

**Minutes of the High Street Ward SNT Meeting held at
The Mall Walthamstow
14th of May 2015**

Present	Philip Herlihy, Chair (PH) PC Matt Fletcher (MF) PC Aaron Barnes-Weston (ABW) Themis Kyprianou – Ascham Homes (TK) Norman Minter (NM) Sandra da Costa (SdC) Bob Wheatley (BW) Andre Henry (AH) Frances Shoemith (FS) Katy Andrews (KA) Tommy Anderson (TA) Fiona Cobb (FC)	Apologies	Liaquat Ali Clare Coghill Sergeant Jay Champion (JC) Mahmood Hussain Caramel Quinn Jeff Fernandez Nelia Cetin Irene Picton Harry Constantiou
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Meeting opened at 1900 hours
Meeting closed at 2040 hours

Point	Details	Action
1.	<p>Introduction & Welcome</p> <p>PH proposed that all should adhere to the following guidelines: a) To listen to each other respectfully without interruptions b) Members should give way to the Chair when asked to c) We should continually aim to improve the system in place and be open to trying new ideas. There were no dissents to these suggestions and so have been adopted by the Ward Panel.</p> <p>It was further reaffirmed by PH that he would like considerations for those who could take over the role of Chair but that he is happy to continue this role until November when he will be moving to a different ward.</p> <p>FS introduced herself to the group and explained her role. She also advised to members of the panel about being able to meet and discuss issues with her at the Farmer's Market on Sundays by the Town Square.</p> <p>ABW also introduced himself to the group and explained about the High Street Team being provided with a second DWO.</p>	
2.	<p>Minutes of Previous Meeting</p> <p>The previous minutes were agreed.</p>	
3.	<p>Police recruitment and presence.</p> <p>MF confirmed that recruitment was still ongoing and would continue until at least to August, although numbers coming through the process are not currently known. It was reiterated that the Street Duties still has the obvious advantage for the ward of an obvious visible presence in the ward and surrounding area in a whole. This continues to help reduce crime and maintain it at lower levels without the officers.</p>	

4. Promises & Updates from previous meeting

The Ward Promises for the next period are :

- Personal Theft
- Street Drinkers/ASB
- Violence Against the Person

These were considered still appropriate from the last meeting,

Crime Figures (12 week reporting period)

Burglary: = 15	Previous 12 week figures	16	(17)	(13)	(15)
Robbery: = 14		14	(13)	(12)	(15)
MV Crime: = 17		20	(18)	(18)	(22)

Knife crime figures were also provided for the last 12 weeks which showed 7 for the current period.

Whilst the figures appear to have stabilised/reduced in crime, it was felt by SDC and FC that the raw figures sounded high, especially stating that 15 burglaries had occurred over a 12 week period. PH sought clarification as to the number of residents living in the ward at the present time. FC was able to provide a number of 5800 residents for the High Street Ward and it was then considered that compared to those numbers, the figures were low. It was noted by all that the figures should still be reduced as much as possible by any means that could be employed.

SDC wished to know how many of the offenders for burglary were caught compared to the burglaries that occurred. MF was unable to provide the figures at the time but stated he would try to have some figures for the next meeting.

MF

KA brought up that she was able to see a pattern in the Burglaries around Blackhorse Road and Coppermill Lane. This was acknowledged but not agreed by all members of the Ward Panel.

MF stated that there was a visible cluster of crimes down the High Street itself when looking at the figures for Robberies. It was advised by MF that high visibility patrols would continue down the High Street to try and deter this crime and would continue later where shifts would allow.

MF stated that issues of robberies linked to the Coppermill Lane Marshes were made aware to the High Street Team and the result was regular patrolling of the area and extra resources being used to cover the area. At the time of the Ward Panel Meeting this appeared to have stopped the issues and calls were not being made of any problems.

MF stated for Motor Vehicle Crime this appears to have happened in areas where CCTV does not appear to cover the road. This increases the opportunity of crime against such vehicles. MF stressed the importance of Neighbourhood Watch to reduce the chance of such crime taking place.

MF advised that there was an overlap of the robbery crimes and the knifepoint crimes. It was explained that this type of crime by an unknown person is still very small with correct care for your personal safety. MF explained that there were a lot of the knife crime offences where both parties knew each other as opposed to a random crime.

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Sec 35 Banning Orders

There were no S.35 Banning Orders although Alcohol seizures were still ongoing and would continue. A plan for another S.35 Banning Order as part of a Day of Action was planned.

Town Centre Team / High St NPT Arrests

MF advised that the Town Centre and High Street NPT had a combined 94 arrests over the last 3 months. These offences were across a broad range of arrests including drugs, fraud, Handling Stolen Goods (HSG), Possession With Intent To Supply (PWITS) and Grievous Bodily Harm (GBH). Of these 2 were for begging. Nothing was brought up to suggest that there was an increase in begging linked to an increase in crime.

Street Drinking arrests

MF advised that there were 3 arrests that were related to street drinking, including Public Order Offences and Criminal Damage.

Good News stories

MF brought up that a new Neighbourhood Watch had been set up in Salop Road. It was advised that anyone from the street interested should try to join it and MF again stressed the importance of Neighbourhood Watch.

MF advised that 2 people were arrested for Possession with Intent to Supply Drugs and 1 for Affray at the St James' Street end of the High Street.

Street Duties also had a good return of work when after an arrest for drug offences, a sawn off shotgun and firearm was found at a search of their home address. A further 2 people were arrested for the possession of the firearm.

MF advised that ABW was dealing with an ongoing investigation that resulted in the male involved being produced from Prison and further charged with 5 offences included Possession of an Offensive Weapon and Commercial Robbery.

MF stated that the resident in a property that caused a large amount of Anti-Social Behaviour in the ward was finally able to receive the help she needed after a Mental Health Assessment was completed and she was placed into appropriate Care.

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Transition from NPT to SNT

MF and ABW explained that the *Neighbourhood Policing Team* (the name!) has reverted back to the *Safer Neighbourhood Team*. It was advised that this would not affect current numbers and the High Street would still have officers to cover the Ward, but would be back to being exclusive to the Ward and not available for the cluster. ABW also advised that most of the team available are cycle trained so would be able to have a mixture of foot and cycle patrol to effectively cover the ward.

Drug Dealing and Street Drinking St James Street End of the High Street

AH asked if problems were getting worse down the St James' Street of the High Street after every meeting. SDC also advised that by The Mill to Leucha Road the amount of Street Drinkers had also increased. MF advised that the area is being patrolled and that current work is being done in the area to improve it via the Business Forum and also by Policing Teams in the area. Work being done in the area to be fed back at the next meeting.

MF

Christian Kitchen and Seasonal Crime

FS asked the Panel if there appeared to be any difference in crime over the Winter and Summer Months. A general conversation agreed that people were more likely to be out for longer in the Summer Months but that crime might increase for some who have no access to shelter. FS advised that the Night Shelter can sometimes find 30 people without a roof over their head. NM stated that the Soup Kitchen continues to have a lot of people attend but he has not noticed an increase in street drinking or any crime relating to those attending the soup kitchen. KA stated that she believed that far fewer people have been waiting at the soup kitchen then previously.

Twilight Market

MF advised that he was attending a meeting on 26/05/15 about a Twilight Market planned in the High Street. MF did not have any details but would feed back to the Panel at the next meeting.

MF

Suspects in Ward

AH wished to discuss whether or not the Panel felt that the Suspects for the crimes in the Ward were Local or Out of Borough. There was a split in opinion with some people knowing/believing they are local due to less travel/know the area well versus those recognising people from Neighbouring Boroughs/not wanting to commit crime on your doorstep. The consensus was that it was a split of both local and out of borough suspects.

<p>5. Cont.</p>	<p>DWO Intelligence Sharing</p> <p>PH asked if the Ward Panel or any member of the ward had any issues, could these issues be brought to the DWO's attention. MF confirmed they could and was happy to receive any requests by e-mail.</p> <p>Matthew.Fletcher2@met.pnn.police.uk</p> <p>Police Now</p> <p>MF was unable to add anything further in relation to Police Now as no further information had been provided to him. MF to continue to find out more information, but advised it may take up to 5 month to get a proper reply to how this will work with current budget cuts.</p> <p>Survey</p> <p>SdC advised that this was not their survey at present and that they were not sure how they would get this information or when. It was requested that this be removed from the list as not viable to update. SDC stated that this was only for Secondary Schools. SDC stated she would feed back if she was able to get any information relevant to this in the future.</p> <p>Visibility of Ward Panel Meetings</p> <p>NM and PH asked the Panel to consider Facebook and Stella's Newsletter for publicity. AH also suggested Posters and Possible recruitment options to promote the Panel. AH stated that after June he would be able to help set the Facebook Page up but PH stated he could set it up before then to get it started. SDC wished to know who would monitor it to prevent it being used inappropriately but PH and AH explained the Administration roles that could be added.</p> <p>Confidence in 101 and Visit to Bow CCC</p> <p>PH wished to know what could be done to increase the confidence in calling 101 as he noted that there has been a mixed review in how people feel after calling it. SDC wanted to know exactly how the 101 calls are received and where they go to after the calls are made. SDC stated she has experienced a range of responses as to how the call appears to be handled. MF and ABW gave a brief account of this procedure but SDC also stated that she would like to visit Bow CCC to see this in person. The suggestion of a visit was put forward by SDC and was met with interest from the Panel. SDC stated she would try and arrange this and feed back at the next meeting.</p> <p>Asian Cricket Club by Local Authority Dump</p> <p>KA wished to know what was happening regarding all the males outside after midnight at the Asian Cricket Club by the Local Authority Dump. As this was a Markhouse Ward issue, this was to be passed to DWO Emma Raymond by MF.</p> <p>Borough Commander's Message</p> <p>MF asked the Panel if they liked receiving the Borough Commander's Message. NM said that this was very much appreciated. MF advised that this would continue after appropriate vetting before it was sent out.</p>	<p>MF</p> <p>SdC</p> <p>AH, PH</p> <p>SDC</p>
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<p>5. Cont.</p>	<p>Youth Engagement from Police</p> <p>AH wished to know how young people were being educated in relation to crime prevention but also via intervention. MF and ABW explained about the Safer School Team which are within the local Secondary Schools and act as a point of contact to the Schools/youths regarding their issues. It was advised that they try to educate youth away from crime. MF also mentioned about visits/talks the local team conduct at the Primary Schools and also at places such as the Limes Community Centre (for those with learning disabilities or mental health problems). MF and ABW also explained about the Youth Engagement Team that try to deal with youth before they become a problem and to try different methods of court disposal. This is to try and give them a chance to avoid a Police record that could limit them in the future and to persuade them away from a life of crime.</p> <p>Tenby Court Estate Issues</p> <p>TA stated that youths are still congregating outside Tenby Court causing ASB. TA also asked that the trees in the Estate need to be cut back for visibility reasons. TK stated that they had just finished gating off the car park and so this now could be added to the list of actions to be done. TK to feed back on this for the next meeting.</p> <p>Council ASB Officers</p> <p>PH advised that the Council are changing the way they deal with ASB calls. It was explained that each ward will have an officer to deal with the matters in their respective wards. PH stated that he will try to arrange the Neighbourhood Officer to attend the next meeting if possible.</p> <p>Raves in Coppermill Lane</p> <p>PH explained that there has been evidence of Raves occurring down Coppermill Lane. This was passed onto Police to look into and feed back at the next meeting.</p>	<p>TK</p> <p>MF</p>
<p>6.</p>	<p>Date of Next Meeting</p> <p>Arranged for 25/08/15.</p>	<p>All</p>