

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE EDGWARE SNT WARD PANEL  
HELD ON WEDNESDAY 10 MARCH 2010 AT 7 30 PM AT  
THE LONDON ACADEMY, SPUR ROAD, EDGWARE**

**Present:** M.C (Chairman), Sgt Reid. SK, HL, SM, AR, PD, AF, CB, DC, LC, SR, JJJ, DMCK, DBG, FM \*

**Apologies:** PM,HI, CI.C, CLLR.Y, NG,CS,AG,MW

**Chairman's welcome**

**Minutes of previous meeting**

At the previous meeting it was agreed to write to LBB Planning regarding the Spur Road/Green Lane junction. Despite a letter being received and a personal presentation given by SK there was total lack of interest in this aspect of the regeneration, therefore we shall have to wait and see how things pan out as the buildings take shape.

**Matters arising**

SR referred to 2<sup>nd</sup> paragraph of AOB which should also have read 'the vote was taken that no one would speak at that meeting'

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

DR apologised for CI Causer's absence, due to his wife being in hospital

**Policing Pledge**

This again was on the Agenda as now required at each meeting.

Solo patrols would not be allowed to continue on high risk walks.

It was agreed that the SNT would not maintain records of calls received for the time being

Street meetings to be advertised on the web site

Visits to victims of crime would be made, particularly after burglaries

Phone feedback to victims after crime

**Hub Team**

They are working with Jewish Deaf Association.

**They have surgeries on (Tuesdays???)Wednesdays 11am.-1pm at the Broadwalk.**  
Knife 'arches' on random days installed at station with some success.

An individual was arrested in Edgware and found to have 2 knives on him.

The HUB team should shortly have new shoulder badge numbers. Their contact details were made available.

PCSO also busy with Nutmeg

The main issue on Transport is pickpockets, the elderly being especially targeted.

There is increasing protection being given to people in and around banks and building societies.

### **What has been happening in Edgware**

There has been an increase in burglaries.

Street briefings have been held and various issues are being dealt with as a result.

St Margaret's Church initiating 'Walk of Witness' from Colindale to Edgware on March 28<sup>th</sup> with 10 churches involved

Purim patrols were good and Edgware SNT team helped the Golders Green SNT team which was having far greater problems than Edgware.

Bushfield Crescent has been the source of much concern – loitering youths causing problems. It is hoped that the youths can be encouraged to go to Stoneyfields Park where there may well be a Shelter erected shortly.

Advice surgeries also conducted in the Broadwalk with Canons Park SNT team and also now working jointly with Harrow SNT on some activities, Edgware SNT is generally of interest to other Wards.

The problems within the schools are being kept in check.

Shop radio scheme working well.

Handbag alarms being distributed

Sgt Reid then spoke more about Edgware issues

Edgware not a hot spot for burglaries, about 8<sup>th</sup> in Borough listing for crime, but the trend is towards burglaries and pick pocketing.

Monique Mason is moving to Colindale but Gemma Evans will join the team after training.

Emphasis since the last panel Meeting has been on the Stonegrove Estate – ASB and drugs – a couple of people have been dealt with and 3 arrests have been made relating to drugs. Three groups of young men have been loitering on the Estate. One has now become much larger as the two smaller groups have joined them and this is now

becoming a major issue. They all now seem to be working out of one particular flat on the Estate which cannot be approached easily as these people have good lookouts.

Support has been sought from other specialist teams but the high level of Stonegrove problems and burglaries are currently utilising most available resources.

Drug offences are on the increase.

LBB youth workers have pulled out of the Stonegrove Estate as they feel threatened thus indicating the seriousness of the situation which is now a major issue and major crime patrols have started in the area.

MC feels this is a very worrying development regardless of where it emanates from and the EWP have offered to assist in any way it can to keep the area 'clean' of such criminals.

## **Nutmeg**

Darwin spoke about initiatives being taken by Nutmeg.

- He is starting a 'drop-in' surgery on Wednesday pm in the High St for school leavers.

- Next major event on 10<sup>th</sup> April at the Parish Hall seeking consultation on, what Nutmeg should do, and a debate on 'Nutmeg Makes Sense'.

- 2<sup>nd</sup> AGM held successfully with the assistance of dedicated EWP members for which they were most grateful.

- Darwin now an official Police Volunteer with the title 'Safer Neighbourhood Youth Diversification Coordinator'

- Youth survey launched

- Also helping at Stonegrove Youth Club on Tuesday evening

- Nutmeg awarded £30,000 over 3 years but difficult to actually get the cash because of the complex paperwork involved. However Nutmeg is currently fully funded.

Darwin was thanked for his ongoing efforts and the amazing results he has achieved.

## **Rogue Builders**

DR spoke about the difficulty of finding evidence to take action against them but feels that time is better spent talking and advising the community about these scams.

MC feels there is some merit in using the local newspapers to highlight these problems.

## **New Issues**

Focus will continue on Bushfield Crescent and particularly Stonegrove. There has been a steep rise in burglaries on the Stonegrove Estate but this suddenly stopped when two men, who were suspected of causing the burglaries crime wave, were targeted by the SNT team.

MC spoke about the new Broadfield's school opening on 19<sup>th</sup> April term and the potential traffic problems. Also noted that the school has extended playing fields. MC asked whether these could be made available for Broadfield's youth activities. Should the SNT be used as a lobbying group for this ?

Note: According to literature received by MC concerning the school the playing fields are available for 'public' use.

## **PSPs**

Reducing drug dealing and the use of illegal drugs on the Stonegrove Estate.

Providing youth diversions.

Reducing the number of pick pocketing incidents.

Reducing incidents connected with the rogue traders.

It was agreed by a show of hands to keep these four PSP's

## **AOB**

A note had been received from the Finchley Church End panel seeking support to try to stop the Victims Support Group in Barnet being moved to Brent. It was agreed that MC would write to express our concerns on the move.

There being no further business the meeting terminated at 9.pm.

**The next meeting will be on 12 May 2010**

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