

TWICKENHAM RIVERSIDE WARD POLICE LIAISON GROUP MEETING

The Terrace Room, York House, Richmond Road, Twickenham

TUESDAY 13th SEPTEMBER 2011 @ 7.00pm

DRAFT MINUTES

ATTENDEES:

Colin Heath (Chair); PC Suzanne D'Cruze; PCSO Alex Molnar, PCSO Darrell Whiting, Geoff Holden, Peter and Maureen Payan, Tom Hautot, Walter and Fiona Holland, Derek Mitchell.

APOLOGIES:

Sgt Gavin McCandless, Cllr Scott Naylor, Cllr Susan Chappell, Cllr Sam Salvoni, Julie Hill, Bridget Miller; Paul Holley.

1. Welcome by Chair and Apologies for absence

Colin Heath welcomed everyone to the Meeting and apologies were noted. He explained that the meeting had clashed with a full council meeting and the ward councillors could not therefore attend. It was hoped that this situation could be avoided in the future.

2. Minutes of the last Meeting

These were agreed as being a true record.

3. Matters Arising

3.1 Fast Food outlet - A recent application for an extension of the Pizza2Night hours to 3 am was refused and their hours remain 11 am to 12 pm Sunday to Thursday and 11 am to 1 am Friday and Saturday. They appear to be adhering to these hours at the moment.

3.2 Theft of Fuel at the Shell garage. The problem seems to have been more one of the automatic payment system not working correctly rather than intentional theft.

3.3 Holly Road Play Area. The council have been asked to improve the lighting in this area and move some of the benches. A reduction in the height of the hedge would also provide less cover for unwanted activity.

3.4 Cycling. A leaflet laying out key points of the law regarding cycling on pavements and crime prevention for cyclists has been prepared and distributed to cyclists. The SNT have had no response from Ward Councillors on the request to meet for a "walkabout" to show them problem cycle lanes.

3.5 PLG Chairs' Meeting with the Borough Commander. The Borough Commander discussed the impact of a requirement to reduce the number of Sgt posts in the MPS. He reiterated the commitment to SNTs but said that it was likely that three sergeants would be lost in the Borough. The intention was to retain the SNT teams in each Ward but to merge six Wards into three for supervision purposes. These would be chosen on activity levels and geographic proximity. There would be some turbulence in the PCSO teams but the overall numbers should remain the same.

3.5 Olympics Dummy Run (14th August). Overall it was felt that the event was well organised but the roads were left closed for an unnecessary length of time after the race had passed through. It was pointed out that traffic was controlled by the organisers not the police.

4. Police Report

PC D'Cruze gave the crime figures for the last twelve months from September to August compared to the same period last year. The total was 886 for 2009-2010 and 777 for the same period 2010 – 2011. Overall, there was a reduction of – 12%.

Crime	Sept 2009 – Aug 2010	Sept 2011 – Aug 2011	% Reduction
Burglary dwelling	58	38	- 3%
Theft from motor vehicles	43	31	- 28%
Robbery	12	7	- 42%
Violence against the person (assaults ABH, GBH etc)	272	180	- 34%

5. Local Issues and Concerns

5.1 Police Vans on the Embankment. On the previous Friday night there had been two police vans manned by policemen from another force parked on the Embankment. It was explained that these were standby patrols for deployment in the London area in the event of any further trouble after the rioting. The operation was now over and normal patterns of police activity had been resumed.

5.2 Graffiti. It was reported that there was now an easy system of reporting graffiti to the council via an iPhone app and that the response of the removal team was prompt. This seemed to have the effect of deterring the perpetrators as their work was quickly obliterated.

5.3 Nuisance Telephone Calls. Calls had been received suggesting that the recipient had been involved in a traffic accident when this was not the case. Apparently this is relatively common and is probably a fishing exercise to gain information. The calls should be ignored.

6. Setting Ward Priorities

After discussion it was agreed the Priorities would remain unchanged and the inclusion of cycling would be reviewed at the next meeting:

Theft

Anti Social Behaviour (including public order offences in the Town Centre)

Cycling

7. Any Other Business

7.1 Message from Cllr Naylor. Cllr Scott Naylor prepared a written note in his absence:

"I know the police are to be congratulated for their Marathon shifts and beat-work they have been doing with all leave cancelled with 12 hours one 12 hours off during the most frightening time whilst the riots raged and for the week following, and heightened awareness and watching since. The Councillors have played an active part in supporting the Police in these very difficult last few weeks, we all have been communicating with large groups of residents and been out and about to talk to both Residents and the Police. I would like if nothing else a simple message to go to our Police forces: Thank you.

Additionally congratulations must go out to the Licensing team headed by Sgt David George for their successful partnership with Licensing Councillors and Licensing Officers for the massive reduction in drink related crime reduction in my Ward. I will be attending the next Pubwatch meeting with the town's landlords and the Police and Licensing team.

I am looking to join a Street Pastors team shortly in Richmond, and am waiting for our local Constabulary to find a Friday or Saturday night slot to walk the beat with Officers, as well as doing the same with our Licensing Team on an evening of planned visits".

7.2 Orleans Festival. Events at Orleans House such as the Orleans Festival cause disruption for the residents of Orleans Road. The road was supposed to be closed but traffic control was weak and poorly stewarded with heavy levels of traffic to and from the event. It was stated that the police had stressed to the organisers that traffic control was their responsibility. As these are council sponsored events it was felt that this was a matter to be referred to ward councillors.

7.3 Road Closures during Rugby Matches. The problem of residents not being able to move their cars near to their houses during rugby match road closures has been raised at previous meetings. While the problem was recognised the police have no intention of changing road closure regime.

There were no other matters and Colin Heath thanked everyone for attending. The meeting closed at 1945.

7.4 Speaker at the next Meeting. It is hoped that the Borough Commander will be able to attend the next meeting.

8. Date of Next Meeting

The next Twickenham Riverside Ward PLG meeting will held on:

DATE: THURSDAY 1st DECEMBER 2011

TIME: 7pm (refreshments from 6.30pm)

VENUE: The Terrace Room, York House, Richmond Road, Twickenham

USEFUL NUMBERS:

Twickenham Riverside Police Liaison Group Email: twickenhamriversideplg@gmail.com

Twickenham Riverside Safer Neighbourhood Team: TwickenhamRiverside.SNT@met.police.uk

Mobile: 07768 178989 Office desk number: 0207 161 9483

GRAFFITI: To report graffiti to Richmond Council telephone: 08456 122 660 or email: envprotection@richmond.gov.uk or via the online reporting form: www.richmond.gov.uk/graffiti_removal

NOISE COMPLAINTS

Weekend Noise Service (operates Friday - Saturday 10pm – 3am) Telephone: 07944 038495

Noisy neighbours and domestic burglar alarms 020 8891 7737

Commercial Noise, building sites and car alarms 020 8891 7994

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