

**Minutes of the High Street Ward SNT Meeting held at
The Mall Walthamstow
28th of January 2015**

Present Philip Herlihy, Chair (PH)
Kuldeep Chumber (KC) - Mall Security
Inspector Chris Jones (CJ)
Sergeant Jay Champion (JC)
PC Matt Fletcher (MF)
Themis Kyprianou – Ascham Homes (TK)
Norman Minter (NM)
Katy Andrews (KA)
Andre Henry (AH)
Serena Barton (SB)

Meeting opened at 1900 hours
Meeting closed at 2100 hours

Apologies Liaquat Ali
Clare Coghill
Frances Shoesmith
Mahmood Hussain
Caramel Quinn
Jeff Fernandez
Nelia Cetin
Bob Wheatley
Irene Picton
Tommy Anderson
(TA)
Harry Constantiou
Sandra da Costa
(SdC)

Point	Details	Action
1.	<p>Introduction & Welcome</p> <p>Despite advertising the first hour of this meeting as an open public forum, there were no members of the public who attended to voice their concerns. There was also a large amount of apologies in relation to this meeting, most notable all three of the local councillors.</p> <p>Following on from the last meeting 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> <p>It was reaffirmed by PH that he would like considerations for those who could take over the role of Chair but that he is happy to continue this role for now.</p> <p>CJ was welcomed to the first meeting of the year and stated he would be happy to provide overall crime figures for those who were interested either during or after the meeting.</p>	
2.	<p>Minutes of Previous Meeting</p> <p>The previous minutes were agreed.</p>	
3.	<p>Police recruitment and presence.</p> <p>JC updated that recruitment is still taking place and will continue during the rest of this year. It was explained that officers will be going to NPT and Response Teams and will continue to complete their Street Duties training on the High Street at the present time. This has the obvious advantage for the ward as having an obvious visible presence in the ward and surrounding area in a whole. This continues to reduce crimes such as pick pocketing and ATM thefts.</p>	

4. Promises & Updates from previous meeting

The Ward Promises for the next period are :

- Personal Theft
- Street Drinkers/ASB
- Violence Against the Person

These were considered still appropriate from the last meeting and no other Promises were suggested.

Crime Figures (12 week reporting period)

Burglary: = 17 Previous 12 week figures (13) (15) (29) (41)

Robbery: = 13 (12) (15) (22) (18)

MV Crime: = 18 (18) (22) (30) (43)

This was explained by JC to be related to the seasonal increase from Christmas. The increase was not significant enough to be a concern.

Sec 35 Banning Orders

As from the last meeting two days of action had been run where the S35 Power had been authorised (see previous minutes for links explaining the powers).

17 bans issued during these two days of action. Alcohol seized and people stopped ordered to leave the area and not return for 48 hours.

Town Centre Team / High St NPT Arrests

JC advised that the Town Centre and High Street NPT had a combined 135 arrests over the last 3 months. These offences were across a broad range of arrests including drugs, fraud, Handling Stolen Goods (HSG), Possession With Intent To Supply (PWITS) and Grievous Bodily Harm (GBH).

Street Drinking arrests

JC advised that there were 16 arrests that were related to street drinking, including Breach of S.35 Order and Public Order Offences.

Good News stories

JC provided information about the following incidents:

An arrest for PWITS in Leucha Road, E17. Male found in possession of 70 wraps of Class A Drugs.

Several arrests for possession of Class A Drugs throughout the High Street Ward.

An arrest for Essex Police relating to Terrorism where Street Duties detained and arrested and contained the items relating to this.

An off duty officer coming into work arresting and detaining a male for Sexual Assault on a train.

Knife and drug related arrests in Gillards Mews.

A Knife found in van in Courtney Mews leading to an arrest.

Two pickpockets arrested on the High St.

<p>5.</p>	<p>AOB</p> <p>Walkabout With Ascham Homes Walkabout between TK and MF on 27/01/15 around Tenby Court and Essex Close. No-one seen at the time hanging around, but residents are still complaining about youths congregating and possibly dealing/smoking drugs. Patrols will continue and any relevant information will be passed by TK to MF.</p> <p>Drug Dealing St James Street End of the High Street It was raised by KA that open drug dealing was going on in the High Street down the bottom end towards St James Street. This was impacting on the local residents who felt that no action was being taken and it was also intimidating users of the shops, which meant business was suffering. It was explained by JC that an operation was currently being done at the bottom end of the High Street, but that at the present time details were not able to be discussed. It was agreed that JC would be able to feed back on this operation relating to drug dealing for the next meeting once it was complete. Patrols still continue down this end of the High Street</p> <p>Cost of Calls to Police to report It was also raised by KA that the cost of calling Police may be a factor stopping members of the public from reporting to Police, especially if they are a repeat caller for ASB issues. It was explained by KA that the cost appeared to be higher when KA called from a mobile. PH stated that he was aware that it was a flat-rate call cost but that it would be looked into.</p> <p>N.B. Subsequent to the meeting PH was able to confirm that it is a flat-rate call cost of 15p per minute from either mobile or landline. See: https://www.gov.uk/call-charges.</p> <p>Neighbourhood Watch MF reminded those at the meeting that Neighbourhood Watch schemes are being set up, including a couple of very good new ones in Chester Road and Pretoria Avenue. Advice given for anyone interested to get in contact with MF.</p> <p>Survey SdC was not present during the meeting so was not able to feed back on the results of the survey into how safe young people feel in the borough. Awaits update from SdC at the next meeting.</p>	<p>JC</p> <p>SdC</p>
<p>6.</p>	<p>Date of Next Meeting</p> <p>Arranged for 25/03/15.</p>	<p>All</p>