

**DRAFT MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE EDGWARE SNT WARD  
PANEL HELD ON WEDNESDAY 15 SEPTEMBER AT 7.30PM AT THE  
LONDON ACADEMY, SPUR ROAD, EDGWARE**

**Present:** M.C(Chairman),Sgt.Reid,SK,MC,HL,JJJ,AR,SM,CS,SP,MC,MO,AF,TW,  
DC,DB,SR,DY,NG,CB

**Apologies:** FM,HI,SB,AG,DMC,LC,AB,CF,PM

**Chairman's welcome:**

The Chairman welcomed SP and MC to the meeting.

The next meeting of the Ward Panel would be the last before the AGM. He and SK will not be standing again for the Chair and Secretary and that it was time for 'new blood'.

**Minutes of Previous Meeting:**

The first meeting of the Edgware Business Liaison Forum was lengthy but well attended, and had great ambitions. Another meeting was held but SK was not notified and did not attend, and the next meeting had been arranged coincidentally with the SNT meeting.

SK informed the meeting that the Boot Sale at Spur Road had ceased after Barnet had intervened following their 14 sale days. The Boot Fair has now moved to another site.

**SP and MC – Barratts Homes**

The next phase will be Sterling Court. The site is vacant and work can proceed immediately. The social and tenant mix will be agreed during the next few weeks with wider consultation with Barnet and the wider public.

Blocks A and B of Sterling Green are under construction with C, D, and E, to follow. This should be completed by August 2011.

There was considerable discussion about the planned facilities for children on the site, with firm agreement that Barnet and Barratts should provide sufficient space and facilities for community leisure. The plans presented by SP/MC seemed to show far too little space allocation, and it was feared that the plans might already have been approved, and that it might be too late to change them. Barratts were asked to report back to the next meeting with more precise details of the planned space and facility allocation. SP/MC were questioned quite heatedly by the panel, but MC thanked them for their presentation and clarity, and looked forward to further news at the next meeting. AF expressed his concern as to what if anything is going behind Gate 3 as it is inaccessible.

**Edgware Hub Team**

With Christmas approaching an increase in pickpockets is expected. Private sector investment has been sought to fund plans to counter this problem

250 people have attended public surgeries during the last few weeks

Extra patrols were initiated to cover the return to schools.

More coverage has been given to peak travel hours

A PCSO detained and arrested a man who had just committed a robbery

Operation DORADO focused on theft on bus routes.

### **Edgware Update**

Street briefings were held in Hartland Drive, Park Grove.

Budget issues are currently under discussion together with the future of SNT's, and it is likely that there will be changes.

A homeless man was arrested outside the library and has now left Edgware

Stonegrove Funday, hosted by Nutmeg, was a great success.

A new play area has been allocated between Farm Road and Brook Avenue. There are concerns because it is quite a dark area, will require constant cleaning because of condoms and 'needles'.

5 Search Warrants around Stonegrove resulted in 6 arrests for drugs.

There were dedicated patrols around 16 sites in Edgware area, and Barnet –wide to cover the High Holy Days. There appears to have been some hostile monitoring with passing cars taking photographs.

3 swastikas were painted on the walls of Tesco in Hale Lane and were overpainted by Barnet.

2 football tournaments were held and KFC provided refreshments

'Shopwatch' in Station Road will start 7/10 and has generated considerable interest.

Burglaries have been reduced and the team is assisting Operation Jupiter to reduce them further. Station Road is the worst hot spot in Barnet for shoplifting, pickpockets youth ASBs.

Response to Halloween will require extra shifts and two weekends

Remembrance Sunday is being planned.

#### Pickpocket Issues

- extra plain clothes patrols
- shopwatch radio scheme
- more people stopped around Station Road
- targeting known suspects

Hale side of Glengall has had an increase of ASB's after complaints from Bushfield Crescent

'Green Spaces' have said no to Youth Shelter

3 members of a problem group in Broadfields were arrested by Hale for burglary in Kenilworth

Gang activities starting to creep in at Edgware Bus Station

Crime stats briefly discussed

3 garages burnt in Heronsgate have been demolished, and owners are tidying others and removing further hazards. A homeless group is living in one of the garages, and some are rented out.

#### **Priorities Update**

Gang culture has taken root in Stonegrove, with injury to police officers intended. Handguns, ammunition, machete, knives have been found with intent to establish no-go area, but this will be tackled with a high visibility response. There are double patrols only with assistance from TSG and other resources. A Youtube video has been posted with mention of SNT. 5 Search Warrants have been issued with 3 arrested for drug supply. The problems are seated in the new build area but residents seem too frightened to talk.

This situation has demanded considerable effort by the team and other priorities will be dealt with as circumstances permit.

#### **NUTMEG**

Amanda and Suzie voted 'Young People of the Month' for all their wonderful help and support.

The next event, 'In Unity' will be held on 25/9 from 5.00pm until it finishes, with the theme 'Give Back, Not Your Back'. To encourage young people to become more

involved in the community. There will be a Jewish Stand (thanks to MC), there will be giveaways, and young people will be asked to register as helpers for London 2012.

In August there was a young people football tournament, and an adult tournament too.

There is a new Nutmeg Website which is hoped to be launched on 25/9

### **New Issues**

Noise at back of Bushfield Crescent

Springwood – new residents causing problems

Concerns about knives from Stonegrove could affect Nutmeg on 25/9

### **Priorities**

The 'Vagrant' issue will be replaced by 'Heronsgate garages'.

The agreed PSP's will now be:

- Reducing drug dealing and use of illegal drugs on Stonegrove
- Youth ASB on Bushfield and Glengall
- Reducing pick pocketing incidents
- Heronsgate Garages.

### **Any Other Business**

There was a burglary in Hartland Drive at the beginning of September. The front door was broken down and a safe was ripped from the bedroom. The home must have been watched.

**The Next Meeting will be on Wednesday November 10<sup>th</sup> 2010 at the London Academy at 7.30pm**