

MINUTES OF THE EDGWARE WARD PANEL MEETING

HELD ON WEDNESDAY 10TH SEPTEMBER 2008

AT THE LONDON ACADEMY, EDGWARE

Present: MC (Chairman) DR, SG, BS, LC, AT, NG, HL, GW, OL, IB, PD, JJ, DM, AG, AR, FM, DB, CB & CLLR BG. *

Apologies: INSP. C, SK, MW, CG, CF & HM.

The Chairman welcomed everybody and provided an update.

A welcome was extended to SB, AM & AM who are members of the newly formed Penniwell Residents Association.

The only amendments to the previous minutes was an apology from FM which should have been recorded.

Matters Arising.

There were no matters arising.

What's Happening?

- Councillor Coleman wrote an article in the local press disparaging the Ward Panel and PCSO's etc. SK wrote a letter which was printed in the local Barnet Press (a copy of the letter was attached to the previous minutes). Everybody on the Edgware Ward Panel was in agreement with the sentiment of the letter. Councillor Gordon, who was present at the meeting, agreed to pass the views of the Ward Panel to Councillor Coleman.
- A Corporate newsletter will be delivered to households in the Edgware ward every six months.
- We have a new outdoors Information Stand. Thanks were extended to Laurence for helping with the design. It was funded by The London Borough of Barnet.

Other Issues

- Pubwatch bans have been upheld following a ruling in the High Court which ruled that it is not an infringement of Human Rights. This means that such bans can now be enforced and cannot be challenged.
- Operation "Argos" will take place on the 24th September 2008. It is an audiovisual anti-terrorism event for Edgware aiming to establish contingency plans in the event of a terrorist attack on shops, synagogues, schools etc in the area. Local shops, synagogues and schools have been invited to participate.

- Another 'Operation Square' took place a few weeks ago resulting in 1 arrest, 70 searches and several cannabis warnings.
- Stonegrove Fun Day was a success even though the weather was miserable.
- Neil Baldwin has now officially left Edgware SNT and has become a PCSO trainer at Hendon Police College.
- Michael Nyaoke a new PCSO will start shortly.
- Dionne Greene has passed her Day 1.

High Holy Day's

- Planning of high holyday patrols will begin shortly.
- 2 new synagogues are on the Sabbath patrol route. We now have 14 Synagogues in Edgware Ward.
- The type of Sabbath Patrol programme now operating in Edgware will shortly be expanded throughout the Barnet Borough. CST has not increased the alert levels for the synagogues.

Problem Updates:

Stonegrove Estate Issues

- **Goldsmith Court:** Huge problems with burglaries as mentioned at the last meeting. One particular lady now feeling very insecure as her door was kicked in because burglars thought no one was occupying the property.
- SNT is phoning residents to try to reassure them and inform them about what is happening.
- **Chichillie House:** Members of one particular family are causing trouble in the block.

Glengall Road

- CCTV has finally been agreed by Barnet and will be installed by the end of 2008/2009. Hopefully this will help to reduce problems within that area.
- Major problem with drug dealings and an increase in kids playing football using the shop shutters as goals.
- The Sparrow has put doors across their outside staircase to prevent drug dealing taking place on their roof.
- We still need to find proper facilities within the area where young people can go so that we can get them off the street.
- The hardware shop in Broadfields Parade has been closed down and residents are concerned about a planning application to turn it into a café.
- The Ward Panel was of the opinion that a café in that position would aggravate the already existing drug dealing and ASB problems in Glengall Road. It was agreed that the Ward Panel Chairman would write on behalf of the Ward Panel and SNT appealing against planning permission being given for the development.

- It was also noted that the sewage system in the road was designed for houses and does not have the capacity for this type of commercial use
- Objections need to be in by the 17th September 2008, Residents to be encouraged to write letters appealing against approval of planning permission.

Pick Pocket Issues

- Incidents in the Shopping Centre have tailed off recently due to a campaign by Broadwalk Management. The Mall is being even more proactive than before and is now alerting shoppers on the Public Announcement System when they find out that pickpockets are operating in the Mall.
- This has had the effect of pushing the pickpockets into Station Road. The SNT are now patrolling Station Road more actively in order to alert people more widely especially around the Banks and in the Post Office.
- Plain clothes patrols are also now occurring more frequently.

The Edgware SNT Advice Surgeries are open in the Broadwalk every Tuesday from 12:00-17:30pm.

Youth Diversion

- A very successful football tournament was held in Edgwarebury Park (the SNT team lost to local youth).

‘Edgware Together’ organised by the ‘Nutmeg’ steering group is being held on the 20th September 2008 at the Parish Hall on Rectory Lane and runs from 6pm-10pm.

It aims to focus on youth in Edgware in a positive light. This is a first in the Edgware community and its purpose is to bridge the gap between youth and police.

Flyers will be distributed from Monday and rehearsals will begin from 1pm on Tuesday. Over 400 people are expected to attend. Organisations attending will include the Princes Trust, Cadets etc.

The Chairman and Sgt Reid thanked the ‘Nutmeg’ committee for all their hard work.

New Issues

- Groups, some with dogs, loitering on footpaths between Brook Av and Farm Rd.
- Street drinkers are causing problems around St Margaret’s Church. Many have been pushed over the border from Harrow which now has a designated policy

to ban street drinking. Approaches are being made to Barnet Council to enact the same law within the Borough

- A significant increase in burglaries has occurred in the Broadfields area. Arrests have taken place amongst local youths. Police will increase the patrols within the area.

Q's & A's

- A new interactive kiosk provided by the MET police and in partnership with the Mall is to be installed shortly. The first of its kind in London.
- The kiosk will give the public access to the police websites, recruitment and generally make the police more accessible. .
- The question of lack of Council provision for youth activity in the area was raised. It was agreed that this was still a major problem. It was suggested that Broadfields School redevelopment could provide some 'out of hours' facilities for local youths.

PSP Votes

It was agreed that the existing list should stand..

Any Other Business

Everybody was encouraged to attend the Edgware Together event on Saturday 20th September.

Thanks were extended to Angela and The Academy for arranging facilities for the meeting.

The meeting adjourned at 21:05.

The next meeting will be held on **12th November at The Academy** commencing at **19:30.**

***Names of members of the ward panel can be obtained by contacting the SNT.**