

**Minutes of the High Street Ward SNT Meeting held at
The Mall Walthamstow
3 December 2013**

Present	Philip Herlihy, Chair (PH) Sergeant Jay Champion (JC) PC Matt Fletcher Cllr Liaquat Ali Cllr Clare Coghill Michelle Finn, Ops Manager, The Mall Sandra da Costa, Stop & Search Team Themis Kyprianou – Ascham Homes (TK) Bob Wheatley, Local Resident (BW) Geoff Fernandes, Resident Norman Minter, Resident (NM) Karen Sambrook, Community Safety	Apologies	Insp Chris Jones Tim Bennett- Goodman Nelia Cetin Cllr Mahmood Hussain Katie Andrews Sandra da Costa
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Circulation SNT

Point	Details	Action
1.	Introduction & Welcome Meeting opened at 7:00pm	
2.	<p>Minutes of Previous Meeting The previous minutes were agreed with the following updates received and noted :</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Cleveland Park Avenue Cllr Coghill wanted to thank Karen Sambrook for her help and assistance in obtaining the signs that are now in place in this area. Both Cllr Coghill and Sgt Champion have been working with a drug and outreach service team in this area which appears to be having benefits. - The Embassy Club Cllr Coghill has been liaising with Head of Licencing to see if other issues have been raised and if a possible licencing review can take place. CC will update further at next meeting - Soup Kitchen Cllr Coghill attended the Soup Kitchen AGM and was made very welcome. Proposed sites have now been submitted, one falls within High Street Ward. A meeting has been planned for the New Year between Christian Kitchen and Action Aid to discuss how the Christian Kitchen can become more of a gateway to other services. Further updates to follow at future meetings. <p>For reference, suggested locations are : <i>Willow House Car Park; St James's Street Car Park and Wood Street Library Car Park.</i></p>	<p style="text-align: center;">CC</p> <p style="text-align: center;">CC & NM</p>

3. Priorities & Updates from previous Meeting

- Personal Theft
- Street Drinkers

Crime Figures

Burglary up from 19 to 30 (probably due to time of year)

Robbery down from 27 to 19

Motor Vehicle Crime up from 33 to 43

Sgt Champion commented that the team were actively leafleting residents regarding burglaries and ensuring windows and doors are locked (particularly UPVC). Regular patrols are being completed – Hoe Street is currently the hot spot.

Motor Vehicle Crime hot spot is currently Leytonstone.

The Team have been concentrating on Personal Theft and Robberies since last report and are please to advise there have been :

40 Arrests, 5 relating to street drinking.

44 48 hour bans issued

2 ASBOS issued

Crime prevention bus has been in the High Street raising awareness.

Operation Neptune set up to whereby second hand mobile phone retailers need to register. There have been 5 warrants issued on shops and 2 arrests.

November was spent addressing anti social behaviour due to increase in figures. There have been no major issues.

With the run up to Christmas there is likely to be a 50% increase on personal theft and therefore Officers will be monitoring the High Street closely. There are 15 trainee Constables joining the team for the Christmas period – this is in addition to the 4 dedicated Team Members.

Hatherley House

PC Fletcher and Cllr Coghill have been liaising with Landlords for Hatherley House regarding the anti social behaviour which appears to have stopped.

Tenby Court

The issue of dealing at Tenby Court has been addressed. A warrant has been issued and investigations are on going.

The Cluster

Sgt Champion gave a brief overview and update regarding The Cluster. There are 130 Officers, 90 of these are assigned to Safer Neighbourhood Portfolio. In total there are 3 clusters with 6 wards allocated to each one. Sgt Champion has responsibility for The Central Cluster. The High Street Ward falls within the Central Cluster – we have a Dedicated Ward Officer and a PCSO. We also have 4 dedicated funded officers bringing the total to 6. This gives the Team much more flexibility. It is important to remember though that the High Street may not always be a Hot Spot Area – if this does change then Officers may well be despatched to other areas when needed. Unfortunately there is no data produced to indicate how effective this new arrangement has been so far but it does seem positive.

<p>4.</p>	<p>Ward Promises (previously known as Priorities) Going Forward</p> <p>It was noted that the term “Priorities” has now been amended to “Ward Promises” Priorities are now set for The Cluster and are more longer term and centrally driven.</p> <p>The Ward Promises are :</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Street Drinkers - Personal Theft 	
<p>5.</p>	<p>AOB</p> <p>Cyclists on High Street Bob Wheatley raised the issue of Cyclists on the High Street particularly at Sainsbury’s. Sgt Champion has met with Market Traders and agreed there continues to be an issue. The team will try to be more robust with offenders but it is difficult to stop them.</p> <p>Personal Safety Cllr Coghill and Cllr Ali attended an event to End Violence against Women and wanted to share with the group how much work goes on in this area. There was discussion held about the benefits of such organisations. Further updates will be given at future meetings.</p> <p>Stoney Down Park Cllr Coghill raised an issue with drug dealing in this area. Sgt Champion to investigate.</p> <p>Betting Shops Phil Herlihy raised the subject of Betting Shops. There has been a huge campaign trying to stop further additions in Leytonstone but unfortunately it was felt that the justification on anti social behaviour alone was not enough to prevent the licence being issued. There was discussion again around the difficulties faced in trying to oppose planning in these areas. Cllr Coghill confirmed the 3 areas that can prevent them are :</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Gambling in an unfair way 2. Potential harm to children and the vulnerable 3. Crime and disorder. <p>Sale of Alcohol There has been some success in restricting the sale of super strength alcohol. Karen Sambrook advised the group that a number of Off Licences have agreed not to sell them. New applications also have conditions set in this regard.</p> <p>Vote for Chair Deferred to next meeting</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">JC</p> <p style="text-align: center;">All</p>
<p>6.</p>	<p>Date of Next Meeting 12 February, 7pm at The Mall, Walthamstow</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">All</p>