



LCU IAG Meeting Minutes

DATE: Tuesday 5th May 2026

TIME: 6pm-7.30pm

LOCATION: Trinity Centre, Fishermead Blvd, Fishermead, Milton Keynes

Initials	Position
AK	IAG Chair
EB	LCU Commander, TVP
LB	Ch/Insp, TVP
NS	CADO, TVP
AA	IAG Member
KM	IAG Member
LP	IAG Member
JH	IAG Member
RRK	IAG Member
PS	IAG Member
SP	IAG Member
JW	IAG Member
TG	IAG Member
PW	IAG Member
AJS	IAG Member
SBe	IAG Member
TR	IAG Member
AKe	Admin Support, TVP (Minutes)
Apologies	
GB	TVP
Akh	IAG Member
AH	IAG Member
DH	IAG Member
ZM	IAG Member
HS	IAG Member
NR	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.

2. Previous minutes

TG requested an amendment to the previous minutes to include comments she made regarding contact with HS. This amendment has now been made.

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3. AOB-Community Engagement

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RRK reported that LB will be representing the LCU at the Rural Crime Partnership Meeting on 7th May. Also, on 4th May (BH Monday) there were reports of significant numbers of youths congregating in Newport Pagnell and Police were in attendance. RRK asked if it was a continuation of the Red-v-Blue ASB that has happened across the country recently. LB updated the meeting with details of how the Neighbourhood teams are tackling the pockets of ASB that have erupted in MK recently. EB added that these have been

social media driven, are not gang-related and there is no intent to commit crime at this time. LB said the cause is secondary to TVP's ability to respond and maintain business-as-usual.

PS shared how he has been assisting a family locally with a troubled young male who was found to have bladed articles in his car. CADO signposted the Harm Reduction Unit to PS, who needed a contact in the Congolese community, and have been working with the mother to help her deal with the troubling behaviour.

JW spoke about the College and the many incidents that occur there including recent reports of groups of youths (not students) loitering near the boundary of the campus dressed in black balaclavas and intimidating students. Plans have been put in place to safeguard the students. JW also shared that MKC put a lot of intel into TVP but information back can be a bit slow. EB explained that TVP don't provide feedback on intel as a rule but if the College is paralysed and not knowing what to do regarding a particular situation, use the normal channels to try and escalate. There have been plenty of screening arch events.

TG has spoken to HS and there are thoughts of sending donations of basic medications (Paracetamol) and perhaps some unwanted (in date) prescription medication to Iran to help those in need.

PW said although there were no specific updates from the Chinese community – all communities are feeling the anxiety brought about due to the war in the Middle East and other events.

AA said the Somali community were nervous about possible repercussions occurring due to the recent stabbings in North London where a Somali man was responsible. There had been no retaliation so far and at Prayers all had been reminded to report anything if it happened.

There was talk in the group about a male who was the first victim of the man who went on to stab two Jewish people in Golders Green. It is odd how the media stayed relatively silent about his identity and faith and is this because he is Muslim? AK believes democracy has changed since the start of the Gaza war. There is a fear that we are losing our right to protest. AK echoed what SB had previously said about criticizing Israel is not in itself anti-semitic. TG reminded everyone that Police can't control the view the media portray.

EB added that if the stabbings had occurred in MK, it is highly likely that TVP would have released a statement about three victims. Much thought went into the statement about Pink Punters fire.

LP commented that elderly people don't use social media so much but there had been mention of a couple of incidents involving elderly persons, including a Distraction Burglary, on TV Alerts. Age UK will contact the Police to see how the charity can help victims, they can supply ring doorbells etc to help. There is also a hardship fund and access to tradespeople who can help.

Action: LB to contact LP for local knowledge going forward re: high risk missing elderly persons

SB reported on the Friends of the Caribbean fun run at the weekend where three TVP were present, which enhances the mood of the event, so thank you. Support in MK is far better than in some other places in the force.

AJS shared that in the Filipino Community there was anxiety about geopolitical events as 25% of the world's seafarers are Filipino. Citizens live all over the world and currently, it is estimated that about 5000 are stuck in the Strait of Hormuz. Elsewhere, travel arrangements are being cancelled and people are losing money.

JH spoke about the fire at Pink Punters nightclub. Q:Alliance have an office nearby but that was undamaged thankfully. After the fire, QA opened up three respite spaces for the community. There were a range of diverse emotions as not everyone felt PP was a safe space for them. Others were upset as they were working towards building enough confidence to attend the venue. There was a feeling of being targeted and there was some relief to know it had been accidental.

EB added that there is no criminal investigation but that doesn't rule out a Health & Safety based investigation which is not a policing matter. There have been other fires but there is no evidence to link them. An arrest was made but that person is no longer part of the enquiry. LB said that TVP and PP worked well together to provide reassurance with shared comms. Any delay in communications release was caused by the need to make the venue safe before CCTV from there could be obtained.

CADO added that conversations between TVP and PP had been helpful and well timed.

JH fed back that more interaction between times, before a crisis, may be helpful in the future.

KM said that the news was so overwhelming it was easier to only concentrate on local matters.

TR felt it was only right to accurately report on the feelings of his community. People want to see the end of the war and of the suffering of Palestinians, and for their rights to be recognised. The Prohibition of legitimate protest labelled as 'hate marches' would be a tragedy. These feelings are not confined to the

Muslim community. Society is changing and not for the better. Palestinian sympathies and a dislike of the way Israel is behaving is not anti-semitic.

EB reassured those present that the likelihood of the right to protest being limited overall was slim, although Police may be asked to be more robust.

4. LCU Commander's Update

EB

EB gave a short talk about Victim Care and what TVP is doing for victims, including the Victims Code.

There is also a Complaints Process and a Victim's Right to Review. The OPCC has responsibility for commissioning services for victims to provide emotional and practical support to victims, their families and to witnesses.

5. Chairs Report

AK

DH sent apologies but wanted to make everyone aware of the success of the crime roadshows and some more dates to follow (see below).

Concerns were shared about an increase in gang-related knife crime, albeit not to levels previously seen in MK. LB added that, returning after some months' absence, it was clear to see that MK is in a much better place. Structures are in place that allow MK to get ahead of pockets of groups, preventing escalation, focussing on working with youth groups and responding more positively and pro-actively.

AJS asked how communities can support this work and EB replied that good parenting was key, building community resilience by supporting families especially around mental health.

SBe suggested as parents, we can never turn a blind eye where our young people are concerned and they need our support.

TG asked if parents can be charged for the actions of their children? EB said no, although, a lack of action when fully aware of your child's views/actions/sensibilities (Southport Murders) or a neglect to keep a gun cabinet locked (in the US for example) may result in the authorities holding parents to account on some level.

The meeting closed at 19.23hrs

6. Next Meeting at 6pm on Tuesday 30th June 2026

Location: TBC

7. More Meeting dates for 2026 :

8th September 20th October
8th December

EVENTS CALENDAR

DH: We have completed all the TVP lead Crime roadshows across MK, which proved very successful and covered Brooklands, Olney, Wolverton, Bletchley, and Blakelands.

Forthcoming Events

- 19/05/26 – Your Wellbeing Your Community – 11:00-12:30 99 Jonathans Coffee Hall (*Poster attached)
- 19/05/26 – Great get together – 13:30-16:30 Frank Moran Centre, 12 Melrose Avenue Bletchley
- 02/06/25 – Op Sharknet – Loan sharks and money lending – 10:30-12:30 Lidl Brooklands and then targeted leaflet drop Tinkers Bridge 13:30 -14:30
- 03/06/26 - Op Sharknet – Loan sharks and money lending – 10:30-13:00 Lidl Bletchley, Walton Hall Community Larder 13:30-15:30, targeted leaflet drops Fen Grove and Milford Drive

***Please also see the poster attached to the email with these minutes.**