Parents are in denial, it is a challenge to get an EHCP from schools so they are labelled as arrogant and aggressive. TLJ is working with Watling Academy in Yrs 8/9/10 on a Pilot Project with Cllr MP. When people arrive from Nigeria or Ghana there is no orientation to life in the UK, scam companies lure people here and on arrival they discover there is no job or accommodation and they end up in care as they can't go back.
HC is interested in this matter from his perspective of working with refugees.
SB had nothing of concern except to say they were employing CST security to be present during services at the Synagogue. It was agreed that CST are good at linking in with the Police.
TG reported that as the SDA has Saturday as their holy day, it prevents participation in some community events. There had been litter picks in Fishermead and a 50th anniversary of the estate.
SH explained that tensions between Afghans and Iranians had risen, with hate speech on social media rising. Actions are online with nothing in MK, but occurrences in London are a big issue. EB asked SH to notify TVP of any incidences in MK.
A guest, JC, told members about a successful event in June to raise money for the YMCA.

4. LCU Commander's Update **LCU Commander**

EB spoke about Baroness Casey's report on Child Sexual Exploitation (CSE) and that there were concerning comments regarding a disproportionate number of a minority community being involved in some towns. EB was clear that in MK, this is not a specific issue. At present, we have no significant organised CSE in MK and no obvious ethnicity involved as a victim or a suspect. Day to day in MK we deal more with frequent mispers who are young girls, in the company of older men where we take positive action to arrest and investigate but this is not the organised CSE discussed in the report.
Action: MARU survey to be sent out to IAG Members. It was predominantly filled out by whites and NS is keen to get IAG members involved to get better representation.
D/Supt AA prepared some performance figures for the IAG, EB presented them. For example, Victim Satisfaction is up 7% to 65% and MK is best in force in several areas, such as Investigation Quality and

attendance times at Grade 1 and 2 jobs. The average wait time for 101 calls to be answered is 2 mins in MK and 3 mins force-wide. Crimes where people are charged are up 8% and knife crime is down 13%.
EB clarified what is happening with the Palestine Action Group. They are significant offenders behind the scenes, violent towards Police and committing acts of criminal damage. They are a proscribed organisation because of this criminality. The Govt. has made it clear that holding a sign saying ' I support the Palestine Action Group' is an offence but holding a sign saying , 'I support Palestine' is not. This distinction is important and can be shared among your communities.
The Bishop of Buckingham paid MK a visit in the week and is very keen to understand more about our communities so EB may direct him to the IAG members.
JV asked if anyone knew of any charities who supported children of adults who had been arrested for CSE. JB informed those present of a charity named the Lucy Faithfull Foundation.

5. **Chair's Summary** **IAG Chair**

AK spoke about Prevent being 20 yrs old and perhaps a representative from the team being invited to the IAG.
Art in the Park was a successful event with some refugee attendance.

The meeting closed at 19:16hrs

6. **Next Meeting at 6pm on Wednesday 10th September 2025**

Location: TBC

7. **Remaining Meeting dates for 2025**:

22nd October
10th December

EVENTS CALENDAR

19th July – Cultural day at MK Museum, Stacey Hill, Wolverton 10am-6pm
20th July – Football tournament in Oldbrook Park – Congolese Community
2 weeks of August – M-Fr 10-4 and the middle Sunday, free fun events in Fishermead for children