



## **COMMUNITY & POLICE PARTNERSHIP: Ham & Petersham Police Liaison Group (PLG) Minutes**

**Meeting Date:** Thursday 7 July 2011

**Venue:** Russell School, Meadlands Drive entrance

**PRESENT:** Sgnt Phil Ure, PC James McKenna, PC Steven Pratley, PCSO Anthony Elsmere, PCSO Jonathan Harrison, PCSO Neil Carter, Jean Loveland (Chair) and David Williams (Vice Chair) + 25 members (see Attendance list for details).

<b>No:</b>	<b>Minutes</b>
1.0	<b>APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE:</b> were received from Tasha Hunter, Brian Miller, Anne Powell and Susan Oliver.
2.0	<p><b>CHAIR'S UPDATE:</b> Jean Loveland opened the meeting and updated members on the latest CPP meeting chaired by Chief Superintendent Chalk, the Borough Commander advising that a copy of the Borough structure would be distributed with the minutes of this meeting. The issue of budget cutbacks was discussed and it was explained that these would be countered by "flexible policing" – using resources from other teams in the Borough when support was required on an ad hoc basis. The Chair advised that Mr Chalk was committed to SNT's and it was hoped the only change to the current teams in the borough would be a reduction of four sergeants.</p> <p><b>Action:</b> Send out CPP borough structure with the minutes.</p>
3.0	<b>MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING:</b> on 7 April 2011 were approved and there were no matters arising.
4.0	<b>POLICE REPORT</b>
4.1	Sgt Ure gave a verbal report for the last quarter reiterating the importance of community involvement with local policing. He advised that there were 8 or 9 regular members of the public that often popped into the office to discuss issues with the Police and all members of the PLG were encouraged to do so. Highlights from Sgt Ure's report included:
4.2	<b>ASB:</b> Members were advised that this was a bigger issue than had first appeared when Sgt Ure started work in April. The Council have compiled figures for the borough and there were 494 reports of ASB for the quarter. In May, the number of cases reported in Ham and Petersham exceeded that of both Richmond and Twickenham town centres by 12 cases. As a result of these figures, the MET want to know why Ham and Petersham have the highest reported incidents of ASB in the borough and are actively investigating why.
4.3	<p><b>ASB in Ashburnham Road:</b> was considered to be an epicentre for ASB especially with regard to mopeds. Sgt Ure confirmed that there was none or very limited criminal intent amongst young moped drivers, but rather it appeared to be a case of the youth not realising the impact of the noise they make on local residents. It was noted that the youth are very passionate about their mopeds and the SNT are looking for an alternative shelter so that the youth have somewhere safe to congregate with minimal disruption to the surrounding area.</p> <p>The SNT advised that Richmond is a pilot borough for ASB with this now being reported as a crime. As a result, specific areas, such as Ashburnham road will have an action plan attached to the ASB and this will be updated every 7 days.</p>
4.4	<p><b>ASB near Tesco's:</b> It was noted that four arrests had been made this week alone. The Police advised that they are now challenging ASB outside Tesco's and this is having an effect on the youth where they are, in some cases, become aggressive towards the police.</p> <p>The SNT recognise that they also need to work with the youth to build their trust and get them on board. Several young people had been invited to the PLG but had not accepted the offer (could it be for fear of a verbal lynching by the adults!)</p>

	<p>The local SNT have altered their shifts from 8pm to late and are meeting with the building and shop owners in a bid to get the boarded up buildings upgraded and improve the look of the area to help discourage ASB.</p> <p>A member noted that it was good news that the Police were focusing on ASB and not just crime prevention and law enforcement, but expressed concern over the focus placed solely on youth, with a warning given that kids lead by example and a suggestion that more should be done to prevent ASB by adults too. Many members agreed with this comment.</p>
4.5	<p><b>Grey Court School:</b> It was noted that Steve is getting to know the students and is managing to stop crime and keep the pupils safe, whilst discussing how the wider community might feel about some of their activities and it is believed that over time there will be a change in negative behaviour. Sgt Ure confirmed that there are clear, precise channels of communication with the Deputy Head and that this was invaluable.</p>
4.6	<p><b>Graffiti:</b> The SNT confirmed that they have been liaising with the Council and with RHP over the increase in graffiti, especially between Brandt and Hardwick Roads. It was noted that there is still an active database of tags and the Council confirmed that they are committee to removing graffiti as soon as possible. The SNT confirmed that they are able to set up rapid deployment cameras to try and catch the culprits.</p>
4.7	<p><b>Drugs:</b> The SNT advised that the problem of drugs seems to be isolated to a few specific areas. It was noted that four warrants were pending and the result of successful warrants was the boarding up of several buildings in the area. This will continue to remain a priority.</p>
4.8	<p><b>Ham Common Woods:</b> A member asked if it would be possible for the SNT to work with other agencies to educate the youth on the natural beauty of the woods in an attempt to prevent future vandalism of young trees being ripped out and school books being burnt causing serious damage to the delicate environment. This was notes and is a work in progress.</p>
4.9	<p><b>Attempted burglary:</b> A member informed that whilst the Police were viewing CCTV a suspicious man chanced down this road. The Police suspect he may have been chased off to "easier pickings".</p>
4.10	<p><b>Home security:</b> Members noted that the MET Police would fit locks to secure any home if the occupier felt unsafe.</p>
4.11	<p><b>Ham Copse:</b> A member advised the SNT that the copse was being used to dump rubbish and provided good cover for youth to smoke. It was suggested that the copse "just needs to be tidied up" with the cherry trees being thinned slightly. Sgt Ure confirmed that he would push this suggestion along.</p>
4.12	<p><b>Crime figures:</b> a member advised that it was good to hear about what the police are doing to prevent crime but requested that actual crime figures are produced for future meetings. The main concern was that over time, the perception of crime will not be the reality and that the official figures keep this balance.</p> <p><b>Action:</b> Sgt Ure agreed to produce crime figures.</p>
4.13	<p><b>Olympics:</b> The Chair reminded members that a trial of the Olympic cycle road race route was due to take place on 14 August 2011. As roads in the area were expected to be grid locked, the Police will be deployed on bicycles in order to respond to emergency calls.</p>
<b>5.0</b>	<p><b>Date of Next Meeting: Thursday 6 October 2011 at 7pm – Ashburnham Children’s Centre</b></p> <p><b>Future meeting dates:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Thursday 12 January 2012 at 7pm – Russell School, Meadlands Drive entrance</li> </ul> <p><b>Contact details for the SNT:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 0208 721 2746 is the number where you can leave a message</li> <li>• <b>101 is the NEW non-Emergency</b> Crime Report number manned 24/7 and will be answered by an operator.</li> <li>• In an Emergency call 999</li> </ul>