

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF EDGWARE WARD PANEL
HELD ON WEDNESDAY 28 NOVEMBER 2007
AT LONDON ACADEMY, EDGWARE

Present: The Chairman MC

In Attendance: DR, DB, GH, LC, PD, MW, HL, JJ, MT, AR, TB, AT, EA, FM, HL, NG, SK *

The Chairman welcomed everyone and commenced to explain how the Panel was now to operate. Sgt. Reid introduced new members and outlined the purpose of the Panel. He then gave an update on several subjects.

Explanations on how the work of the Edgware Team was undertaken.

We were advised that there are major issues concerning youth in the local area.

LBB have agreed to discuss the use of their Covert CCTV in Cromarty Road.

The Dog Control Order is a very big issue on the Stonegrove Estate. One dog has already been mauled to death by another and that the Staffordshire Bull Terriers are causing a great deal of concern. The Local Authority have so far declined to implement Dog Control Orders, relating to dogs off leads etc. This was discussed at length. There are by-laws which exist but these have not been enforced by the local authority and this needs to be rectified.

4 Search Warrants have been issued on the Stonegrove Estate regarding drugs and firearms. This is an ongoing problem being faced by the team and is being dealt with accordingly.

In a review of SNT's around the Metropolitan Police area, the Edgware Team achieved the position of 2nd best practice team in northern London and were in the top 4 Met wide. The Panel said how proud they were of this accomplishment.

Remembrance Sunday was trouble free, other than the usual traffic flow factors.

During the fireworks period there was one particularly bad day on 30 October on the Stonegrove Estate.

The bus station in Edgware is now open and fully operational. That should ease the problems due to bus diversions.

In respect of the key problems antisocial behaviour is still of concern in the area generally.

Glengall Road issues are still ongoing with regard to the wine shop although that is lessening however the fish and chip shop has now become a target. The local authority has agreed to CCTV being installed in Glengall Road.

Tayside also has a problem and it is felt an area in which the youth could congregate i.e. some sort of Shelter, may alleviate the problems.

Station Road has a major problem with pick pocketing and the team are providing plain clothes patrolling to assist.

Regarding the Jewish Community issues there have been a series of aggravated burglaries by bogus callers on the Orthodox Community and an arrest has been made.

On new issues it was felt that there were growing rate levels of pick pocketing and car crimes in the area and these needed to be addressed.

It was agreed that as the control of anti-Semitism in the area is being taken care of on a permanent basis the subject of pick-pocketing and also crime in the Station Road shopping area should receive more attention.

A vote was taken and the following priority objectives were agreed.

1. Reduce youth ASB and drug dealing in Glengall Road area.
2. Reduce youth ASB and drug dealing in Stonegrove Estate area.
3. Reduce pickpocket incidents in Station Road shopping area.
4. Reduce fear of crime in Station Road area.

Points 3 and 4 were included in one PSP prior to the meeting. By splitting them, we replaced – reduce the fear of crime in the Jewish community.

We also accepted that reducing the fear of crime in the Station Road area will become our youth priority.

The fact we now have a draft constitution was pointed out. Those in attendance were asked to review it in their own time. If they have any amendments to suggest they should contact Laurence Cohen before the AGM.

Edgware SNT now has its own website which should be of great use and a most helpful tool for the community in general. The Ward Panel will be posting various items via the links which have been created.

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 the Annual General Meeting on 9 January 2008 at the Masorti Synagogue, Bakery Path, Edgware commencing at 7.30pm.

Please Note dates for meetings in 2008:

**12 March, London Academy, 14 May, London Academy, 9 July, London Academy,
10 September, London Academy, 12 November, London Academy.**

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