

MINUTES OF THE EDGWARE WARD PANEL MEETING

HELD ON WEDNESDAY 9TH JULY 2008

AT LONDON ACADEMY, EDGWARE

Present: The Chairman: MC

In Attendance: DR, SK, LC, CB, HI, DB, DM, RW, PD, IB, VL, AG, MAP, AG, HL, PM, NG, JJ, BS *

Apologies: AT, CF, GH, MR, PB, MW.

The Chairman welcomed everybody and then introduced new members of the ward panel. He then provided an update on several matters.

There were no amendments to the minutes of the previous meeting.

Matters Arising

The letter discussed at the last meeting has not yet been written. The matter is still outstanding and will be discussed at the next meeting.

What's been happening?

There is a lot of concern about knife crime. We will be concentrating hard on this issue.

1) "Operation Blunt 2" – Is the name of the programme where Colindale Police and SNT's are operating knife arches at the underground and bus stations. Several arrests have been made as a result. The Panel was told that resources for this work are scarce but that there is a lot of pressure to increase the number of operations of this kind.

2) A tragedy which happened in May 2006, the stabbing of Kiyon Prince has broken down some barriers with the public, concerning this problem.

3) There have been three raids in London on Safety Deposit Vaults. A lot of money was found in the boxes in the Edgware branch and many innocent people have been affected.

4) A School fete is to take place at the Broadfield School.

New Information

A brothel has been opened in the area of Station Road; it is not technically a **criminal** offence. However it can only be closed down if it becomes a nuisance to the public.

The Football tournament was a success and there were no fights unlike last year.

Mr. Bennett generously donated money towards the trophies. Another tournament for the Under 15s should be taking place soon.

Students trying to use buses without their Oyster cards are causing a lot of problems. Bus drivers are ejecting young people from their buses if **they** do not have their Oyster cards.

Two cannabis factories operating close to Glengall road and Edgwarebury Lane have been shut down.

An Anti-terrorism meeting is to take place in Edgware in September. All organizations are being invited.

A new Community Radio system was set up in Golders Green and so far has been successful. It will be given to stores, synagogues etc. The radios have an emergency button which will allow immediate contact with the police. It will cost £400 per annum.

A woman has been taking pictures of synagogues around Edgware. Synagogues are a high profile target and there are many **in the area**.

Neil Baldwin is soon to leave the ESNT and is joining Hendon Police College to help train new PCSOs. He will be greatly missed.

The ESNT received their Commendation at New Scotland Yard on the 30th May. It was a very enjoyable day out.

Problem updates

Stonegrove Estate

- The Youth Shelter is getting used but there is no support from youth working teams. Surprise surprise! Merlin is not getting the support needed.
- The **residential** moves into the new blocks are underway.
- Barnet Homes wardens are on the Estate from 16:00-00:00.
- Barnet Homes has written to all of their tenants about pets. Tenants who haven't told BH about their pets may potentially get kicked out.
- There have been threats to kill on the Stonegrove Estate but as a precaution with the help of BH the threatened family was moved to a safe place. There is still an ongoing prosecution.

Goldsmith Court

- There were 5 occupants left in the building.
- Thieves were stealing copper pipes and boilers from vacant flats.
- Arrests were being made. As the water mains were not turned off the thefts were causing a lot of water damage in the block generally, including to the homes of the remaining residents. There are now metal shutters on the first three floors on the windows **and doors**. The damage costs are very high.

- **Glengall Road**
- The old clientele have returned to The Sparrow.
- A Cannabis factory has been shut down in Aldridge Avenue.
- The Sparrow Pub has been told that doors and windows must be shut after 9pm. A licensed security guard will be at the doors after 11pm.
- The Club House has been opened for 3 or 4 weeks now. A live DJ *has been* introduced every Wednesdays and Fridays but now everyday has become very noisy.
- Some customer's may be underage drinkers and also some are **into** drugs. However the Council does not seem to want to take action against the Landlord.
- ASB has dropped slightly but is still relatively high when compared to last year.
- There's a lot of good intelligence being gathered from the Community by the police.

New Issues

- Loitering between Brook Av. and Farm Rd. has become a problem so more patrols will be organised for the area.
- Street drinkers are still causing problems at St. Margaret's Church.
- We have £500 funding for the Stonegrove Estate.

The meeting adjourned at 21:10 with thanks to our hosts at The Academy.

The next meeting will take place on the **10th September 2008** commencing at **19:30**.

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