

MINUTES OF ST ANN'S WARD PANEL MEETING HELD AT 7PM MONDAY 29 SEPTEMBER 2008

Present: Gordon Keenan (Chair) from item 7, Graham Day (Secretary), PC Adam Boyd, Julie Davies (Interim Chair items 1-6) Paul Formosa, Anne Goodhew, Cllr Haley, Liz Heaton, Andrea Holden, PCSO Sheela Kalkan, Profu Matebele, Madge McKinney, Jamie Miller, PC Nick Povey, PCSO Yasin Yaman

Apologies: Geoff Amabilino, Cllr Canver, Chris Laver, Dasos Maliotis, Obi Onyido, Liz Pine

1. Welcome: In the absence of Gordon, Julie chaired the meeting and welcomed everyone.

2. Minutes and matters arising from the AGM 21 July 2008

Both Andrea and Dasos had not been included in the list of apologies for the meeting, Graham stated he would amend the minutes accordingly.

The remainder of the minutes were agreed as a true and accurate record.

Minutes and matters arising from the meeting 12 May 2008

Item 3.5 Andrea asked if there was any news about the signs in the area indicating the presence of plain clothed police officers. Adam was not aware of any action being taken regarding this matter but he would make enquiries and report back to the next meeting (**Action Adam**)

There were no other matters arising and the minutes were agreed as being a true and accurate record.

3. Change of personnel to St Ann's Ward Safer Neighbourhood Team

Both Nick and Adam informed members that Sgt Nick Day had now left the team to take an extended holiday. He is to be replaced on a permanent basis by Sgt Tim Hannah who unfortunately could not attend tonight's meeting as he is currently on annual leave. Julie asked for the panel's thanks and gratitude to Nick for all his hard work to be recorded. Cllr Haley raised concerns that we are now on our third sergeant since the Safer Neighbourhood Scheme was set up in April 2006 and he felt that the team needs consistency of its members in order for it to gain the confidence of the residents on the ward. Adam stated that it is the nature of the job in the Met Police for officers to move around at various times during their career and he went on to say that there had been a cross over period between Nick and Tim when Nick showed Tim around the ward and introduced him to some members of the community including panel members. Adam pointed out that both himself and Nick Povey have been on the team since it was established. Andrea added that the Seven Sisters SNT is losing the Sergeant and both PC's at the same time.

4. Update on what's been happening on the ward since the last meeting

4.1 Nick informed members the current burglary figures for August are 11 in comparison to August 2007 which were 18. The September figures are yet to be released. Adam went on to say a male, is currently calling on elderly residents on the ward but more specifically in the Cornwall Road area stating he is a police officer or council worker. He then gains access to the address and steals a variety of goods. He is described as being in his late 30's short stocky build and talking with an Irish accent. He usually rides a bicycle and wears three quarter length trousers. On occasions he is accompanied by another male. Adam asked panel members to pass on the details of this male to other residents and to report any sightings to the police.

4.2 Nick stated in August a number of addresses in Harringay Road had been visited by officers from the team giving crime prevention advice and distributing good quality mortise locks so residents can better protect their property. He went on to say that during the first week of the schools summer holiday a number of sporting events were organised by the team in Chestnut Park in an effort to engage the youth of the community. PCSO Yaman said the various events including football and boxing had been well attended, including youths from the Edgecot Grove area. Youths that had attended the event were encouraged to continue their training at other clubs in the borough. Medals were given out at the end of the week and there had been local interest from the media.

4.3 Adam stated the team have carried out street briefings and consultations with residents, in the South East of the ward, in an effort to gauge the feelings of local residents in relation to crime in the area. Adam went on to say a youth who was causing a nuisance to residents in the Edgecot Grove area has been issued with an ABC (Acceptable Behaviour Contract) One family in particular appear to be responsible for a lot of the problems in the area and Adam stated the team are working with Haringey Council in an effort to resolve this matter. Another ABC has been issued to another youth to stop youths from congregating in the area.

Julie commented that often houses change hands and the council are unaware of this and often there are no adults in the property which can then become a place for youths to hang out. Julie said that simply speaking to anti social neighbours to secure improvements in behaviour wasn't always enough and that residents needed to be more aware of the options for more formal action. Paul stated that under these circumstances Homes For Haringey or housing associations should be involved with the process of solving the problem of nuisance neighbours. Andrea felt the council needed to carry out stringent checks when tenancies change as often parents have already left the property.

4.4 Adam informed members the team had been dealing with a persistent prostitute who frequented Green Lanes, West Green Road, Albany Close and Culross Close areas. Despite being arrested she appears to be continuing to be seen in the area. Adam said he would monitor her behaviour as she appears to have some mental health issues and he is keen to keep her away from the schools in the area. Andrea mentioned an organisation called SHOC (Sexual Health On Call) who operate a refuge and they may be able to help her.

4.5 Adam went on to say he had arrested two men who were well known drug users in Harringey Road for possession of a Class A drug and recently a crack house dealer had been convicted for drug offences.

4.6 Nick informed members an unspent shotgun cartridge had recently been found by a member of the public in the Cornwall Road area. As a result of local intelligence the team recovered a sawn off shotgun from the disused basketball court in the Ida Road area. This has been sent for forensic examination. Cllr Haley stated the council have been trying to get funds to clean up the basketball courts in the Sturrock Close area as they are aware of the problems of people congregating in the area. Paul added this in an area where the council have given out mortise locks to residents. Sheela asked Paul for further locks for residents in the Harringay Road area.

4.7 Madge highlighted a problem with some crime prevention advice which she and her neighbours had recently been given which related to obtaining window locks from Wickes. However when she went to Wickes she was told they did not stock that type of lock. Madge felt the source of supply for such equipment should be checked prior to being released to members of the public. Andrea added it would be useful if Crime Prevention Officers could produce and hand out a leaflet to anyone seeking advice about which type of lock to use and where this lock can be obtained. Adam raised a concern about the police recommending a particular company. It was agreed though that Wickes could be asked to restock appropriate window locks since it appeared they had run out.

4.8 Finally Nick referred to Wickes where migrant workers are still congregating looking for work. Operations mounted now involve 10-15 personnel in order to deal with the different issues relating to these workers. Gordon stated that he believed there was a growing consensus that police resources were now being wasted on Wickes and the problem of migrant workers was no longer a police issue and would be better served by earlier joint interventions led by the council in monitoring and visiting the large numbers of homes of multiple occupancy in the area. A general discussion followed with most of those present agreeing that police time was ineffectively used at Wickes

5. Update on Current Priorities

Adam stated the update had been discussed in the above item but he suggested the current priority of Youth Anti Social Behaviour in the south east area of the borough should remain throughout the year. The Drug and Alcohol Misuse priority in the Green Lanes is an ongoing issue which will not be resolved overnight.

6. Discussion re Consultation Process

6.1 Nick and Adam spoke about vehicle crime in a number of roads between Blackboy Lane and Green Lanes being carried out by criminals travelling to the area to commit these crimes. Julie felt that poor street lighting in certain roads could be an attributing factor of vehicle crime and suggested the council should look at providing better lighting in these areas. Jamie commented that this type of crime could be seasonal. It was agreed that those present would report lighting problems, including instances where tree branches were throwing shade.

6.2 Julie raised the issue of boys with dogs causing a nuisance. Previously the Parks Police had attended a panel meeting and members had been told of dog training available at certain times in a number of parks in the borough. Paul added there is money available for this type of training. Gordon felt it was the dog owners themselves that needed to be trained. It was agreed that Paul would progress the issue of training classes.

Cllr Haley left the meeting.

6.3 Prompted by Graham PCSO Kalkan went through the consultation process. The consultation process is carried out in April and October each year. Leaflets are distributed to residents who are then invited to attend meetings and street briefings at three or four locations on the ward. Residents are given a map and different coloured pins which represent a variety of crimes. They then place the pins in areas where they perceive crimes occur. All this information is then analysed and figures drawn up indicating the perceived crime hot spots. The consultation results are then brought to the ward panel meetings where priorities are set. PCSO Yaman stated he understood that the KIN Questionnaires were no longer going to be used as part of the consultation process.

Julie left the meeting and Gordon took over the chairing of the meeting.

7. Items for Newsletter/Good news stories

Graham circulated an article which Obi had sent to him which he had requested to be included in the next newsletter. Profu informed members the Gardens Residents Association held its annual festival recently which included a film show. The event was well attended by families living in the area and Profu wished to record his thanks to PCSO's Kalkan and Yaman for giving up their free time to attend the event.

Any other items of interest should be sent to the team as and when they are available.

8. Any other business

8.1 Paul informed members about Green Lanes Strategy Group which is made up of councillors, council officers, resident groups and local traders. The purpose of the group is to draw up a voluntary charter between the council and local communities relating to street scape and crime. The charter sets out certain expectations between the council and residents. Anyone interested in joining this group should email Paul for further information.

8.2 Liz made reference to the recent meeting of the Wood Green and Hornsey Neighbourhood Watch Association where she was introduced to the new Borough Commander David Grant and Insp Donaldson who is the new Inspector for SNT.

8.3 Gordon enquired about what is happening regarding the opening of St Ann's Police Station as he had not heard from Insp Monk whom he had invited to this, or a future meeting. Adam informed members officers have been asked to direct any enquiries about the station to the Borough Commander. Andrea went on to say that a

lot of money has been spent on the interior of the station. Paul suggested David Lammy MP maybe able to assist in obtaining information about the station.

8.4 Gordon updated the panel re the proposed extension of the Controlled Parking Zone Scheme across Blackboy Lane to Cornwall Road which the council are proposing to implement by January 2009. Gordon said he would be happy to email anyone the details of this should they be interested. He also highlighted the ongoing demand for a pedestrian crossing in Blackboy Lane at or near the entry point of Chestnut Park opposite Cranleigh Road.

8.5 Finally Liz enquired about the school crossing patrol officer in Woodlands Park Road who was only there for four days at the beginning of term. Neither Adam or Nick were aware of the reason for the absence of the school crossing patrol officer.

9. Venue and date of next meeting

Graham asked if meetings between October and March could be held at the Laurels Health Centre, St Ann's Road and meetings between April and September held at the Salvation Army Hall, 2 Terront Road. Members agreed with this suggestion. Gordon suggested the next meeting should take place in November in order to set the priorities following the public consultation later this month. Graham will contact Tim to organise a date.

Meeting closed 8.35pm