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MINUTES OF THE HARINGEY COMMUNITY & POLICE CONSULTATIVE GROUP MEETING
WEDNESDAY 23 SEPTEMBER 2009 at THE CIVIC CENTRE, WOOD GREEN, LONDON N22 4LE

1 INTRODUCTIONS AND APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

1.1 The Chair, Mr Fred Williams, welcomed the Mayor of Haringey, Cllr Bernice Vanier, to the meeting and introduced the other panel members: Enid Ledgister, Director; Dr Vivienne Manheim, vice chair; Chris Hannington OBE chair; Gerard McGrath vice chair; Cllr Vanier Mayor of Haringey; Joanne McCartney MPA Link Member for Haringey; David Singh Treasurer; HC&PCG; Superintendent Chris Barclay Haringey Police; Rohan Sankey Crown Prosecution Service.

1.2 Apologies for absence were received from:

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| Pastor Nims Obunge | Haringey Peace Alliance |
| Mr Fred Ellis | Haringey Racial Equality |
| David Lammy | MP |
| Andrea Holden | Seven Sisters Ward Panel Chair |
| Jean Croot | Corporate Head of Safer, Stronger Communities |
| Cllr Nilgun Canver | Cabinet member for enforcement and safer communities |
| Faridoon Madon | Individual Member |
| Chief Inspector Jon Williams | MPS |
| C/Supt David Grant | Borough Commander, Haringey |
| Dorothy Sun | NW |
| Annette Collins | NW |
| Richard Gardner | NW |
| Samantha Evans | MPA |
| Carolyn Purves | Local Resident |
| Dorothy Rynhold | Neighbourhood Watch |
| Carola Zentner | NW |
| Anne Macgeorge | NW |
| Mor Thunder | St. Ann's Neighbourhood Watch |
| Mr John Lyras | Local Resident |
| Mr Bill Guy | CPCG Individual Member |
| Cllr Gmmh Rahman Khan | London Borough of Haringey |
| Mr Eddie Wedderburn | Haringey Racial Equality Council |
| Mr Ian Sygrave | Haringey Ward Panel Chair |
| Hesketh Benoit | College of N.E.London |
| Janay Cochrane | Haringey Young People Empowered 'HYPE' |
| Sabba Kerr-Armstrong | Haringey Young People Empowered 'HYPE' |
| Cordel Robinson | Haringey Young People Empowered 'HYPE' |
| Cllr Catherine Harris | London Borough of Haringey |
| Fardoon Madden MBE | HREC |

2 MAYOR OF HARINGEY: Cllr Bernice Vernier

2.1 The Mayoress Cllr Vernier stressed the importance of police and community groups agreeing with Lord Scarman that consultation should be mandatory and the notion of a police service rather than a police force an important distinction. With consultation underpinning other contemporary police practices she said that a dialogue between people and the police is essential. With an over-riding need to make Haringey a safe Borough in which to live she commended the Group's hard work throughout the year to achieve this. Cllr Vernier drew the meeting's attention to HYPE saying it was an excellent example of how to build relationships between young people and police in order that they become responsible citizens, aware of their role within the community which is important in Haringey's culturally diverse community striving for community cohesion. Cllr Vernier ended by wishing the

Group every success in maintaining its work in encouraging positive relationships in the community.

2.2 Joanne McCartney, link member from the Metropolitan Police Authority to Haringey explained that the Authority is made up of party members and independent members, each attached to a local borough. She said that the work done by Police and Community Groups' meetings and by Ward Panels helps the police, the Police Authority and other partners to develop good practice. She commended the HP&PCG on its excellent and effective work in this arena commenting particularly on its work with young people and the work that has been done in partnership with Enfield to reduce youth violence across the boroughs. She pointed out that feedback supplied by HP&PCG on various issues had been helpful in developing and shaping policies and strategies.

QUESTION: Members of the public asked what support the MPA could offer to bring more police officers to Haringey and for them to be visible on the beat.

ANSWER: Ms McCartney said that the senior management team was just about in place and the staffing levels close to maximum adding that the safer neighbourhood teams were doing good work in particular localities. She said that she was always happy to discuss needs if and when necessary.

ACTION: In response to a question regarding electro-magnetic harassment Ms McCartney said she would speak to the questioner following the meeting

QUESTION: A member of the meeting asked how long it would take to make elderly people safe in London?

ANSWER: Ms McCartney said the Mayor's policy was to put more metropolitan police on the transport system and around key Tube Stations and that the transport police were also more visible. She asked that the Group to let her know if there were any particular stations and/or routes that were of particular concern.

3 MINUTES OF THE LAST AGM – 24 September 2008

3.1 Amendment to 4.2 should read: Mr Fardoon Madden, a founder member of the CPCG said.

3.2 The minutes of the meeting held on 24 September 2008 were agreed as a true and accurate record.

4 MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

4.1 There were no matters arising.

5 ELECTION OF HONORARY OFFICERS

5.1 Votes were taken on

(a) Chairperson

Chris Hannington OBE, HREC Criminal Justice Community (7)
Ralph Crisp, Haringey Association of Neighbourhood Watch (6)
Spoiled papers (2)
Chris Hannington OBE was voted as the new chair.

(b) Vice Chair

Gerard McGrath, Noel Park SN Ward Panel Chair (9)
Dr Vivienne Manheim, Individual Member (11)
Chris Hannington OBE, HREC Criminal Justice Community
Ralph Crisp, Haringey Association of Neighbourhood Watch (6)
Dr Vivienne Manheim and Gerard McGrath were elected as Vice Chairs.

(c) Treasurer

David Singh was elected unopposed as Treasurer.

Board Members (3 positions)

Indu Shukla, Individual Member
Fred Ellis, Haringey Racial Equality Council
Bill Guy, Individual Member
Frederick Williams, Haringey Neighbourhood Watch

Ralph Crisp, Haringey Association of Neighbourhood Watch
Dr Vivienne Manheim, Individual Member
Chris Hannington OBE, HREC Criminal Justice Community
Gerard McGrath, Noel Park SN Ward Panel Members

5.2 HP&CPG Members were reminded that Cllr Jayanti Patel and Cllr G Khan were the two Council Representatives to the Board of Directors with Chief Superintendent Inspector Dave Grant and Eric Monk, Community Liaison Officer representing the Police service. Sandra Gouveia is the Haringey Independent Custody Visitors' representative.

6. GUEST SPEAKER – Rohan Sankey, Crown Prosecutor for Haringey

6.1 Mr Sankey, Borough Crown Prosecutor for Haringey, explained that the CPS is responsible for most prosecutions in England and Wales. The CPS works very closely with the police, not just in handling the case in Court but in matters leading up to a Court appearance and also advises the police on other matters such as gang violence.

6.2 One of the recent developments is the advent of the Community Prosecutor. He stressed that the service is a prosecuting authority, bringing offenders to justice by making sure they appear in Court and that appropriate sentences are handed down. That is a position from which the service will never derogate

6.3 His colleague, Mr Ebsworth, said the role of a Community Prosecutor was not widely understood by the public and that although the concept of community might seem nebulous to many people, several countries were experimenting with ways to bring the community into closer contact with the Prosecution Service. He spoke of work that had been done in Liverpool and pointed out that a Community Court had been operating in Haringey for just over a year which deals with, for example, low level but persistence crimes. Its work has been evaluated by the Government through the local Criminal Justice Board.

6.4 The Community Court seeks to bring people back into the community with 4 strands to this community process which includes community panels. The CPS launched Community Prosecutors in March. There are 25 in place and in a slow, evolving way processes are being developed to include the community.

6.5 Mr Ebsworth briefly outlined some examples. The police bring the CPS evidence to decide whether certain cases should go forward. The CPS notes that certain issues, brought to them by Safer Neighbourhood Teams and other bodies, are of particular concern and makes an Impact Statement which is fed back into the criminal justice system so that community aware decisions can be made helping the police to focus their resources on what the community has identified

6.6 He said that the CPS was working with many groups and recently had used a bus with a steel band to raise awareness of domestic violence. He stressed the importance of awareness starting at the grass roots.

QUESTION: Mr Sankey was asked how much independence the CPS has in deciding what cases go forward.

ANSWER: Total independence. The CPS works closely with the Police but often agrees to disagree - that is its independence.

QUESTION: Several questions were asked about how the CPS's role in charging offenders differed from the police's role.

ANSWER: Mr Ebsworth said that when the police were prosecuting, many cases ended up being dropped at court. The CPS is dealing specifically with cases where there is likely to be a dispute at court to ensure that there is none. By working with the community we can help ensure that cases come to court better prepared

QUESTION: Cllr John Oakes asked if there had been a decline in the number of cases where papers have been mislaid by the CPS making further prosecution impossible and Cllr Patel suggested that Mr Ebsworth work with the 7 strategic community centres in Haringey.

ANSWER: Mr Sankey said that he was not aware of any specific cases but would be happy to speak to Cllr Oakes further and Cllr Patel following the meeting.

QUESTION: Mr Sankey was asked in what way the CPS was accountable.

ANSWER: He replied that it was ultimately accountable to Parliament and that all its activities were audited. Whilst he accepted that media tended to report things that were sensational, there were huge numbers of cases across the country in which the CPS had great success.

7 REPORTS

Police Report

7.1 Supt Chris Barclay on behalf of C/Supt Dave Grant explained that he had been in the Borough for 5 months and had requested to work in Haringey because of the excellent work being done in the Borough in challenging circumstances. He quoted statistics showing consistent decreases in many crimes although admitted there were some increases on which the service is focussing.

QUESTION: A member of the audience brought to the Superintendent's attention the very nasty gang dog crime that was prevalent in the Borough saying that a elderly neighbour had had 4 cats killed by a gang dog. Although, she called the police he felt that they had not take it as seriously as they should. He pointed out that her cat was her only companion. He said that he thought little was being done in relation to this sort of crime which was probably the tip of the iceberg that is happening in the community.

ANSWER: Supt Barclay said that the Dangerous Dog Act covered this kind of crime and it was a matter of concern because it affects how people feel. He assured the meeting that the service takes this kind of anti-social crime seriously and that members of the public could make contact with him outside these formal meetings.

QUESTION: A further comment was made regarding the number of underage youths drinking from early in the morning which gave rise to concern about the issuing of drinking licences and premises monitoring.

ANSWER: Supt Barclays said that Trading Standards were responsible for bringing these operators to the police's attention and asked that the community also do so.

QUESTION: A member of the audience raised the recent report that the Government-backed programme to give heroin free of charge to addicts and had reduced crime asking if such a scheme should be introduced in Haringey.

ANSWER: Supt Barclay said that he understood the cost of treatment was high and that it was important to maintain a watchful eye on the efficacy of such programmes.

QUESTION: A member of the audience said that a recent call to the Neighbourhood Police to report that his car had been broken into was not returned until 4 days later.

ANSWER: Supt Barclay apologised saying that the police charter is call back in 24 hours.

QUESTION: Cllr Patel, in his role of chair of the licensing committee asked that matters relating to the sale of alcohol can also be brought to the attention of the Committee.

Haringey Young People Empowered Report

7.2 Mr Symeon Brown said that the programme was evidence of community participation and democracy and that what HYPE had achieved was remarkable. He reported that as a result of their work 500 young people had signed peace pledges and that this year's youth conference had attracted 300 young people. He mentioned particularly an occasion when HYPE brought together young people and the police without uniforms so that young people could build relationships without the barrier of uniforms. He invited members of the meeting to come to the annual conference and witness another level of citizenship coming forward.

7.3 He pointed out that although the HYPE team was young (youngest in school and the oldest doing internships and, for example, holding roles with the National Union of Students) and its positive energy was creating change, more investment was needed in order that HYPE could hire more people.

QUESTION: There was much positive feedback from members of the audience for HYPE's work with calls for the Local Authority to support its work.

ANSWER: Mr Brown thanked everyone for their comments saying that HYPE was a POSITIVE GANG that works in the community and in response to a question on the negative perception of the word "gang" he said that the word was chosen deliberately in order to turn perceptions on their heads.

8 ANOUNCEMENT OF NEW MEMBER

8.1 Mr Shmuel Yosef Davidsohn who was not present at the meeting was announced as a new member of the group.

9.0 APPOINTMENT OF AUDITORS

9.1 It was agreed that Hager Stenhouse & Co be appointment the Group's Auditors. 9.2
The accounts were adopted.

10 ANY OTHER BUSINESS

10.1 Encourage people from the community to join membership but if people do join and then don't show up should not attend.

10.2 Chris Hannington thanked Fred Williams for his work in the past 12 months and thanked the Borough Commander for his support throughout the year. He also thanked the Group's Director, Enid Ledgister and her team of voluntary workers for their hard work.

10.3 He also said that it was healthy for organisations to have elections and thanked Ralph for standing and was pleased to be able to welcome him to the Board following his work on the Safer Neighbourhood Team.

11 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

11.1 The meeting finished at 9.50pm with the date for the next meeting being 20 September 2010

ATTENDANCE LIST

| NAME | ORGANISATION (and address if applicable) |
|---------------------|---------------------------------------------|
| Viv Manheim | PCCT Vice Chair |
| Joanne McCartney | MPA |
| Cllr Bernice Venier | Mayor of Haringey |
| Joan Sweeney | Local Resident |
| Lesley Flyn | Neighbourhood Watch |
| Lella Eppman | Local Resident |
| Arnold Epworth | Local Resident |
| Rohan Sanky | CPS |
| Sandra Gouveia | ICV |
| Nataschs Franklin | ICV |
| Sean Sullivan | Tottenham Conservatives |
| Sgt Mike Tisi | West Green SNT |
| Sgt Tom Smyth | Seven Sisters SNT |
| Paul Crompton | Seven Sisters SNT |
| Rita Gayford | Lascot Road Neighbourhood Watch |
| Jayanti Patel | Haringey Council |
| Fred Williams | CPCG Chair |
| Lily Liebelt | Neighbourhood Watch N6 |
| Carlos Reid | HTOS |
| Indu Shukla | HCPCG |
| Mark Odenore | Hornsey Ward |
| Diane Arthur | Mind Haringey |
| Chris Harrington | HREC |
| M Petrou | Local Resident |
| George Medhan | Local Cllr |
| Barry Hope | North View Rd N W Co-ordinator |
| Daniel Udoakah | Local Resident |
| Vivien Rodgers | Scotch Estate NW + Woodside Panel |
| C Baley | Local Resident |
| Andrea Holden | Seven Sisters Ward Panel |
| Cllr John Oakes | Haringey Council |
| H Elliot | Local Resident |
| John Hajdu | MHFGA |
| Sam Evans | MPA |
| Syp Chris Barclay | MPS |
| Ins Eric Monk | MPS |
| Leon Lethal | LBH (Safer Communities) |
| Enid Ledgister | HCPCG Director |
| Symeon Brown | HYPE |
| Derma Ioannou | HREC |
| Tristan Kirk | Haringey Independent |

NAME

Caroline Simpson
P G Hamilton
P R Bells
L. Hansen-Bay
Stacey Shellem
Joyce Rossa
Fr Simon Clark
Chris Donaldson
M. Elgide
K Hudson
S Sylvester
Cllr Alan Dobbs
David Alan Ball
Paul Bumstead
Neville Hartley
Dorothy Rose
Denzil C Rose
Sandy Lomax
John Hardily
Janet Ham
Stephen Howell
Robert How
Ralph Crisp
Sylvia Brookstein
Michael Brookstein
Jane Ansell
Gerard McGrath
L lateel
Isaac
David Singh

ORGANISATION**(and address if applicable)**

BPCA/Bounds Green SNT Panel
Neighbourhood Watch
Neighbourhood Watch/Hornsey Ward Panel
HFOP
Neighbourhood Watch
Warren Estate R A
Noel Park Ward Panel
SNT Met Police Inspector
Tottenham Conservative
HPCG
RSJC
Noel Park Ward Conservative Cllr
BWFA
WCRA
Association of Jamaicans HK Trust
Sunrise N Watch
Neighbour Hood Watch
Local Resident
Local Resident
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