

# **MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE EDGWARE WARD PANEL, WEDNESDAY 13TH JULY 2011 AT 7.30PM AT THE LONDON ACADEMY, EDGWARE**

**Present:** FM (chair), Sgt Reid, SK, SM, AA, AA, DC, NL, MC, HL (minutes), CB, NG, MW, MC, DC, LC, DB, PD, JJJ

**Apologies:** SR, PM, AF, DY, SP, AB, DM, AT, HI, PE

## **Chairperson's Welcome:**

FM is now a Police Constable with the British Transport Police and resigned as Chairman. LC accepted Chairmanship and welcomed attendees to the meeting.

## **Minutes of Previous Meeting:**

The minutes were approved and adopted.

## **Simon Parker – Barratt Homes**

In Simon Parker's absence, SK presented his report:

- The legal agreements for the £9.65m funding were concluded at end June
- Barratt Homes are now in a position to build out the remainder of the site, completion 2018
- Construction work on next phase, behind the London Academy, will commence by year-end.

## **Inspector Carver**

Inspector Carver updated the meeting on changes to Safer Neighbourhood teams. All wards with 6 PCSOs will retain their staffing, but Barnet will lose 5 Sergeants this year. Some will be in charge of two wards, some will be moved, but Edgware will not be affected by the cuts. Next year an additional 5 Sergeant positions will be lost. The wards and ward panels will remain as is. One Sector Inspector position will also be lost.

Monthly arrest figures in Barnet from January were 651, 642, 625, 645, and 610 in May. Burglaries remain a problem. Barnet hotspots are the shopping centres at Brent Cross, Edgware and the Spires in Barnet. Edgware is one of the higher crime areas because of its transport hubs, the number of banks and building societies and so on.

## **Edgware Hub Team**

- Weekly bus station surgeries continue

- A meeting to discuss buses for the London Academy concluded with hopes for a bus stand outside the school, not inside, and in 2012, not this year
- Day to day school patrols continue, there has been an increase in ASB during last 3 months as in Barnet as a whole, and knives found during a weapon sweep at the bus station
- STT, funded by TFL, now to increase the number of Constables in Barnet from 7 to 21 by April 2012, but PCSOs to drop from 25 to 9, and those in the Hub from 7 to 2. By April the team should comprise 1 Sergeant, 5 PCs min, 2 PCSOs min. The number of PCs will increase across London as a whole.
- Special Constables with knowledge of East European languages are assisting Edgware.
- 80% of PCSOs are seeking other positions, and it is likely that natural wastage will produce the required numbers.

### **Edgware Ward Update**

- Sharp increase in theft of lead from roofs and public areas, particularly North Broadfields. Working with scrap metal dealers to address the issue.
- New series of public meetings being held to promote wider engagement with the community, to take place the evening after each ward panel.
- Barnet police held stolen property road show at Edgware Library and the team participated.
- Extra patrols will go to London Gateway Services, particularly for FA Cup and Champions League matches, to target drunkenness, theft and ASB.
- A TYS (Target Youth Services) meeting is held every month to review ASB and our priorities. 25 young people have been nominated to the scheme to see what can be done to help them.
- New Solutions meeting to be held every two months to overview youth provision on the Stonegrove Estate. Charitable funding is reducing with the possibility of losing the Youth Club. £28,000 pa will be needed for the next 2 years.
- Met headmaster at Broadfields School to discuss ASB issues. This will become a regular meeting.
- The team took part in a “Space Ship Landing” at Edgware Junior School, part of a science project.
- Engaged with London Street Rescue to help homeless in Station Road corridor.
- New builds at Sterling Green going up quickly and new residents are moving in. Security guards are on site
- 5 PCSOs out of 6 have applied to be PCs. Others will come in to replace them.
- Crime prevention messages have been fixed to card machines in Edgware warning of theft and ‘card-trapping’.
- 3 search warrants issued since last meeting centred on drug supply on Stonegrove Estate.
- Ongoing co-operation with neighbouring teams
- New procedures re 642 bus stop are proving very successful and are releasing the team for other duties. Hopeful that 107 stop will be moved to Brockley Hill during the summer.

- Attended recent evening at Stonegrove Youth Club and conducted 'Stop and Search' role-play sessions, also with role reversal.
- Further street meetings
- A closure notice was issued to Sparrow Pub. This was challenged and taken to a council review. The request was rejected and the pub will reopen soon but with certain constraints.
- Monique Mason left for Oakley SNT,
- The crime stats listed on the website were discussed, particularly burglaries of which there were 24 since the last meeting, also 16 lead thefts, and 22 thefts from motor vehicles of which 80% were around Stonegrove.

### **Problem Updates**

- ASB forum ongoing
- Drugs warrants executed
- Complaints re drugs from residents
- Increased patrols
- Intel received re youths carrying weapons

### **North Broadfields ASB**

- Patrols continue
- Arrests made for robbery and drugs
- Home visits again
- ASB Forum working through Cromarty and Rannoch
- Agreement with Barnet Homes to remove barriers in alleyway at Bushfield

### **Youth Diversion**

- New website launched last month and will be shown on Sky TV
- Liaison between Stonegrove Youth Club, London Academy, Barnet Youth Services will generate a large number of events this summer, culminating in a SNT Football Tournament on 27/28 August

### **New Issues**

- Theft of lead
- Theft from motor vehicles

### **Priorities**

1. Youth ASB in Stonegrove
2. ASB in North Broadfields
3. Youth Diversion projects in and around Edgware
4. Theft from motor vehicles in Stonegrove Estate area.

## **AOB**

Money collected is available for the SNT and perhaps could be used for Football Tournament.

The next meeting will be held at the London Academy at 7.30 pm Wednesday September 14th 2011