

**MINUTES OF ST ANN'S WARD PANEL ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
HELD ON MONDAY 21 JULY 2008**

Present: Gordon Keenan (Chair) Graham Day (Secretary) Sgt Nick Day Paul Formosa Anne Goodhew Cllr Haley Liz Heaton Profu Matebele Madge McKinney

Invited guests: Jane Ansell (Chair Tottenham Green Ward Panel) Matthew Hazleton & Wendy Hill (Haringey Community Justice Court) Ian Sygrave (Chair Haringay Ward Panel)

Apologies: Cllr Canver Debbie Greenhill Cllr Harris Jamie Miller

1. Welcome

Gordon welcomed everyone to the meeting and each person introduced themselves prior to dealing with the business of the meeting.

2. Minutes and matters arising from agm 23 July 2007

Gordon went through the minutes, there was nothing arising and they were agreed as being a true and accurate record.

3. Chairs review 2007/08

3.1 Gordon began by stating that although we are a fairly small ward panel in terms of members, members do attend other community meetings to get a feel of what is going on in the ward. Gordon stated the local councillors are usually at the panel meetings and he thanked them for their input over the year. Throughout the last year, priorities which the SNT have tackled have had a positive impact in reducing crime and Gordon thanked Nick and all members of his team for all their hard work. Gordon also extended thanks to Graham for preparing all the paperwork required for the panel meetings.

Gordon felt that although Wickes was an agenda item he wanted to mention it briefly during the yearly review. Gordon felt there were a lot of social and economic issues associated with the problem of migrant workers congregating around Wickes and that over the course of the year the panel had found itself talking about involving police resources in relation to much wider complex social issues for which the police were really the actors of last resort. Gordon commented that he had raised the panels concerns about Wickes and had also raised the potential linkage with homes of multiple occupancy on the ward with David Lammy MP.

Jane Ansell (Tottenham Green SNP) felt there had been a reduction of these workers in recent weeks because on the occasions she had driven by Wickes she had only seen two or three people hanging around the area. Nick went on to say that there are still significant numbers of workers looking for work outside Wickes between the hours of 6.45am and 9am. After this time the numbers are reduced as he believes the majority of the workers have been able to secure work for the day.

4. Update on current priorities

4.1 YOUTH ANTI SOCIAL BEHAVIOUR: Concentrating on the south east area of the ward Nick and his team have surveyed a large number of homes in the area to obtain resident views and concerns about what is happening in the area at the current time. Nick stated he would return to the properties later in the year to gauge whether the residents have noticed an improvement in youth behaviour in the area. Currently the team is concentrating on high visibility policing with regular patrols in the area and also with a walkabout involving local councillors and council staff. During these patrols youths have been stopped in an effort to engaged with them. Members of the SNT are attending both Neighbourhood Watch and local residents meetings in order to talk to as many residents as possible.

Nick advised that during the first week of the school summer holiday Spurs football team coaches will be in Chestnuts Park to provide football training to youngsters. There will also be fitness and boxing classes organised during the summer holiday and this will provide an opportunity for the team to meet the younger local members of the community.

4.2 BURGLARY: Listed below are the number of recorded burglaries on the ward:

07	08
April – 23	April – 13
May – 12	May – 32
June – 21	June – 15
	July – 6 (up to 21 July)

Nick could not give a reason for the sudden increase in May and he went on to say that the team had put in a lot of time and hard work providing crime prevention information on the ward. Shortly the team will be targeting properties in Harringay Road with door to door visits. Whenever a vulnerable property is spotted the team drop a leaflet through the letterbox highlighting their concerns. In a effort to prevent burglaries at homes with multiple occupancy Nick brought along some good quality yale locks for the members to see as these are being fitted to properties with multiple occupancy. Ian commented that when a burglary occurs in a property with numerous occupants and all those living at the property are victims of burglary then this could distort the monthly figures for burglary. Nick added a warrant had been executed at an address of a well known burglar but nothing was recovered on this occasion.

4.3 ALCOHOL & DRUG MISUSE: A prostitute who is a known class A drug user was arrested. A warrant was executed on a known ppo's address. Nick Povey and Adam arrested a man in the Gardens area after he was seen looking into parked vehicles. Once back at the police station checks revealed he was wanted by Hertfordshire Police for a kidnap at gunpoint.

4. Finally Nick informed members there is also a problem with stolen electricity meters being used in properties on the ward and checks are being made to identify the properties concerned. Ian Sygrave (Harringay SNP) added that as part of a recent coordinated 'check' on Harringay ward 13 properties had been identified as

being homes of multiple occupancy (HMO), which Haringey Council had no apparent record of. More worryingly still, 12 residents had been placed in these properties by the council. It appears council departments are not coordinating information or working together to resolve this problem. Cllr Haley stated he now has a list of all bed & breakfast and HMO's in Haringey which he will share with all relevant council departments.

5. Talk by Matthew Hazleton: Haringey's Community Justice Change Manager

5.1 Matthew began by informing members the Community Justice Courts (CJC) covers Tottenham Hale, Tottenham Green, Seven Sisters and Northumberland Park. There are now ten wards in the N4 N15 & N17 areas which send offenders to the CJC. The courts have been established to deliver speedy and effective justice by understanding the crime concerns of local people. This is achieved by members of the CJC hosting open days at locations throughout Haringey. The courts tackle the effects of crime and make sure offenders pay back for their harm to the community.

Matthew went on to say the court sits on a Tuesday morning at Tottenham Magistrates Court and deals with a range of offences including drugs and alcohol, theft, threatening behaviour, criminal damage, breach of ASBO's and harassment. The maximum sentence handed down by the court is six months. The court has a unique power of being able to call back an offender who has been given a community work order when he/she is not doing this work properly.

Wendy introduced herself as one of the sitting magistrates in the CJC. She explained that in court the proceedings are less formal than a magistrates court in an effort to engage with the offenders and to look at their ability not to re-offend. Normally three magistrates sit on the bench hearing cases. Local agencies such as Citizens Advice Bureau and drug advisers are also present to assist offenders. Wendy invited members of the ward panel to consider becoming a magistrate and Gordon suggested members could be invited to the courts to see them in operation.

Gordon asked the difference between youth courts and CJC. Matthew stated the primary difference is that members of the CJC come out to the community to see what are the priorities and issues affecting local communities. On average the court hears 18/20 cases a day. It is the responsibility of the police when charging offenders to bail them to the CJC. Wendy went on to say offenders carry out the community work in the areas where they have offended. Cllr Haley raised a concern about peer pressure working on an estate where they live. Wendy replied the type of work and location is arranged by the Community Payback Team.

Matthew informed panel members there are only three boroughs in London currently operating the CJC system and these are Newham, Wandsworth and Haringey. Nationally within England there are about twelve cities where CJC are in operation. There is funding for the courts until March 2009 when it is anticipated funding will be received from central government as part of the Ministry of Justice to enable its continuation. Matthew and Wendy both restated there was a lack of Haringey residents serving as magistrates and they would be pleased to forward details to anyone interested in serving as a magistrate.

Gordon thanked both Matthew and Wendy for their interesting and enlightening talk about CJC.

6. Review of Wickes

6.1 Nick informed members there had been a number of partnership meetings with interested parties including Street Wardens, HAGA, and CJC staff looking at ways to move forward with this problem. Recent surveys of 100 commuters, residents and local business's had raised issues of migrant workers drinking in the street, urinating in gardens and general anti social behaviour. The ethnicity of the workers appear to have shifted from Polish to Romanian's. In the coming weeks leaflets in their own language will be handed out by Street Wardens and council employees in an effort to divert the workers away from the area. Nick went on to say a dispersal order for the Stonebridge Road area was soon to come into operation.

Matthew stated CJC can issue orders on any migrant workers brought before the court which would require them to do work in the community as part of the Pay Back Scheme.

7. Election of: Chair, Vice Chair and Secretary

7.1 There were no nominations from other panel members Gordon, Debbie and Graham were elected to continue in their respective roles as Chair, Vice Chair and Secretary for a further year.

8. Any other business

8.1 Gordon informed members the London cycling campaign has received funding to train interested people in cycle mechanics. Currently the Salvation Army Hall is used for this purpose but other venues within Haringey where training can be delivered need to be found. Paul stated he had a list of possible venues together with costs for room hire which he would forward to Gordon.

8.2 Anne raised a concern about SNT officers failing to connect with members of the public. Anne felt officers should be smiling and greeting members of the public they pass in the street. Nick said he was disappointed to hear this and he would take Anne's comments back to the team. Ian suggested that rather than walking in pairs they should walk with an officer on one side of the road whilst the other officer walks on the opposite footpath. Jane mentioned that when the SNT first distributed leaflets to residents in the Tottenham Green area they simply used to put them through letterboxes. Jane felt this did not engage local residents sufficiently and suggested that officers knock on the residents door to hand the leaflet to the resident. This practise has now been adopted by the SNT. Nick added that whenever possible members of his team will speak to residents when delivering leaflets and other printed materials. Gordon advised that his experience with officers had been more upbeat but that he was sure Nick would take the message back to his team and at the very least get them smiling again.

8.3 Nick confirmed the open day for St Ann's Police Station had taken place and was well attended by local residents. Anne went on to say that during her visit on the open

day she had been shown the reception area of the station by Insp. Eric Monk. Insp Monk had advised that once the necessary security panels are in place and this work had been completed the front of the station would be open to the public and the reception would be manned by volunteers with details of the opening times to be circulated in due course.

Gordon said he and a number of panel members did still hold reservations about the usage of the station and the applicability as well as availability of volunteers and that he hoped he, and the panel, would have the chance to speak to Insp. Monk and the Borough Commander re this matter in due course.

Finally Gordon thanked everyone for their attendance tonight.

Meeting closed 8.30pm