

FULWELL & HAMPTON HILL WARD

POLICE LIAISON GROUP MEETING

THURSDAY 1ST DECEMBER 2011 @ 7.00pm

THE ROEBUCK PUB, HAMPTON ROAD, HAMPTON HILL

MINUTES

ATTENDEES:

Kirstie Craig (Chair); Julie Hill (Secretary); Sgt Nicola Pike; PCSO Lisa Milton White; PCSO Dean Monckton; PCSO Matt Wells; Cllr. J. Elloy; Maureen Gibson; Paula King; Paul Luton; Jean Doherty; Annie Murray; Gerrard Raven; Peter Lynn. Eileen McLeish; Judi McCormack; Roger Goodier; David Lawton; Roy Branch;

APOLOGIES:

Carole Atkinson; Jane Gibson; Cllr Cardy.

1. Welcome and Apologies

Residents were welcomed and introductions made. Apologies noted, along with one from the Secretary, as there had been some confusion over the time of the Meeting.

2. Minutes of the last Meeting

These were agreed as being a true record with the note that the sentence (Item 6) should have read "the *Dissident Irish*" as per the amended copy already issued.

3. Matters Arising

7.7 NHW Map – Carole Atkinson was not able to attend the meeting so this item was carried forward to the next meeting. ACTION: CAROLE ATKINSON

4. Chair's Update

Domestic Violence – The White Ribbon Campaign was announced at the recent Community Police Partnership Meeting and will run until 14th December. A very successful event had taken place at the Rugby Ground last weekend and Linda Bellingham will be fronting the campaign. Residents were encouraged to report any instances of domestic violence - verbal and physical.

Operation Hawk - As part of the commissioner's "war on crime", Safer Neighbourhood Teams joined up on a major operation across the Borough, cracking down on neighbourhood criminals. Amongst those targeted were those believed to be responsible for various scrap metal thefts and arrests have been made.

Sheds thefts - Bike thefts from sheds remain high. It is believed that people are coming into the Borough to steal high value bikes and residents were asked to ensure their bikes and sheds were securely locked.

4. Chair's Update (contd.)

Dodgy Websites – In the run up to Christmas especially, scams and fake shopping websites are plentiful. Residents were advised to visit: www.actionfraud.org.uk for information and to report fraud, online scams or computer viruses. Telephone number: 0300 123 2040.

Visibility Focal Point Officer – This initiative launches on 7th December, whereby a Police Officer is regularly in one place, offering high visibility support and reassurance to the public.

5. General Report from the Police

Sgt Nichola Pike gave the General Report. Crime is reducing on the Ward compared to last year and Fulwell and Hampton Hill continues to be one of the safest Wards in the Borough.

One robbery had taken place in Hampton Road (mobile phone theft) and the other near Fulwell Bus Station (handbag theft). Both took place early in the evening.

A Sexual Assault had taken place in Burtons Road and Police suspect it was carried out by the same person who stole the handbag. The suspect is in his early 20s tall slim with dark spiky hair. An E-fit is being circulated and anyone who thinks they recognise the suspect is asked to contact the Police on 101.

There had been two thefts of motor vehicles and residents were reminded to ensure their cars are locked – even when on driveways – and that nothing is left on display inside.

A lady had been stopped in Wolsley Road by a man saying he had been working on her neighbour's roof and had noticed that her roof needed work doing and asked for cash to repair it. She became suspicious and he made off.

In the run up to Christmas, residents were urged not to leave presents on display, to close their curtains at night and after Christmas, not to leave empty boxes outside their houses.

Youth engagement remains a priority and various initiatives are taking place.

The Christmas Parade had gone very well and there were no problems in the High Street to report.

A Neighbourhood Watch Co-ordinator mentioned a woman who had been begging on the bus. Apparently she is well known for travelling on buses asking for money. Anyone seeing her do this on a bus should alert the bus driver and not to give her money. PCSO Lisa Milton-White said she would try to find out the lady's name and whether she has a social worker.

A reminder to all that the Safer Neighbourhood Team can mark bikes, mobile phones, help with the setting up of a Neighbourhood Watch and conduct home security checks. They also maintain a Vulnerable Person's Database, to look out for those who live alone.

With the Olympics in 2012, shifts from May to September will be completely changed and as a result, there will not be a Police Liaison Group Meeting in June.

6. Local Issues and Concerns

6.1 NHW Schemes – There is no limit on the size of a Neighbourhood Watch and if numbers are small, roads can be linked. The SNT can help with this.

6.2 Vulnerable People – Residents were encouraged to inform the Police if they know any vulnerable people. PCSO Milton-White said she would look into a particular case that was mentioned at the meeting.

6.3 Safe Parks – Annie Murray, co-chair of The Friends of Bushy & Home Parks reported that she had attended a Safe Parks Meeting as there had been a lot of vandalism and there was concern about the level of policing in the Park, particularly at night. The toilets by children's playground had just been refurbished and the following night they were trashed. Wooden cradles around the trees are being broken and either burnt or leant up against boundary walls and climbed up. The gates to the Park are not locked at night and many people either on foot or bicycle use it as a cut through. Sgt Pike confirmed that the SNT does liaise with the Parks Police and can organise joint operations and it was hoped that the Parks Police could be asked to patrol later.

7. Setting New Priorities for the Ward

After discussion, the Ward priorities were agreed as:

Burglary
Youth Engagement
Motor Vehicle Crime

8. Any Other Business

8.1 Meeting Venues - With ever tightening budgets, SNTs are being encouraged to find venues that are free and also want to engage with as many areas of the community as possible. Schools for example, can provide a good opportunity to engage with young people. Suggestions for future venues welcomed.

8.2 NHW – A Neighbourhood Watch Co-ordinator asked for suggestions on how best to communicate information to residents. Some use email, some a letter drop or a mix of the two.

8.3 Thanks to PCSOs – Neighbourhood Watch Co-ordinator Peter Lynn gave a vote of thanks to PCSOs Dean Monckton and Matt Wells for keeping him up to date.

8.4 Street Briefings – The SNT can organise Street Briefings in residential roads to mark bicycles and mobile phones.

8.5 Mobile phone security – If your phone is lost or stolen, your air time provider and the Police will ask you for the IMEI (International Mobile Equipment Identity) number. To obtain this, you key ***#06#** on your phone key pad. Residents were encouraged to do so and to keep a separate note of the number in a safe, secure place.

8. Any Other Business (contd.)

8.6 Junior Citizens – Police engage with Junior Citizens and give them crime prevention advice, including how to note their IMEI number.

8.7 Shacklegate Lane Cemetery Gates – A resident reported people climbing over the gate at night. The Police are aware that some people use the cemetery as a cut through but will keep an eye on the situation.

9. Date and Time of next Meeting

Date: tbc
Venue: The Roebuck Pub (rear room)
Time: 7.00 pm

USEFUL INFORMATION AND TELEPHONE NUMBERS:

Crime figures, useful information and details of the Safer Neighbourhood Team can be found on the MET Police website: <http://www.met.police.uk>

NOISE

Richmond Council's Environmental Health staff operates a weekend noise service responding to noise complaints including parties, neighbour noise, car and burglar alarms and complaints about commercial premises.

Telephone 07944 038 495 (Friday and Saturday 10.00pm – 0300 am)

Calls at other times should be made to the following numbers:

- Noisy neighbours and domestic burglar alarms - 020 8891 7737
- Commercial Noise, building sites and car alarms - 020 8891 7994

If you change your email address please let the Secretary know. All details held in strictest confidence and Minutes will be blind copied to residents for privacy.