

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF EDGWARE WARD PANEL
HELD ON WEDNESDAY 12 MARCH 2008
AT LONDON ACADEMY, EDGWARE

Present: The Chairman MC

In Attendance: DR, CB, MB, LC, NC, HI, MW, CW, GH, NG, BS, SK *

Appologies: INSP.C, B.HOMES, CLLR.W, D.M, M.R, A.G, MF, JJ, HL

The Chairman welcomed everyone. Sgt. Reid introduced and welcomed a new member. He then gave an update on several subjects.

The Minutes of the previous meeting were read and as there were no amendments there were adopted.

A discussion took place on the questionnaire forms which had been sent out and both SK and MW gave a resume of how they had reacted, the response received from Ward members as 2 members has resigned from MO's Ward, and also the outcome of both correspondence and telephone communication with the Home Office. It would seem this has now calmed down and nothing more has subsequently been heard regarding the forms. It was however generally felt that these forms must be removed. It would appear that they were sent out in order to check that the Ward Panel had an even distribution of representation and this was at the discretion of the Sgt. for whom the utmost support was given.

The new pop-up stand is in use and looks extremely professional and eye-catching so sincere thanks went to LC. Also our website is up and running with continuing updates and again thanks to LC for all his hard work, even making it into the Press. It was suggested that this stand could be placed around the area in places of Worship.

The new logo for our Ward has been produced and thanks goes to those involved in working on it.

Updates on various issues were presented to the meeting and it would appear that the knife and drug operation has been successful with arrests being made.

The Scooter Club caused problems in the Glengall Road, however Ward teams policed this year and this made a great impact, sincere thanks to Sgt. Reid and his team for their efforts.

Wayne Mercer is joining the Police force and M Paton is leaving.

Street briefings are going well.

We have a new Chief Inspector.

There have been 2 movings of Torah Scrolls which went well.

Donation of Easter Eggs taking place in The Mall.

Jewish festival of Purim takes place on 20 March so there will be lots of people around in fancy dress.

The police will be working over the Bank Holiday.

The Commendation Ceremony takes place on 7 April. Our Safer Neighbourhood Team came 2nd in the Metropolitan Police area and once again the Panel said how proud they were of this accomplishment.

There will be police surgeries every Tuesday 12.30 – 17.30.

Funding is being continued for Rolling Base.

Dog Control order is now being discussed at higher level with Barnet and enforcement of the Order is being looked into.

Parking issues in Green Lane were discussed at length. A resident of Stonegrove explained the major parking problems now encountered because of the regeneration and it was also mentioned that there will now be extremely insufficient parking facilities on the new site. It would appear that all in all nothing can or will be done at the moment to ease the parking problems in Green Lane.

The hoardings around the space at the corner of the Academy is being looked into as a possible site for genuine art as it is attracting graffiti at present.

ASB is down.

Drug dealing is down.

Sparrow Bikers Bar has been closed. It was severely damaged by bikers and the future of the Sparrow is not known.

5 arrests were made in relation to drugs in Cromarty Road.

The Rolling Base in Cromarty Road is not working.

Threats were made to SPSO. The TSG raided the Sparrow and defused the situation.

Pick-pocketing is currently down but expected to rise now the better weather is coming however more co-operation from store is needed as they are aware of the particular type of person committing the crimes.

Robberies in general are on the increase.
There was a fight at the Edge of Town which got out of hand.

New Funding: £1000 is being given.

Sponsorship for a new vehicle is wanted.

CCTV may be installed sooner than expected.

Sgt. Reid is 40 YEARS OLD ON 16 MARCH.

To assist the SNT it is important to pass on any intelligence.

PCSOs thanked for attending an incident in Deansway. It showed reassurance there had been cross referencing between teams in this instance.

Visiting local events will help to make a positive impact.

The new bus route is now proving to be a good thing for the school.

A vote of thanks to Angela for facilitating the meeting and a vote of thanks to those attending the meeting.

The meeting closed at 9.15pm. with thanks to our Host for the use of The Academy.

The next meeting to take place will be on the on 14 May at The Academy commencing at 7.30pm.

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