

HAMPTON WICK POLICE LIAISON GROUP MEETING

Wednesday 4th May 2011 at 7.30pm

Bullen Hall, Bennett Close, Hampton Wick

MINUTES

ATTENDEES:

Maurice Press (Chair); Christina Gore (Secretary); Julie Hill (Minute Taker); Sgt Jon Martin; PC Grant Cranshaw; PC Dan Holden; PCSO Gary Chatswood; PCSO Dave Auld; PCSO Lindsey Way; Pat Parsons; Anne Barr (Community Liaison Officer Kingston University); David Maclean; Patricia Birkett; Anne Forest; S. Chan; Peter Holland; Margaret Steel; Diana Simons; Barbara Pitcher; Dr Ivor Slee; Jerry Hockin; Kenneth Stephens; Nick Johnson; D & M Tilly; Iain Innes Burgess; Iain Francis Cox; Sandra Clapton; Nicola Colley; Ben Phillips; Louise Anstead; Colin Pain; Nicholas Garbutt; James Lavender (Park Ranger); George Loosemore; Barbara Kindred.

APOLOGIES:

Dorothy Allen; John Wright; Carole Atkinson (Chair CPP);

1. Welcome and apologies for absence

Chair Maurice Press welcomed everyone and said he hoped Mark Davies from the MET will bring his volunteer co-ordinator along to speak at the next meeting.

2. To Agree Minutes of the last meeting – 26th January 2011

These were agreed as being a true record.

3. Matters Arising that don't appear on the Agenda

There were no matters arising.

4. Guest Speaker : PC Dan Holden "A day in the life of a PC"

Maurice welcomed PC Holden, who is the newest recruit to the Safer Neighbourhood Team. PC Holden explained that although every day is different, they start with a Briefing and a check of the Crime and Intelligence Databases, emails and paperwork attended to. An arrest generates considerable paperwork and only the officer who was present can complete this. Preferring to use his bike he will then cycle around the Ward. Once a month he accompanies a Traffic Officer on patrol. He also helps out with Police Cadets on Thursday evenings. School visits take place to encourage school children in the Borough to join the Cadets. PC Holden had been drafted to Central London during the student riots and more recently, for the Royal Wedding. On the Ward, he also answers non emergency calls during the day from residents and 999 calls if within the remit. Upon returning to the Station, there will be further emails and paperwork to attend to.

4. Guest Speaker : PC Dan Holden (contd)

The SNT work a four week shift pattern – 0800 to 6.30 pm start times, although in the Summer this can be 0230 in morning and 2330 in winter. Shifts can be changed depending on initiatives.

PC Holden liaises with the Environment Agency as The Marine Support Unit is very much London based. A successful operation had recently been carried out with regard to unregistered boats but PC Holden added that the moorings are owned by the Council whose responsibility it is to ensure there is no anti social behaviour or blocking of the towpath.

Another recent operation was carried out at Hampton Wick Station to apprehend fare dodgers. British Transport Police are aware of the issues but terrorist threats in Central London are their priority.

PC Holden liaises with the Bushy Park Team. Teddington and Fulwell & Hampton Hill PLGs work out of the same building so there is a fair amount of liaising between SNTs.

5. General Reports from the Police

Sgt Martin said overall crime was down 34 ½ % and gave the crime figures from 1st April 2010 to 31st March 2011. So far, down 35 ½ %

Theft from motor vehicles down 20%
Violence down 30%
Burglary down 50%
Robbery down 50%
General theft slightly up
Drugs (small time dealers) down
Criminal damage down about 30-40%

Bike theft is still a problem but this is a Borough wide problem.
There had been a number of crimes in Cedars Road.

There had been an alleged rape after a young woman met youths on Kingston Road and went back to a flat, but it was believed this allegation had since been dropped.

6. Concerns from the Community

249 residents of Hampton Wick responded to Richmond Council's "All in One" survey, with 40% being concerned about levels of crime and anti social behaviour.

7. Report on and set priorities for the Wards

Cycling on pavements was still a huge problem and the road markings at Hampton Wick roundabout are considered very confusing. Residents were encouraged to contact the Council, who is responsible for signage and road markings and parking enforcement.

Mark Taplin (Traffic Management, Projects & Parking Design Team)

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Despite the recent Environment Agency operation regarding unregistered boats, it was reported that problems persist along the Thames between Teddington Lock and Kingston but in particular, by the Broom Road Rec. It was re-iterated that this is a Council issue and not something the SNT can be involved in. Kingston Council had been pro-active, unlike Richmond Council, so Chair Maurice Press suggested this matter should be a Ward Priority.

After discussion it was agreed the Priorities would be:

Cycling on footpaths

Anti social behaviour on Thames Riverside

Total Notifiable Offences (including graffiti, burglary)

8. Any Other Business

Anti Social Behaviour – There had been a few instances of ASB, involving drugs.

Skate Park – The SNT is there every day and it officially re-opens on 14th May

Garage burglaries – there had been offences in Broom Park and Raven Close. Unless there is Forensic Evidence it is very difficult to trace the culprits.

Cab Office – A planning application submitted by unlicensed Cab Office "Hallmark Cars" in Hampton Wick is being considered by Richmond Council. The SNT is opposing planning permission due to safety and it was reported that cars were planning to park their cars down a private side road. If anyone wishes to comment / support or object to the application, the reference is 11/0252 or you can cut and link this link into your browser.

<http://idoxwam.richmond.gov.uk/WAM/showCaseFile.do?&appNumber=11/0252/COU>

Bag Snatches – In February there had been a number of bag snatches but not on Hampton Wick Ward.

Windscreen Wiper thefts – there had not been another incident but residents who reported it were very impressed with police response

Cashpoint thefts – residents were warned to be aware of the "Lebanese loop" cashpoints

Thefts at Kingston Hospital – Leaflet about thefts useful

Online Survey – Residents can tell Richmond Council their views. Follow this link:

http://www.richmond.gov.uk/home/community_and_living/neighbourhood_information/local_strategic_partnership.htm

8. Any Other Business (contd)

Road closure – The stretch of road from Cedars Road to the corner of Sandy Lane will be closed for a few weeks whilst road works take place in preparation for the bike race in August.

Broom Road rat run – PC Holden said he had spent two days with Traffic Laser devices along Broom Road but no one had been found to be speeding and it was not illegal to use the road as a “rat run”.

Vote of thanks – Pat Parsons proposed a vote of thanks to Sgt Martin and his team who had ensured that the Armistice Day procession went smoothly and there was a minutes’ silence. Also at Christmas, their smiling help escorting the children during the Torch Light procession was greatly appreciated.

Kingston University – Anne Barr explained that the University is operating a “Triage system” so there is a central point for recording any matters of concern. Contact: Hema Kukadia on h.kukadia@kingston.ac.uk or telephone: 020 8417 3023.

A new Vice Chancellor started in April and a new Head of Security joins in May.

Anne said the University was planning a number of musical events, one of which is a “Summer Strings” , an evening of classical American and British string music on Friday 10th June at 7.30pm. Admission is free. Please contact 020 8417 5430 for more information.

The Cinnamon Trust is a national charity for the elderly, terminally ill and their pets. For more information please contact admin@cinnamon.org.uk or telephone 01736 757900.

9. Date of Next Meetings

Wednesday 7th September 2011

Wednesday 2nd November 2011

Maurice Press thanked everyone for coming and closed the meeting at 2040.

USEFUL EMAILS & TELEPHONE NUMBERS:

Maurice Press, PLG Chair: maurice@disabilityresourceteam.com

Richmond Council Parking: 0208 744 0462 7 days a week 8-8

Reporting Graffiti etc: www.richmond.gov.uk/streetscene

(Spencer Roberts) 0845 612 2660

Urgent out of hours: Careline: 020 8744 2442

Safer Neighbourhood Team: HamptonWick.snt@met.police.uk

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