

**MINUTES OF THE INAUGURAL MEETING OF THE EDGWARE WARD
PANEL HELD ON 9 JANUARY 2008 AT EDGWARE MASORTI SYNAGOGUE**

Present: Sgt Reid and 16 Ward Panel Members with 1 non member.

Adoption of Constitution

This being the first meeting an agenda was presented to those present and the priority was to adopt the Constitution which was handed to all present. This was adopted unanimously and the meeting then proceeded.

1. Election of Officers

MC was proposed as Chairman and seconded. The proposal was adopted and MC duly appointed.

LC was proposed as Vice Chairman and seconded. The proposal was adopted and LC duly appointed.

SK was proposed as Secretary and seconded. The proposal was adopted and SK duly appointed.

MC explained that he would like as many people as possible to be involved in the way the EWP conducted itself and that way we would be working as a team.

An explanation of why the Minutes of the last meeting could not be approved by those attending this meeting was given and the members were advised they could be viewed on our website.

2. Report by Sgt Dan Reid

Apologies were read out.

We have a Rolling Base youth club established which is an excellent idea for the local youth.

Operation Blue Tooth worked well on the Station, Bus Station, Shopping Centre etc. there were 3 arrests so it was felt this has been successful. This idea is now being tried out across the various police groups.

New school bus route (642) is operational and was put into operation without any co-ordination or advice to the relevant people who are affected by it. This has caused considerable confusion and Dan Reid advised the meeting this was totally unacceptable. TFL will try to change the route so that it goes to the bus station.

So far as current problems are concerned there has been little or no change, particularly relating to ASB, Stonegrove problems, etc., but it is hoped that the Rolling Base idea will help, this is owned by Barnet Community Transport and can accommodate 25 children with outside facilities, providing music, computers, etc.

Evictions on the Stonegrove estate are continuing due to the drug problems.

Problems again with dogs off leads is now become a major sticking point. Barnet Homes are very lax on checking on ownership of dogs etc. only Dog Control Order will work with this problem but Barnet are unfortunately refusing to implement the Order and no reason for this has been given. One of the local Councillors is more than willing to work with another Councillor to endeavour to force the local authority to put the by-laws into operation before a child is killed as we have already had another instance of a dog mauling another animal to death.

The Chairman felt this could be implemented selectively on the various estates and that people should be more pro-active in order to assist.

Regarding Glengall Road, this is now quite quiet and the fact that the Sparrowhawk will be closing soon should assist in reducing problems. However the Chip shop has now become a prime target for problems. Most problems in Cromarty Road are being closely watched.

ASB is down and CCTV is due to be installed in Glengall Road.

Pick pocketing was quite high over Xmas but was closely watched by the Police, some of whom were plain clothed. A couple of arrests were made.

The fear of crime and robberies are up slightly but the new bus route will help and the bus station is quieter since re-opening.

3. Any Other Business

A question was asked in regard to home burglaries; what response time can be expected from the police in such an even and the answer was that most of the time it was quite slow and this was felt unacceptable.

It was agreed that the PSPs would be left as they are as all is working well.

There is a motor cycle rally starting from the Sparrowhawk on 9 March and it was felt that the landlord should be reminded of his obligations under his licence to ensure no problems arose.

There had been a robbery last Friday on a local man who was taken to hospital.

Regarding the incident of the tragedy on the M1 it was explained that no police chase was involved.

There will be an influx of Travellers tomorrow due to a funeral procession and it is hoped it will proceed quietly and without trouble.

One of the panel voiced the opinion that Barnet needs to look at the type of short term residents being placed into the Stonegrove Estate as some were extremely undesirable.

The Chairman thanked all those present for attending the meeting which terminated at 8.45pm and a vote of thanks was given to LC for arranging the use of the Masorti Synagogue.