

**MINUTES FOR THE MEETING OF EDGWARE WARD PANEL  
HELD ON WEDNESDAY 8 JULY 2009  
AT LONDON ACADEMY, EDGWARE.**

**Present:** LC

**In Attendance:** Sgt.Reid, BS, SK, RN, AA, DG, FM, AB, SB, AQ, SR, PM, HL, JJ, CF, IB, PD, Cllr. DY, CS, CB, Chief Superintendent Neil Basu\*

**Apologies:** MC, AF, MW, DMCK, GW, DB, AR, CF, AT, AG, HI.

**Amendments to Previous Minutes.**

The Church in question should have been St Peters and not St Margarets.

There being no further amendments the Minutes were adopted and signed.

The Chairman was unable to attend and the meeting was chaired by our Vice Chairman.

Sgt.Reid welcomed the new members and also introduced us to Chief Superintendent Neil Basu who has taken over from SK as the Borough Commander. He went on to explain to him the workings of the EWP.

The Chief Superintendent gave us an indepth resume of his history in the Police Service and expressed his pleasure and honour at now being with Barnet, the panel said how privileged they were to have him in our Borough and hoped he would stay. He has signed a 3 year agreement to remain with us. He thanked us for such a warm welcome.

**Policing Pledge.**

This should be on the Agenda. A leaflet was available for all in attendance showing what has to be done and explaining each aspect. This will now be on the Agenda of every meeting. It had failed during the last few weeks as the phones had been out of order.

LC attended a Home Office training course and explained the details. The pledges needed looking into. Ch Supt Basu explained how it should work

**Hub Team**

We were given a fairly comprehensive run down on the workings of the Edgware Hub Team (part of Barnet Safer Transport Team) to date and a map showing their area was shown. It is not too large, however they are being governed considerably by TfL fin what they can and cannot do, although this is not interpreted as hampering them in their duties. Their priorities are ASBOs, thefts, fare evasion, etc. they are trying to get more publicity and they work hand in glove with TfL. However despite any problems we are indeed luck to have them with us.

## **Update.**

We recently policed the European Elections. Have had talks at Rosh Pinah, Policed Aish Torah Scroll procession, continuing pubwatch patrol.

The Sparrow is under new management and although the new owners are not causing trouble yet CB gave his opinion as he lives so close to the venue. It is going to have a 'new type' of clientele using it. The SNT will keep a look on things to see how they are going. Our new Cllr. will also deal with matters which may need to be looked into.

The Police Interactive Kiosk is coming to the Broadwalk. All is ready for it to go live!

Station Road has now re-opened.

The Police conducted ANPR op on Broadfields and it was successful.

Shopwatch radio scheme is now operational. It offers intercommunicating between shopkeepers, police, CCTV centre, etc. and should help to keep crime in check.

The Stonegrove Fun Day went very very well with appx. 500 people attending, many stalls selling, and Nutmeg were there and keenly involved.

## **Team Update**

Aki passed his exams to become a Sergeant and Dionne and Steve are also leaving us to be trained as PCs. We wish them well and they will be much missed.

## **Crime Statistics**

Met. Police website shows crime details for May.

## **Priority Updates**

Stonegrove Drug problem. We are aware of who are the problematical residents and the SNT are walking through blocks, there is a drug factory, there are large groups going onto the estate which are causing concern. Overall there is a lot of drug use and too many ASBOs.

Springwood Car Park. Nothing new in reality other than repairs to doors and barriers. We are still trying to get the safety aspect into operation but it was felt it should be taken off the list of priorities.

## **Pick-pocketing**

Most issues now in the banking halls and these are being patrolled. All that is possible to do is being done to alert people to the problem.

## **Youth Diversion**

Emma would like volunteers for the summer holiday period to help with the youth club. Monique has offered to help but if there is anyone else she would be delighted.

## **E2gether**

Things are on hold at the moment. The Home Office has approved funding for Nutmeg.

## **Stop Campaign**

Explanations were given as to how this works in Wales and we would like to set this up in Barnet.

A football tournament is being organised again.

We were shown a short video of Aki in a dance off – he is terrific and a round of applause was given!!

## **New Issues**

Car Boot, Gang Activity, Burglary Increase, Road Safety issues on Spur Road.

There are a number of issues relating to all 4 items not least the fact that the children run across the road without thinking as soon as they see their bus.

The problems on Sundays with the A41 car boot sale is now extremely serious from a safety point of view both to pedestrians and drivers. SK gave a resume of all the problems and has asked Cllr. DY to see what can be done via the Council as they appear to be buck passing, and to some extent washing their hands of the problems. Sgt. Reid has also spent considerable time on a Sunday morning to try and see if the organisers would co-operate on the safety issues but this is not easy.

It was agreed that the Springwood Crescent issue be taken off and the Car Boot sale put in its place in conjunction with the other issues on Spur Road.

## **Any Other Business**

Children have been jumping onto the roofs of the new flats in Penniwell Close and also managing to scale the safety barriers around the sub station and enjoying playing in the sub station!

There being no further business the meeting terminated at 9.20.

Next meeting will take place on the **9 September 2009** at the London Academy at **7:30pm**.

**\*The names of members of the ward panel can be made available via the SNT.**

