



LCU IAG Meeting Minutes

DATE: Tuesday 24th March 2026

TIME: 6pm-7.30pm

LOCATION: Age UK, Peartree Centre,

Initials	Position
AK	IAG Chair
AA	Deputy LCU Commander, TVP
GB	Staff Officer, TVP
NS	CADO, TVP
LB	C/Insp, TVP
KM	IAG Member
LP	IAG Member
AH	IAG Member
RRK	IAG Member
TG	IAG Member
ZM	IAG Member
AA	IAG Member
SB	IAG Member
TLJ	IAG Member
DH	IAG Member
JH	IAG Member
NR	IAG Member
HC	IAG Member
PS	IAG Member
AKe	Admin Support, TVP (Minutes)
Apologies	
PW	IAG Member
AS	IAG Member
HS	IAG Member
JW	IAG Member
SH	IAG Member

1. Welcome and short briefing

AK

The Chair welcomed all those present and thanked the hosts for hosting.

Introductions were made and apologies given. Mention was made of the community Iftars and events during Ramadan that TVP were able to support. AK welcomed back LB who has returned to area following promotion. AK touched upon the incident in CMK when a Security Guard was killed. AA responded by informing the meeting that it appeared to be an unpredictable, unpreventable and tragic one-off event that falls outside of the usual knife crime patterns. Outside agencies are conducting a review of the management of the suspect and a re-occurrence is unlikely. Knife crime overall in MK has dropped by 27% in the last year.

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-Community Engagement

All

The main focus of AOB was thoughts about the US/Iran conflict and how this is affecting communities here in MK with a reference to the cost of living, particularly fuel:

PS: War is not new to the African diaspora, but whilst we are spectators in this event, we are advocating calm and asking people not to involve themselves in hatred.

RRK warned the meeting that the cost of food will certainly rise as both red diesel and fertiliser costs have risen sharply.

ZM advised that having returned recently from the Middle East, it is clear the media don't cover everything in detail, such as the school bombing. There are Iranians from both perspectives in MK. It would be good to have more representation from elsewhere in the Middle East on the IAG too. ZM referred to the recent visit to MK of Reform UK and how visitors to the nearby Mosque were worried, however, Police presence was reassuring.

Many members echoed the sentiments of wanting calm and how worrying the situation is.

Referring to the recent arson in London of four volunteer ambulances; SB said although we are a long way from Golders Green, it could happen elsewhere. The Jewish community is wary and is putting in place as many safeguarding measures as they can. SB made the point that you can be Jewish and not support the Israeli Government's current course of action in the Middle East. That didn't amount to anti-semitism.

AK re-iterated that we must focus on our shared values.

AA spoke of Hajj time post Ramadan but how the war had inflated air fares and many now have had to cancel plans, some are out of pocket by a lot of money and families are suffering.

TG has been in contact with HS. Please spare a thought for the Iranian community who are hurting as a result of the war. There are victims on both sides and we must appreciate how all our communities are feeling. Some people got stuck in the Middle East while travelling and had to pay out more money on hotels and flights. We must stand in solidarity and respect difference.

LP remarked how older people didn't want to talk about the war but were most concerned about the rising cost of living.

NR highlighted the connection between the concerns globally and how it impacts on mental health and asked everyone to be mindful of how the communities might be struggling in that regard. An example was given of a person who had managed to get back safely from Dubai, but a routine fire alarm activation at work triggered trauma from their experience.

TLJ aired concerns around reports that there were efforts being made to try and recruit African soldiers to fight for the US and how the Ghanaian President was travelling to the US.

AK warned of people making policies involving other countries being enlisted to help clear up their mess and it was right that the Prime Minister was resisting calls to get involved more.

JH said young people were worried about World War 3 and the panic and misinformation around doesn't help young minds make sense of the World.

HC commented that refugees hate war – they have had to decide – to stay or to leave? If you stay, your mental health suffers, if you go – you stand to lose everything. News clips can re-traumatise refugees who are less resilient.

AK told the meeting that, as much as we have concerns, it is out of our control.

LP asked about 'School Wars' in MK and was reassured this was a pop-up craze that MK had largely avoided.

RRK reported that Op DROVER had been successful and reminded everyone that if they wish to report suspicious behaviour, as an alternative to using 101, they can go online to the TVP website and report through the 'Your Area' page – which is far easier. Please follow this link to make a report and the Neighbourhood Team will get back to you within 72 hours:

[Contact us to report a crime, incident or suspicion | Thames Valley Police](#)

4. LCU Commander's Update

PS GB/D-Supt AA

OP VIGILANT: GB gave a brief outline of the purpose and reason for Op Vigilant – an initiative designed to prevent sexual violence and disrupt predatory behaviour before offences occur.

TG asked what was being done about stopping people from making themselves vulnerable?

GB replied that yes, it works both ways, but people are entitled to have a drink and remain safe.

FACIAL RECOGNITION: Following a critical incident in the news of a person who complained about mistaken identity in connection with facial recognition, AA explained how retrospective facial recognition works and

showed the meeting two photographs, asking if those present could have thought they were of the same person? The results were approximately 50/50.

AA also reported response times in MK are the fastest in TVP.

The meeting closed at 19.10hrs

5. Next Meeting at 6pm on Tuesday 5th May 2026

Location: TBC

6. More Meeting dates for 2026 :

30th June 8th September

20th October 8th December

EVENTS CALENDAR

Date	Event	Time	Location
07.04.26	Crime Roadshow	1030-1230	Lidl Brooklands
09.04.26	Crime Roadshow	1430-1630	Lidl Wolverton
13.04.26	Crime Roadshow	1030-1230	Lidl Blakelands
17.04.26	Crime Roadshow	1530-1730	Lidl Oldbrook
27.04.26	Crime Roadshow	1030-1230	Lidl Bletchley
28.04.26	Environmental Visual Audit (lighting, bushes etc)	1830-2030	Train Station to MK Bowl
29.04.26	Environmental Visual Audit (lighting, bushes etc)	1830-2030	Stadium MK to MK Bowl
02.06.26	Op Sharknet (Illegal money lending team)	1030-1530	Lidl Brooklands
03.06.26	Op Sharknet (Illegal money lending team)	1030-1530	Lidl Bletchley
13.07.26	Op Sharknet (Illegal money lending team)	1030-1530	Lidl Blakelands
14.07.26	Op Sharknet (Illegal money lending team)	1030-1530	Lidl Wolverton
30.07.26	Blue Light event in Conniburrow (in planning stages)	1230-1530	TBC