

**Minutes of the High Street Ward SNT Meeting held at
The Mall Walthamstow
19th November 2014**

Attendees

Chair - Philip Herlihy (PH)

Note taker - Kuldeep Kc Chumber (Security Manager – The Mall Walthamstow) (KC)

Police -
Sergeant Jay Champion (JC)
PC Matt Fletcher (MF)

Claire Coghill - Lead Member- Economic Growth and High Streets (CC)
Sandra da Costa - Stop & Search (SdC)
Themis Kyprianou - Ascham Homes (TK)
Norman Minter - Resident (NM)
Tommy Anderson - Resident (TA)

Apologies

Liaquat Ali
Frances Shoesmith
Mahmood Hussain
Katy Andrews
Caramel Quinn
Jeff Fernandez
Nelia Cetin
Bob Wheatley
Irene Picton

Meeting Commenced: 7:05pm
Meeting Ended: 9:05pm

Point	Details	Action
1.	<p><u>Introduction & Welcome.</u></p> <p>Philip announced that he will be standing down as chair as of next year November, and indicated that a volunteer for the role of chair would be needed.</p> <p>PH briefed the panel about MOPAC (https://www.london.gov.uk/priorities/policing-crime/about-mopac) and the Waltham Forest Safer Neighbourhood Board.</p> <p>A reminder was also given to the group that due to the sensitivity / confidential nature of discussions during the course of these meetings, content should not be shared externally.</p>	ALL
2.	<p><u>Minutes of Previous Meeting.</u></p> <p>The previous minutes were agreed with the following updates noted.</p> <p>The Cash Point distractions reported at previous meetings, at present there has been a reduction in this form of crime.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • In total 54 offences, this figure includes 3 individuals who operate in this area and surrounding areas such as Ilford and Forest Gate. • To note, not all ATM's have CCTV installed and also CCTV coverage in the vicinity of the ATM's in the area are minimum. • Cash point distraction crime is an ongoing and active issue within the ward and borough as a whole. 	
3.	<p><u>Police recruitment and presence.</u></p> <p>Sgt Champion advised that The Borough were around 30 Officers short of the targeted 119 however recruitment is ongoing and further information will be provided at next meeting.</p> <p>The update as it stands is that the targets of recruitment are being met.</p>	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Borough has been the hub for new recruits there have been on average 15 new recruits compared to the expected 7 recruits in until March 2015. • With the increased number of new recruits there has been a obvious visible presence in the ward and surrounding area in a whole, which has in turn helped reduced such crimes as pick pocketing. 	
<p>4.</p>	<p>Police Promises, News and Tactics</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Personal Theft • Street Drinkers • Injury from Violence <p>Crime Figures (12 week reporting period) Burglary down from 29 to 15 Robbery down from 22 to 15 Motor Vehicle Crime down from 30 to 22</p> <p>The Pulse Patrols and Digital Mapping in hot spot areas continue to have a positive impact on crime as highlighted in the figures reported above.</p> <p>Discussion of the use of Palantir Predictive Crime System, within the borough and the positive effects in the pulse patrol hotspots.</p> <p>For information on Palantir please check link: https://www.palantir.com/</p> <p>It was mentioned that if more members of the public had/will report crimes the more the figures will go up but also the case for funding will also be reinforced.</p> <p>Violence and injury.</p> <p>There were three major incident that had occurred since the last ward meeting they were:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The Hatherley road murder in which unfortunately a lady had lost her life, in front of her child. The murder suspect in question to this case was successfully arrested by a safer transport police officer, on the high street. Although it was a tragedy there has been positive feedback and praise for the police, and the way the case was dealt with. 2. Double stabbing outside the library, high street market square area, and both parties knew each other, instant response from police and suspect was arrested within 5 minutes of call. This is an ongoing investigation. 3. Stonydown Park stabbing, in which a park warden was stabbed in the neck from behind, whilst locking up the gates of the park, victim was hurt, needed stitches however, injuries not life threatening. No suspects as of yet, investigation ongoing. <p><u>Section 35 replacing Section 27</u></p> <p>As from 20th October 2014, section 27 of the Violent Crime Reduction Act 2006 will be replaced by Section 35 of the Anti-social Behaviour, Crime and Policing Act 2014. This will therefore mean to exclude someone from a specific are there has to be 48 hours notice before hand to an Inspector to authorise the exclusion in order for it to be enforceable.</p> <p>Please see links for more insight into Acts:</p>	

	<p>Section 27 - http://www.legislation.gov.uk/ukpga/2006/38/section/27</p> <p>Section 35 - http://www.legislation.gov.uk/ukpga/2014/12/part/3/enacted?view=plain</p> <p><u>Operation Lockdown.</u> The purpose and scope of the operation was and is to have heavy presence of uniformed officers within the ward.</p> <p>Operation lockdown was introduced last year December and was a success as figures will show 40% in crime in that time and is also seen a positive effect in the MOPAC 7 crimes focus.</p>	
<p>5.</p>	<p><u>AOB</u></p> <p>Erskine Road</p> <p>Tommy has previously mentioned that a site in Erskine Road is shortly to become available and this may be an ideal location for a Youth Club. Although this falls within William Morris Ward.</p> <p>Claire Coghill suggested there are so many local community facilities within the area it is highly unlikely for this proposal to go through. The future use of this site will be discussed in the Town hall.</p> <p>Youth Funding</p> <p>The funding of youth engagement programmes. The funding allocation by MOPAC was of £29k, the initial figure was £35k in which expenses and admin had been accounted for.</p> <p>There are two projects which have been shortlisted and proposed they are:</p> <p>Young Independent Advisors Group. Growing Against Gang Violence which is active in secondary school but with this funding (if successful), will be introduced in primary schools.</p> <p>Please check link: http://www.gagv.co.uk/</p> <p>The question raised by one of the panel members was that, does this ward have an active gang culture and gang which is active in the area? Not necessarily and not identified officially, mostly there have been issues of active dealing of drugs, more of a dealing turf issue, e.g. Essex close, Tenby court etc. No established gangs in area as of such, compared to such gangs as William Morris “Grey Gang”.</p> <p>A good book to read was mentioned, in relation to youth gang culture which was, “Hood Rats”: Please check link: http://www.theguardian.com/society/2011/jul/10/hood-rat-gavin-knight-gangs-review).</p> <p>The topic of youth treatment and their support issues after institutionalised rehabilitation, it was mentioned the treatment of youths in such institutions will give a negative effect on them and most of the children involved are of special needs. The enough is enough document was also mentioned in relation to the topic.</p> <p>Please check PDF in relation to enough is enough document: http://www.centreforsocialjustice.org.uk/UserStorage/pdf/Pdf%20reports/enough.pdf</p>	

	<p>Youth Independent Advisory Group Survey As per previous meeting, Sandra da Costa confirmed that a Survey was due to be issued shortly to schools in the Borough asking how safe young people feel. Sandra will report back at next meeting with outcomes and results.</p> <p>Tenby Court Themis Kyprianou advised that there were still some issues at Tenby Court but that plans were still progressing for railings which will hopefully resolve these with the correct funding. Themis and PC Matt Fletcher to arrange a walk around and visit the location and talk to residents regularly. There has been a rise in youth activities in the Ascham Homes properties area and its vicinity.</p> <p>Burglar Alarm Discounts It had been suggested as in Leytonstone, it will be a good idea to apply for group discount for local residents who want to have burglar alarm installed.</p>	<p>SdC</p> <p>TK & MF</p>
--	---	-------------------------------