

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE EDGWARE SNT WARD PANEL  
HELD ON WEDNESDAY 14 JULY 2010 AT 7 30 PM AT  
THE LONDON ACADEMY, SPUR ROAD, EDGWARE**

**Present:** M.C(Chairman),Sgt.Reid,SK,AF,HA,NL,DC,LC,SB,JJJ,PD,SM,SP,MC,  
SR, AG,PM,DB,IB,CS,HI,FH

**Apologies:** HL,DC,AB,NG,EB,MW,CF,MR,SB,AT,DMCK

**Chairman's welcome**

The Chairman welcomed SP and MC to the meeting.

Congratulations to HI on receiving the MBE for the enormous efforts put into the community work she is undertaking. Everyone present felt that the award was well deserved.

**Minutes of previous meeting**

On page 2 the penultimate line should read 'immigration'. There being no other matters arising the Minutes of the previous meeting were approved and duly signed.

**SP and MC from Barratts Homes**

Outlined the latest position regarding the regeneration programme which was helpful and informative.

They said that construction is a little behind schedule due to problems beyond the control of the developers. However they are now working flat out to make up some of the lost time. The next section of 'Sterling Green' is now ready to go ahead as the last remaining tenant has left.

'Academy Court' is now occupied. However the new residents are suffering from problems caused by some antisocial Stonegrove residents but this matter is in hand.

AF raised the question of funding and was advised that the funding situation is fluid due to the present unpredictable economic circumstances. However the developers are attempting to keep on top of the situation and are hopeful that they will be able to complete the project as planned.

**Hemant Amin**

As Business Liaison Officer at LBB he informed us that his present role is to develop plans to revive Edgware Town Centre as it is in decline. He said that a meeting was planned for local business people to air their views at Quaker Hall, Rectory Lane at 6.pm on 2<sup>nd</sup> August. He hoped that as a result of the meeting a forum of Edgware business people together with some residents would be formed. This new forum would help the Council to shape plans and develop ideas to rejuvenate Edgware Town Centre. All are welcome to attend this meeting and EWP have said they will do all they can to support the exercise.

Mr Amin said that Harrow Council is working closely with Barnet on this project as they have a shared interest here. JJJ asked about the dilapidated Railway Hotel. Mr Amin said that it may be redeveloped as a hotel or it may get permission for housing but at the moment no-one is sure as LBB is open to suggestions and applications.

### **Policing Pledge**

Sgt Reid advised that Theresa May has asked that this be scrapped! However it appears at the moment that it is still being used as a tool for Neighbourhood Policing. There is no suggestion that Neighbourhood Policing is under threat.

There is an Edgware SNT surgery held at the Broadwalk every Tuesday 2.-4pm. However Harrow SNT has decided to participate no longer as they feel that too few of their residents turn up to make it worthwhile for them.

There are to be more 'street weeks' in Edgware.

### **Hub Team**

A map of the area covered by the HUB was displayed. DC advised that the meeting at Edgware Library in June, advising members of the public how to register phones and other devices so that they could be identified by Police and returned in the event of theft, had been most successful. Another meeting is being arranged for September.

It appears that youngsters, travelling on buses and trains, who are not in possession of their passes are being fined. In many instances this is causing serious hardship. It has now been proposed that, where appropriate, a form of community work be used to replace the fines. It was felt that this might be a more effective approach and worth trying.

12hr patrols will be operating during the holiday period.

Incidents of crime on the buses are down by 60% which is excellent.

Arrests are down.

NWLAP deals with pickpockets etc. ASBOs may be given out.

### **What has been happening in Edgware**

Street briefings have been held in Hemming Rd. and Heronsgate.

Increasing public meetings.

Springwood Crescent car park had a serious fire.

Burglaries are on the increase. Police are working hard on this problem.

There has been a serious fire in Heronsgate which was started in the garages by someone who was suicidal. However, it has now brought to the fore the disgraceful state of the garages behind Heronsgate. An attempt to involve LBB together with the owners to pull down the garages is in progress.

It is becoming a very serious issue due to the very nature and condition of the buildings. HA agreed to take this matter up with LBB as it is so serious and must be dealt with as a matter of urgency. Sgt. R will also be in touch with Cllr.Y on the matter.

Car boot problems continue despite LBB having expressed the opinion that there is no problem. SK proposed that the owners of the farm be contacted to establish the conditions contained in the lease. The last car boot sale date for this year is 1 August. That will complete the '14 Sundays per year' when they are allowed to run the car boot sales on that site .

Cllr Y will also be asked again to see if he can press this matter more urgently with LBB. JJJ suggested our London Assembly member be contacted. It has also been suggested we invite the farmer to a meeting.

Edgware partnership are involved in work experience which is proving very interesting.

Drug use on the flat roof of Nat. West Bank has been dealt with.

There were no incidents in Edgware during the World Cup.

We now have a homeless man living outside Edgware library. He is being fed and watered by well meaning people passing by. However he is far from being 'in need' as he has been offered housing etc., and carries quite a large quantity of cash on him. He pretends not to speak English and is a Romanian who understands all he wants to understand when it suits him. Sgt. Reid is dealing with situation as a matter of urgency. Now that the man has started defecating and urinating openly in public at the side of the library this has become an intolerable situation.

Sgt R said that the 5<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the death of Kiyon Prince had been commemorated. This was marked by the students at the London Academy with a ceremony by the gates where he fell. It was a moving occasion for all those involved.

Mini motos are back, particularly in Warrens Shawe Lane, however this matter is in hand as Sgt.R is aware of who is involved.

Jewish High Holydays are approaching. Things will be easier this year as they mostly fall on weekdays

**Crime Statistics** – burglaries in May went up. Crime in the area is on the increase which is not good news.

Sgt. R introduced our new PC Spencer Beaumont.

Music videos are being shot in Ware Ct which has been a nuisance problem for the residents.

ASBs in Garrick Ct.

Noise late at night and residents are having trouble sleeping.

There are a group of people in Penniwell Close causing problems.

Pick pocketing is on the increase. A video 'still' was shown of an actual pick pocketing incident involved a woman losing £8000 from an open handbag in a shop in Edgware.

The 'Shopwatch' radio system is working well.

Sgt.R has been visiting the Banks to see what can be done to assist with people openly drawing large amounts of cash over the counter. There are, in the main, no private rooms which can be used for this due to the fact that the bank are not insured if they transfer cash to customers anywhere other than over the counters .

The gates are being locked early in Stoneyfields Park as a reaction to the SNT trying to get young people to use the park rather than be on the streets. To put up a youth shelter would cost in the region of £8-£10000. There are currently no funds available for this. It was agreed that the EWP would write to LBB regarding the issue of locking the park early as the youngsters need somewhere to go to.

### **Nutmeg**

Are delivering an 8 week programme on drug and alcohol abuse. Their work is incredible and they are arranging a ceremony at Everglade, Goldbeaters Grove on 4 August.

They are tendering for a new website. LBB want a meeting with Nutmeg to discuss various proposals. However MC made it clear that LBB should not be allowed to use Nutmeg as a way of taking kudos for the work Nutmeg do without paying a worthwhile price.

Their next event will be held at the Parish Hall, Rectory Lane on 25 September.

A football tournament in Edgwarebury Park will be held again this year. The funding needed for trophies for this event is £80-£90.

### **Rogue Builders**

Sgt R said that there is simply nothing more that can be done about this other than to answer a call as soon as the police are asked to attend. It was therefore suggested that this be dropped as a PSP.

### **New Issues**

Discussions took place at length regarding the issues concerning the vagrant man by Edgware Library, Heronsgate garage problems and Mini Motos in Warrens Shaw Lane. There is also a problem with parents parking on the road/grass verges outside the Academy to collect children, this will be looked into.

Also a problem was now being encountered outside Edgware Infants School whereby parents in cars are just dropping their children at any spot where they can stop their vehicles. The children are then being allowed to run across the road, in many instances without looking.

### **PSP's**

After a lengthy discussion it was decided that the 'Rogue Traders' PSP should be removed and replaced by the problem of the vagrant man living by Edgware Library. This change to PSP priorities was agreed unanimously by a show of hands.

Therefore the agreed PSPs will now be:-

- Reducing drug dealing and use of illegal drugs on Stonegrove
- Youth ASB on Bushfield and Glengall
- Reducing pick pocketing incidents
- Vagrant man by Edgware library.

### **AOB**

SR advised that Emma Brown the Stonegrove Youth Worker will now be funded for the next three years with an £80,000 grant from the Lottery Fund which is excellent news.

The Stonegrove Community Fun Day will be held on 4 September 12.30-3.30pm and all assistance and donations of any sort would be gratefully received. The event is being opened by our new MP Matthew Offord with various stalls offering free food etc.

DB informed us that Sgt.R had received a public commendation award from the Mayor of Barnet Councillor Anthony Finn and Borough Commander Chief Superintendent for exceptional efforts in helping to create Nutmeg. A round of applause for Sgt.R, what would we all do without him!

HA has been asked by Sgt. R to join the EWP. MC seconded the proposal which was accepted by the Panel and was warmly welcomed.

Finally congratulations again to HI on being awarded the MBE.

**There being no further business the meeting closed at 9.40pm**

**Next Meeting 18 September 2010 (this is the 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday)**

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