

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE EDGWARE SNT WARD PANEL,  
WEDNESDAY 12 JANUARY 2011, AT 8.00pm AT THE EDGWARE MASORTI  
SYNAGOGUE, BAKERY PATH, EDGWARE**

**Present:** FM (Chair), Sgt Reid, MC, SK, MW, AR, SM, JJJ, TA, Rev R. HL, JH, DC, NF, PD, DC, LC, DY, Sgt Houlihan, Dr AA, NG, AB  
Sergeant Read introduced three new members: Tony Antoniou, Chair Willesden Green SNT, Sergeant Houlihan from Hale Ward, and Doctor A. Ajitsaria

**Apologies:** PM, HI, MC, SP, AF, CB, SC, CF, HR

**Chairman's Welcome**

The new chairman welcomed attendees to the first meeting of 2011.

**Minutes of Previous Meeting**

The minutes were adopted, there were no matters arising.

**Sheila Makokha, LBB**

The council has received £75,000, the first instalment of a £150,000 Play Space Contribution under s106 Agreement, to 'cover the cost of improvements and enhancements of local parks, recreational sport and play facilities and open space in the local area as identified by the council'. In this instance she was seeking consultation on improvements to Edgwarebury and Stonegrove parks, which the council had designated for this initial sum. A consultation exercise is underway with residents of Stonegrove and Spur Road Estates, as well as the surrounding community, to determine how the money should be spent:

- Edgware SNT the 4<sup>th</sup> group to be consulted
- Intended for larger number of older children from the new estates
- SK advised that Barretts had assured the SNT that improvements would also be made to Spur Road because of the enhanced traffic volume and that the roundabout had been accepted as a priority. Is the £150,000 only for parks or also for the road – SM to report back
- Stonegrove Park is small, surrounded by residential property and totally unsuitable for the purposes suggested, so Edgwarebury Park is only likely recipient
- MC was concerned about the cost of facilities such as skateboarding constructions and whether their cost would be included in that £75,000
- SM summarised that a strategy would hopefully be completed by the end of January for consultation, and that final plans would be ready by Easter. She was seeking support from the SNT.

- SM was thanked for informing the SNT of these plans and would be invited to the next meeting to provide an update on progress.

### **Edgware Hub Team**

- Thanks and appreciation to Morton and Shirley for all their assistance.
- 48 operations in 2010, 39 arrests for a variety of reasons including one for attempted murder
- 40% reduction in travel-related ASB's
- corresponding spike in difficulties in Harrow and Stanmore
- Operation Protect includes 16 schools to monitor
- Patrols include banks and building societies to reduce pickpocketing, which have moved problems to Stanmore – we now advising them
- Schools invited to send representatives to a youth Forum in March, including JFS, Hasmorean, Academy etc
- Increased late evening patrols over Christmas produced 18% reduction in ASB's
- New Pc, Nicola Finnigan was introduced

It was hoped that there would be no reduction in the force strength, Safer Transport not currently being reviewed.

Recent terrorist threats have required additional attention by the team

### **Edgware Ward Update**

- Edgware Infants School has won an award for the best 'School Travel Plan' in the whole of London. This was to facilitate safe travel to school for all students.
- Street briefings were held in Woolmer, Franklyn, Harrowes Mead, The Grove
- Special constables now a regular feature of SNT patrols
- Arrest has been made in connection with the Dr Farooq murder
- Two homeless were housed during Christmas, but now released to the streets again
- A sexual assault was dealt with by the SNT, several children were at risk and a suspect arrested.
- During a 'nasty neighbour' dispute, a hoax call led an armed police stake-out
- Drugs warrant arrest on Broadfields for PWITS
- Increased patrols in Broadfields re burglaries, other officers also helping
- 'Pubwatch' revamped, has been taken over from Burnt Oak, Spencer now lead officer.
- Assisted the Business Forum with their 'Music on the Edge' event
- Policed the annual Remembrance Sunday
- Daily efforts at Canons Corner to manage Bus Stops and control numbers getting on buses. Drivers are unhappy if there are no officers to hand. There are 1400 students moving about. Attempts to move the bus stop are continuing.

- Crime stats are available on police web site. In October there were 111 crimes including 11 burglaries at Broadfields, and 32 there since 1/9/10. There have been several arrests, extra teams are patrolling and the area is an automatic default for Edgware and Hale teams. The stats are being analysed, security advice is being given to residents, more police circulating. The Neighbourhood Watch teams do help and there is good communication with Colindale. People not always advising police because there is a growing trend towards ignoring contents insurance
- Team Update – PCSO Laura De Jesus joined the team

### **Problem Updates**

- Reduced calls now coming from Stonegrove Estate. ASBs' on Chichele, Wilberforce, Walbrook. Wider gang issues have significantly reduced and police patrols continue although reduced as other areas require attention
- North Broadfields ASB's – calls for assistance have increased, fear of crime around burglaries, extra patrols being made by other units at Colindale, street briefings, letter drops. ASB's on 288 Bus Route increasing from 6.00pm until last bus from Springfield Crescent. Warrant issued, several arrested, most of them known to police, home visits made. Concerns about withdrawal of bus service but not apparent now.

### **Youth Diversion**

- Nutmeg short listed for Spirit of London award at O2, visits also to Downing Street
- Thanks to Morton Creeger for everything he has done to allow young people to be heard
- Thanks also to Shirley Kosky for advice and guidance
- Thanks also to Fahad for all his help during last 5 years
- New Nutmeg website to go live by end January
- Working to change to Charitable status
- AGM in February
- New schools programme being launched to advise and talk about education and involvement in local community
- Working closely with Edgware Forum, with Broadwalk re events

### **New Issues**

- Burglaries in Broadfields
- Youth ASB in Station Road
- Station Road is one of the hot spots for crime in Barnet for obvious reasons, but Broadfields is now a key area for advice and guidance for the team

### **Priorities**

The agreed priorities are as follows:

- Burglaries in Broadfields
- Reduce pickpocketing in Station Road
- Youth ASB in North Broadfields
- Youth Diversion

Stonegrove will still be an ongoing priority.

### **Any Other Business**

SK has followed through on the Car Boot issue – a planning application for more dates has been withdrawn.

Another planning meeting regarding Sterling Court will be held at St Peters Church on 17 January.

**The next meeting will be on Wednesday March 9<sup>th</sup> 2011 at the London Academy at 7.30pm.**