

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE EDGWARE SNT WARD  
PANEL, WEDNESDAY 10 NOVEMBER AT 7.30PM AT THE  
LONDON ACADEMY. SPUR ROAD, EDGWARE**

**Present:** M.C (Chairman), Sgt. Reid,  
AF,FM,AB,DC,LC,SK,HI,AG,AR,SM,HL,JJJ,PM,AT,PS

**Apologies:** NG,CB,CF,MW,SR,Hub Team,Barratts

**Chairman's welcome:**

The Chairman welcomed attendees to the meeting. This was to be the last meeting before the AGM on January 12 2011.

**Minutes of Previous Meeting:**

Barretts had been asked to detail the facilities available for children on the new estate. It is understood that a Community Centre has been planned, together with children's play areas but no other land has been designated. The Stonegrove Residents Association will discuss with the relevant authority what more can be done. It is understood that Barretts have taken note of the concern expressed and will seek possible solutions.

**Spending Review:**

Sgt Reid discussed the anticipated changes caused by the Governments Spending Review and the expected reduction to MPS budgets:

**Edgware Hub Team:**

In the absence of the Hub Team, Sgt Reid presented:

- PC Nelson was promoted and moved to Richmond
- School patrols continue as previously
- Meetings with locals banks ongoing to improve security and safety
- Presentations with TFL at London Academy and meetings with JFS
- Increased late evening patrols in run up to Xmas and New Year

**Edgware Update**

- Dr Imram Farooq was murdered, leader of the MQM political opposition party based in Karachi. This had great impact on the local community and the crime scene lasted several days. This also affected access to synagogue on High Holy Days and Sgt Reid had to intercede to facilitate this.
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- Martin Henry was murdered in Mill Hill and this had a big impact on the youth community in Edgware. Martin was quite well known and had attended Nutmeg events. The murder created anxiety and tensions in the local gang communities, but several were arrested following increased stop and search. A memorial is being planned and will be policed gently.
- Three more search warrants issued and four arrested for drugs
- Street briefings were held in Brooke Avenue, Edgwarebury Lane, and Manor Park Crescent
- Cash in a transit van was robbed in Station Road
- An armed robbery took place at shop on Station Road. Items were recovered and one arrested
- High Holy Days were eventful, with patrols, liaison, and assistance
- Edgware Infants School won 'Walk to Ireland' event with a school from Harrow
- Stonegrove Residents Association AGM was attended and report provided
- Halloween and Fireworks stimulated great demand on resources with extra patrols to Stonegrove and N Broadfields
- Hannan Ibrahim collected an MBE from the Queen on 9 November
- Sgt Dan Reid was invited to the MPS Diversity Directorate to talk about Nutmeg which was recognised as Best Practice Diversity in Community Engagement in MPS. There was very good feedback
- Edgware team won two awards since the last meeting – 1) First Place in MPS Diversity Awards 2010 for the Nutmeg project, together with the Deputy Commissioners Commendation, and 2) The Assistant Commissioners Commendation at MPS for 'Thinking Outside The Box', nominated by Chief Superintendant Neil Basu, also for Nutmeg
- Shirley Kosky then suggested the formation of a Junior Ward Panel led by Darwin and Claudio, to discuss issues affecting Barnet as a whole from a junior viewpoint. In response it was suggested that youth issues are very significant for the borough but that a junior panel could conflict with the seniors. 'One Youth'

was a magazine being developed at the Academy and could provide the medium for communication to schools and other youth centres. This will be considered further

- In partnership with the Station Road Business Forum, and to encourage and promote more business, the team assisted with a Treasure Hunt event attended by 110 children and families were delighted with the event. A series of future events is being planned and will be funded by the shops in Station Road
- There were 134 crimes in Edgware in September, up on August but down on July. Edgware is difficult to police because of its complex and special nature, with for example, the Shopping Centre, Bus terminal, Tube terminal, all bringing large numbers of people into Station Road, which is the highest centre for crime. A special 'Stop and Search' exercise in Station Road with help from outside police resources, resulted in zero crime in Station Road for two successive days.

## **Priorities Update**

The system for recording ASBO's has now been changed to incorporate issues around repeat ASB's. Although this generates extra administration it does provide extra and valuable information.

There are now two strings of '302s', a) Panel Priorities and b) Short term issues. There are now more than 20 open 302's in Edgware, including harassment of a family by youths (the team have worked very hard to enable them to lead a normal life again), Dogs off lead in Communal stairways, Beggars in Station Road, Letterboxes damaged in flats .

### Priorities

Increase stop and search in Stonegrove Estate and extra patrols. 3 further drug warrants executed, 4 arrests were made, feedback is that dealers were disrupted and there is less activity, some having moved into Harrow. POLSA team searched public areas around the estate but nothing was found. The police response was clearly effective.

ASB meetings continue monthly. Youth ASB continues on Stonegrove Estate, patrols are being maintained around Chichile, Wilberforce, Ware, Abingdon, and the new build areas. Gangs previously identified have withdrawn from the estate.

Pickpocketing in Station Road is now a hotspot. A 2 day operation took place last week with plain clothes officers brought in, and 70 stop and searches took place in Station Road and the Broadwalk. No crimes were committed during those 2 days.

Youth Diversion – Nutmeg has been short-listed for the Spirit of London Award. 'One Youth' magazine for young people has been launched at London Academy, also to be distributed to other schools. 70 young people attended a discussion on 'Black History' at 'Simply Scrumptious Crepe Restaurant'. A Nutmeg Crepe was created and a donation to

Nutmeg will be made for every Nutmeg Crepe sold. Unity Event in September was held as part of London's Week of Peace. This was the 6<sup>th</sup> Concert Event organised by Nutmeg, 500 young people attended, workshops were well visited, and in total 3000 young people have been attracted to the events. Nutmeg are now in discussions with Barnet about future events.

North Broadfields Estate has become a priority patrol area. Increased calls around Bushfield Crescent and Springwood, several robberies on Hale border., firework issues around Tayside, youths loitering on Cromarty and Pentland Drive.

### **New Issues**

Youths Loitering and causing stress in Bushfield Crescent

More homeless people around Station Road, begging and drinking, and efforts continue to be made to find places for them with Homeless charities

### **Priorities**

The agreed priorities are as follows:

- Reducing drug dealing and use of illegal drugs on Stonegrove
- Reduce pickpocketing on Station Road
- Youth ASB in North Broadfields
- Youth Diversion

### **Any Other Business**

The Remembrance Day Parade will take place on Sunday and the team will police as usual

The Annual General Meeting will be held on 12 January 2011, and the venue will be announced in due course.