

# **FULWELL & HAMPTON HILL WARD POLICE LIAISON GROUP**

## **MEETING**

**THURSDAY 6<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER 2011 @ 7.30pm**

**The Greenwood Centre, School Road, Hampton Hill**

## **MINUTES**

### **ATTENDEES:**

Kirstie Craig (Chair); Sgt Nicola Pike; PC Stevens; PC Mitchell; PCSO Lisa Milton White; PCSO Monckton; Julie Hill (Secretary); Cllr. Cardy; Cllr. Elloy; Paula King; Maureen Gibson; Joyce Vince; Judi McCormack; Carole Atkinson; Roger Goodier; Denise Goodier; David Lawton; Eileen McLeish; Roy Branch; Peter Lynn.

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### **APOLOGIES:**

Cllr Eady; Jane Gibson.

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### **1. Welcome and apologies for absence**

New Chair Kirstie Craig welcomed everyone and introductions were made.

### **2. Minutes of the last Meeting**

These were agreed as being a true record with the following noted:

### **3. Matters Arising**

**7.7 NHW Map** – Carole Atkinson had not yet been able to make contact with the NHW Co-ordinator who had not received the map but would do so. ACTION: CA

**9.1 Big Issue Seller** – The aggressive seller outside M & S has now moved on.

**9.2 Foxes** – concerns were raised over the number of foxes in and around Oxford Road and one had actually entered a house through the cat flap. Apparently one resident was known to be encouraging foxes by feeding them. Cllr Cardy said the Council does not have a Policy with regard to foxes but it was key to ensure that they did not have an easy food supply. Cat food will also attract foxes and residents were advised not to leave wet food down. Carole Atkinson suggested that residents write to the Environmental Department at the Council as if enough did, the Council may be able to issue official guidance.

### **4. Chair's Update**

**New Commissioner** - The Met's new Commissioner has declared war on crime, targeting criminals using motor vehicles to commit crimes. Automatic Number-plate Registration (ANR) exercises carried out for a month in different locations across the Borough has been very successful in identifying vehicles with no tax or insurance. A resident gave an example of someone's number plates having been removed. The resident was given a set of special screws which fit most number plates to stop them being removed. Chair Kirsty Craig said it as key to report such instances so the police can look out for their registration.

**Recent Riots** – Although LBRuT was untouched by the recent disorders, a number of arrests had been made in Richmond in connection with the riots.

#### **4. Chair's Update** (contd)

**Joint Enterprising Training at Richmond College** – A theatre production about gangs and peer pressure, followed by discussions had been successful and was having a positive effect.

**Autumn Night Patrols** – These will be repeated again to stop the disturbance of egg throwing and anti social behaviour. Posters will be distributed.

**Hate Crime & ASB and Violence** – These are still priorities within the Borough.

#### **5. General Report from the Police**

Sgt Nicola Pike gave the crime figures from April to October last year compared to the same period this year:

Non residential burglary	26 down to 12
Robbery	3 to 3
Violence against person	24 to 15
Motor vehicle offences	19 to 13
Residential burglary	21 to 21

Crime generally has significantly reduced particularly relating to burglary with only one having been reported in the past 5 weeks. Two suspects gained entry from the rear whilst the owner was on holiday. A resident had seen two men carrying clipboards walking up and down the road earlier. Sgt Pike encouraged people to contact police if they see anything suspicious. Residents were asked to ensure their cars were always locked and not to leave valuables on display.

Youth Engagement – on 10th September the Team organised a successful football tournament at the Skate Park in Hampton Wick. About 30 young people on the Ward attended.

**Stanley School Poster Campaign** – The posters were now ready and would be judged by Neighbourhood Watch Co-ordinators at the close of the meeting. PCSO Lisa Milton-White has been working with the safety education team at the Council, Transport for London and London Ambulance. Some 1300 people were involved across the Borough, Stanley and Hampton Hill Schools participated and the Borough Commander had visited. It had been a very successful initiative.

**High Street** – There had been two offences at separate Barclays Bank cash-points where a device was placed on the cash-point. CCTV of one of the offences is being investigated. Residents were advised to cover their numbers when entering their pin and to be vigilant. The fascia on the cash-points is worn so if it suddenly looks completely clean, it may have a device across it. The advice is to use cash-points inside the bank, whenever possible and familiarise yourself with a particular machine so you can quickly spot if anything is different.

**Hampton Road** – Praise was given to the initiative whereby residents were given an opportunity to use the speed gun. This gave a valuable insight into the speed drivers were travelling, which at times was less than had been perceived.

**Halloween and Guy Fawkes Night** - Police are asking shop keepers not to sell eggs or flour to youths and to also warn about selling fireworks to those underage.

**Christmas Parade** – This will be held on 25<sup>th</sup> November and the procession will only be travelling in one direction this year. More people will take part in the procession and shops are planning on putting on a lot of activities for the children. Look out for Sgt Pike who will be dressed up too!

## **6. Talk by PC Bob Mitchell, Counter Terrorism Unit**

PC Bob Mitchell gave an informative talk about the work of the Counter Terrorism Unit. Although we are one of the safest Boroughs we should not be complacent. Terrorism presents a serious and sustained threat to the UK and UK interests abroad. The current threat level is assessed as “Substantial” – an attack is a strong possibility. In the Borough of Richmond there are crowded places, iconic locations such as the Rugby Ground, transport infrastructure – rail, road, river and airport - and a potential international impact, as we are seen as London. Teddington Lock is the first challenge point for anyone coming up the river by boat. The Dissident Irish tend to target infrastructure, whereas Al Qaeda will target places where there are lots of people.

With the Olympics next year and the Borough used for both training and competitions, we could be seen as a soft target. PC Mitchell asked residents to be vigilant, protect computers and not to put any personal details in the dustbin – ensure that they are shredded or burnt.

Behavioural Risk Factors – know your environment and if you suspect anything, please contact the Safer Neighbourhood Team or the Counter Terrorism Unit. The telephone is manned 24 hours a day and is: 0800 789 321 or 020 8247 7163.

A presentation followed on “Operation Langley 2”, which showed real CCTV footage of two illegal immigrants who were arrested after being observed carrying out “hostile intelligence” on the rail and tube networks and also at various shopping centres. They were both arrested and subsequently charged with a recommendation for deportation – although it was not known if they were actually deported.

PC Mitchell summed up by saying it was important to raise awareness, not fear.

*If you suspect it, report it.*

## **7. Concerns from the Community**

7.1 A resident mentioned youths emptying full recycling boxes all over the road two weeks running and asked who they should call. Sgt Pike said 999 was the correct number to ring.

7.2 David Lawton raised concerns about young men selling low grade items and although he had felt sorry for him, he became abusive after no one was purchasing his items. Sgt Pike said generally these Peddlars were dropped off in groups and did not hold official licences. Residents should not buy from them and if anyone felt intimidated they should ring the Police. Residents were advised not to answer their door if they were not expecting anyone to visit.

7.3. A number of cases had been reported about Digital TV scams. Nothing is officially being done in this Borough until April 2012 so anyone knocking on a door offering to install a digi box will be bogus. Cards in this respect are available from the SNT.

7.4 Carole Atkinson said the Metropolitan Police Authority (MPA) - who fund the CPP and indirectly the PLGs and NHW - have asked residents to complete a questionnaire as to their **three priorities across London**. Residents were encouraged to complete this as funding rests on MPA continuing to fund us. The questionnaire can be found through this link: [www.mpa.gov.uk/publications/policing plans /haveyoursay](http://www.mpa.gov.uk/publications/policing%20plans%20haveyoursay) or telephone: 020 7202 0063. The consultation ends on Friday 25<sup>th</sup> November 2011.

## **8. Setting New Priorities for the Ward**

There are a lot of initiatives to engage young people. Cllr Cardy said the vast majority of young people on the Ward were very well behaved. Following a discussion, it was agreed that the Priorities will remain as:

**Burglary  
High Street  
Youth Engagement**

## **9. Any Other Business**

None.

## **10. Date and Time of next Meeting**

**Venue: The Roebuck Pub**  
**Date: THURSDAY 1<sup>ST</sup> DECEMBER 2011 – **\*\*NEW DATE\*\*****  
**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.*