



Milton Keynes LCU IAG Meeting Minutes

DATE: Tuesday 8th September 2026

TIME: 6pm-7.30pm

LOCATION: Kiln Farm Gurdwara, Kiln Farm, Milton Keynes

Initials	Position
AK	IAG Chair
EB	LCU Commander, TVP
LB	Ch/Insp, TVP
GB	Staff Officer, TVP
NS	CNEO, TVP
AA	IAG Member
KM	IAG Member
NR	IAG Member
JG	Representing IAG Member
RRK	IAG Member
PS	IAG Member
AJS	IAG Member
SBe	IAG Member
TG	IAG Member
DH	IAG Member
SH	IAG Member
JS	IAG Member
NSU	Guest, Sikh Community
AKe	Admin Support, TVP (Minutes)
Apologies	
LP	IAG Member
PW	IAG Member
ZM	IAG Member
HS	IAG Member
TR	IAG Member
TLJ	IAG Member
AKh	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

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

JS reported that although there was nothing to report to the IAG, the summer had been busy and there are two events coming up on 13th September and 29th November. EB asked if there had been any backlash since the events in Southampton and NSU said no, the Police response to the incident had stopped anything from spilling into the local area.

SH spoke about the challenges posed by the Iranian war. Issues with the education of girls and lack of female Doctors are pertinent and the Country is disturbed. Issues with the Taliban lead to 2000+ civilian deaths caused by recent bombings. A period of calm followed but a few days ago, a clash between Muslim sects resulted in the closure of a large Shi'a University. This unsettled situation has not translated overseas and in MK, all is well with no reported fallout here. Families are struggling though, and some children having arrived here 2-3 years ago are behind in their education and having to catch up due to girls schools closing.

KM had nothing to report as it had been settled during the summer holidays.

JG reported that some trans service users had experienced hate crime on a train and BTP were dealing. In the next 12 months Q:Alliance hope to launch a new adult space 'Q World' for asylum seekers who are also LGBTQ+/persons of colour service users who had experienced trauma in their homelands. It will start as a monthly drop-in peer support group and social. A small group is expected at first. EB remarked that JH had asked TVP to be better at integrating and there is a significant number of LGBTQ+ staff in TVP. LB added that TVP are keen to show their commitment to the community. JG said that in time, once the new group is established, TVP could come along.

NSU reported that there were a few projects pending at the Gurdwara, notably, a plan to open the access directly on to Watling Street to avoid clashes with the music venue next door. Police support may be required as there had been issues with some attendees having cars keyed. People were encouraged to report these issues and once a crime number had been obtained, NSU will feed that back to CNEO.

AH reported an incident in Wolverton where a young person had been knocking on the doors of businesses for no apparent reason, but there was no CCTV. Taxis have been broken in to, but drivers are reluctant to report. EB encouraged reporting to obtain a crime number for the insurance. LB gave an example of a recent arrest where 47 crimes of a similar nature were taken into consideration. ASB in the St George's Church area has become worse recently as well as beggars outside the supermarkets. AH is working with the Parish Council on these issues. Parking challenges continue with the multiple construction sites in Wolverton but the scooter issues have reduced since geo-fencing was introduced. Electric bike riders with face masks is an issue, in other areas there are laws against this. EB said there is legislation here but it is normally used during public order incidents. There is also a SelectDNA spray used during incidents and if persons end up in custody they are scanned for the spray to link them to the incident(s).

SBe wished to thank TVP for their support during the summer, especially the African Diaspora event.

NR reported that outreach sessions with Q:Alliance were continuing.

AA said that during the summer, lots of people didn't go out and so they were very busy with activities inside. It was probably the busiest summer SOP has had.

DH reported on the successful Blue Light event in Conniburrow, to be repeated in 2027, hopefully in Wolverton. Hate crime week is coming up, as is Black History Month. MKCC will be working with MK Snap (disability) and also Wolverton Tesco to disrupt the beggars. The Leisure Team are planning a football league with MK Mosques and Muslim groups if anyone at the IAG wants to take part? 16+ 7-a-side weekly matches.

DH noted what AH had reported about taxi break-ins and AH added that the taxi drivers already have a football team for the leisure league.

RRK reported that there had been many field fires during the heatwaves with one farmer losing a combine. Nitrous oxide (NO) metal canisters being dumped is an issue, but not the small ones, large ones that are a danger for those cutting hedges/verges. Hare coursing season appears to have begun with at least one incident in Lavendon recently. TG asked if NO was picked up on a breathalyser. It isn't and nor is it traceable in a drugs test. Rave season has occurred but nothing recently.

PS referred to a stabbing in Bradwell Common where he had links to both sides. The unofficial foster mother of the victim had asked for Police support but she was not known to TVP as the arrangement was not documented. CNEO will call her. EB asked that if any IAG members have close ties to an incident, please let us know.

TG reported that two families at the SDA Church had been affected by suicide.

AJS apologised for serial absences due to ill health.

AK/EB encouraged those present to apply to go on a ride along. AKe to share link to application.
CADO title change to CNEO (Community Network & Engagement Officer).

AK reported that he had attended the IAG Chairs meeting recently and MK's IAG was highlighted as good, well-regarded, inclusive and effective.

4. LCU Commander's Update

EB

LB gave a talk about Exploitation, concentrating on children/vulnerable adults and their perspective. Exploitation; 'People Using Other People' to do criminal acts. For example, county drugs lines, trafficking and child sexual exploitation. It looks very different to the child/vulnerable adult from the inside and we need to empathise and recognise this. They may not know or think they are being exploited instead thinking they have new friends and are just doing them favours. They want to belong and have nice things but this is the 'get-in'. At the start it might be a request to do something for a friend, then a friend of a friend. It is incremental and happens over time. Looked after Children are targeted most and the age difference is not always huge between the exploited and the person exploiting. Parents and guardians need to think about it from the child's point of view. There will come a point where the child feels that they are in over their heads but they don't want to talk to parents. They fear getting hurt. Over time they become adults dealing with trauma they didn't realise was trauma at the time. Police, parents, guardians etc need to get in to communities, be curious, ask questions and allow children to be honest. Our society doesn't have the same youth infrastructure we once had and we need to build an environment where we can spot the clues and make children feel safe enough to talk. It isn't just about parenting, it is a community issue and a public health issue. All guardians need support to raise concerns and escalate issues early. TVP are talking to schools and social services but it gets harder the older the victims get. The debt and their life structure become a new normal that is hard to escape.

JS commented that children don't listen to parents, only social media.

LB added that there are so many ways to seek approval other than from family. Encourage family and community members to come to Police ASAP and try to prevent criminalisation.

NR said we need to consider supporting adults too. Talking Therapies is 24/7 but some subjects are still taboo in some communities. Be alert and know when something isn't right with your children.

EB referred to a stabbing in July after which three persons were arrested. All were released as it was correct to do so. A murder scene can be chaotic with a lot of information. Officers act in the moment needing a 20% suspicion quotient to arrest. This opens a window of opportunity for house searches etc. The offender was arrested and charged later. The world contains a wide digital footprint nowadays but people need to trust the Police to share the information they have with us.

In three and a half years, nine out of ten murders in MK have been with a knife.

5. Chairs Report

AK

The meeting closed at 19.29hrs

6. Next Meeting at 6pm on Tuesday 27th October 2026

Location: TBC

7. More Meeting dates for 2026:

Tuesday 8th December

EVENTS CALENDAR