

High Street Safer Neighbourhood Team - Ward Panel
Notes of meeting held Tuesday 26 February 2019 at 7pm, The Mall Offices

Attendees: Malcolm Patten (Co-chair, Pastor of Blackhorse Road Baptist Church, Cassiobury Road), Phil Herlihy (Co-chair and Campbell Road), PC Terry Smart, PC Stephen Bragg, Helen Jackson, Roy Messenger, Alan Smith, Martin Griffiths (Cleveland Park Residents' Association), Charles Mutuku (Thomas Jacob Place), Tommy Anderson (Southcote Road), Alice Taylor-Rugman (Cassiobury Road), Irena Sowoup (Morland Road).

Helen Jackson (HJ) volunteered to take the minutes.

Guidelines for the meeting were reiterated: listen respectfully without interruption, give way to the chair, continually improve to aim what we do and be open to new ideas.

Apologies: Sandra DaCosta (Chair of WF Stop & Search), Marta Wasinska (ASB Officer LBWF), Louisa Bergese (Essex Close)

1. Minutes: There were no corrections to the minutes dated 11 December 2018.

2. Actions arising:

Market representative at meetings - PC Terry Smart (TS) confirmed that two traders, Dave and Steve, had been invited to the meeting.

Provide details of CCTV cameras to meeting - unfortunately Marta Wasinska was unable to attend the meeting. It was noted there were two types of CCTV camera (1) enforcement cameras for traffic issues and (2) those positioned in hot spots. It was thought the council would be receiving funding for mobile CCTV units. Tommy Anderson (TA) cited a serious incident involving Trident, where it was found that the CCTV cameras were not working.

Action: Malcolm Patten (MP) to email Cllr Clare Coghill (Council Leader and High Street Councillor), Cllr Ashan Khan (Community Safety portfolio) and Fiona Martin (Chair Waltham Forest Safer Neighbourhoods Board) requesting an update on CCTV cameras in the light of recent incidents.

Attendance of High Street Councillors at meetings - Phil Herlihy (PH) had invited Cllr Care Coghill and it had hoped she would be attending.

Street harassment of women - PH circulated a poster produced by the Council's Community Safety Team. Attendees queried how this had been publicised as no one had seen it. The number given to report harassment issues by text (61016) was the British Transport Police. TS confirmed that few reports had been made to the police via 101. **Action:** PH to produce proposal for a reporting app and send to various councillors and Stella Creasy MP.

3. Police Report

	Dec	Jan	Feb
Reported crimes	178	171	150
Dippings in The Mall	11	16	10
Dippings outside The Mall	26	13	15
Drugs offences	8	6	7
Violence with injury	6	4	14
Anti-Social behaviour	3	2	3

The figures show that reported crime is down by 50 compared to the previous 3 months, dippings in The Mall by 4, dippings outside The Mall by 4 and Anti-Social behaviour down by 6. Drugs offences and violence with injury remained static.

The High Street team is up to full strength with 1 Sergeant, 5 PCs and 1 PCSO. Arrests made for January 2019 were 27 and of the 80 stop and search in January, 18 were positive for drugs. The team have been splitting shifts to be more effective and are often in plain clothes in The Mall from 11am to 4pm and on mobile patrol in a marked police carrier. Unmarked bicycles are being used to follow suspects to good effect. A Criminal Behaviour Order was served on an individual and as this was breached, the person is now serving 12 weeks.

Operation Langdale, the multi-stranded approach established in response to violent crime committed in the High Street and St. James's area, is in its last few days and Operation McGovern will be starting shortly to look at Class A users.

Photos of knives and drugs taken off the streets and community activities were circulated. The latter included the erection of Neighbourhood Watch signs in Cleveland Park by the Police Cadets. These signs are available to other areas from TS if requested. Alan Smith (AS) thanked the police for their positive response following a spate of burglaries in the area.

4. Any Other Business

Operation Langdale - MP queried whether crimes would rise, following the cessation of Operation Langdale.

Crime Prevention - TA asked if crime prevention officers were still available for talks to groups and raised the issue of youngsters congregating around Tenby Court.

SmartWater - can be purchased via the internet, but there may be funding available from April onwards for specific areas. **Action:** Steve Bragg (SB) to find out more about the process for obtaining SmartWater.

UV Pens and 'marked property stickers' - AS asked about availability and TS said he would obtain supplies.

Street Watch - TS asked for views on the idea of Street Watch where residents patrol their streets with the aim of preventing crime. MP said it appeared similar to the [Street Pastors Scheme](#). A survey will be issued to neighbourhood groups asking for views.

MP thanked the police for their ongoing efforts and positive response to requests and queries and in particular a vote of thanks to the PCSO for dealing with a difficult and sensitive issue.

5. Date of Next Meeting

Tuesday 7 May 2019, The Mall Offices, 7pm

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