

**WHITTON AND HEATHFIELD WARDS****JOINT POLICE LIAISON GROUP MEETING & A.G.M.****THURSDAY 10<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER 2011 @ 7.00pm****The Resource Centre, 1 Britannia Lane, Whitton****MINUTES****ATTENDEES:**

John Evans (Chair); Julie Hill (Secretary); Borough Commander Clive Chalk; Acting Inspector Rhiannon Ivens; Sgt Lesley Dutton (Whitton & Heathfield SNT); Carole Atkinson (Chair, Community Police Partnership); David Eggleton (Whitton Network); Cllr. Arnie Gibbons; Cllr. Liz Jaeger; Cllr. John Coombs; Rev. David Cloake; Karen Jennings; Jade Barrington; Veronica Deegan; Margaret Warden; Michael Warden; Doreen Finucane; Lynda Hance; Helen Maloney; Lena Alami; Pat Steward; Tina Atkinson; Joanna & Peter McEwan; Paul Moulden; M.A. Evans; J & B Stone; Alan Bailey; Monica Cox; Muriel Sprott; John & Patricia Ferguson.

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**APOLOGIES:**

Cllr. Elliott, John Cane; Penny Harvey; David Loftus; Margaret Clark; Suzanne Pulman.

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**1. Welcome and apologies for absence**

Chair John Evans welcomed residents, Borough Commander Clive Chalk, DI David Wadsworth and Carole Atkinson, Chair of the Community Police Partnership and Rev. David Cloake, new vicar of St. Philip & James Church in Whitton. Apologies were noted.

Whitton Ward was represented by 18 residents, including Councillors and Heathfield Ward by 9. 14 residents were also Neighbourhood Watch Co-ordinators.

**2. Minutes of the last Meeting**

These were agreed as being a true record. It was noted that Michael Warden and Tina Atkinson had been at the previous meeting but had not been recorded.

**3. Matters Arising**

**3.1. Police / Council matters** Chair John Evans reminded residents that some matters previously raised were not police matters.

### **3. Matters Arising (contd)**

#### **3.2. SNT Base**

A meeting had taken place to discuss provision of a base and attendees included the Director of MPS Property Services, Cllr Flemming and two Whitton Ward Councillors and PLG Chair John Evans. Unfortunately, due to insufficient public funding generally, it would not be possible to fund a replacement base at the present time.

Commander Chalk confirmed the school (where the SNT had been based) had exercised its right to re-claim the space. Unfortunately, there had been a delay in communicating this information to the SNT and subsequently residents, which had led to speculation. Commander Chalk had changed his plans to come to the meeting to reassure residents. The Team is currently based at Queens House, behind Twickenham Police Station, where it is settled and happy. Commander Chalk praised Acting Inspector Rhiannon Ivens and Sgt Lesley Dutton for their work on the Heathfield & Whitton Wards and who do their best to look after residents.

Cllr Jaeger agreed with what the Commander said and added that the Council had tried hard to help, as had others in the community. If there is any money in the future for a base, Whitton is a high priority.

Acting Inspector Rhiannon Ivens reiterated that the community had come together and they were grateful for that. The Team were very visible out and about on the Wards. There are a number of drop in centres, including Heathfield School and one in Edgar Road. Rev. Cloake, who had offered a room at the Church, said as a newcomer to the area, his first instinct is that the relationship in his Parish is reciprocal and warm.

#### **4. A.G.M.**

Carole Atkinson took over as Chair for the AGM. David Eggleton, who is standing down as Vice Chair was warmly thanked for all his hard work. It was agreed that John Evans would continue as Chair for another year and Linda Hance, who is a NHW Co-ordinator and member of the Whitton PLG Panel, was appointed as Vice Chair. It was also agreed that Julie Hill would continue as Secretary. Chair John Evans thanked everyone for their support and introduced DI David Wadsworth

#### **5. Talk by Detective Inspector David Wadsworth, CID**

DI David Wadsworth has worked on the Flying Squad (detecting armed robbery and professional crime) and run child abuse investigation teams. Teddington Police Station is where the Community Safety Unit is based, which investigates domestic and hate crime. This is a highly specialised unit, which also covers public protection and sex offending. There are four CID teams, each led by a DS. They pick up general crimes – shoplifting to attempted murder. CID is responsible for the secondary investigation and they will deploy plain clothed officers as required.

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

### **WHITTON WARD REPORT**

Sgt Lesley Dutton gave the total crime figures for the period 1<sup>st</sup> April – 31<sup>st</sup> October 2011 compared to the same period last year.

Offence	2010	2011
Violence against person – common assault to ABH	39	40
Burglary non dwelling – sheds / garages / shops	20	38
Criminal damage to motor vehicles	28	31
Burglary dwelling	15	27
Theft from motor vehicles	19	25
Criminal damage	16	22

### **HEATHFIELD WARD REPORT**

Sgt Dutton then gave the total crime figures for the period 1<sup>st</sup> April – 31<sup>st</sup> October 2011 compared to the same period last year.

Offence	2010	2011
Violence against the person	50	61
Burglary dwelling	37	39
Theft from motor vehicles	15	39
Criminal damage	29	28
Burglary non dwelling	18	23
Criminal damage to motor vehicles	19	22

The SNT had been less visible during the day due to carrying out a number of night operations, which included Murray Park and Heathfield Rec. These had been very successful and the Team is doing extremely well in combating some of the crimes. Cllr Jaeger thanked Sgt Dutton and the Team for all the work they had done in combating Anti Social Behaviour in Murray Park.

Many cars were continuing to be left unlocked, with SAT NAVS and loose change on display. Chair John Evans stressed the importance of ensuring cars were locked.

Acting Inspector Rhiannon Ivens gave an example of a success with arresting a non dwelling burglar and in response to a request from a Panel Member, agreed that as well as the crime figures, the residents should be informed of the SNT achievements.

#### **ACTION: SERGEANT DUTTON**

A man had been arrested and his dog seized, following the attack on a child at the Heathfield Rec.

A suitable site had been identified to house a temporary rapid deployment camera in the Feltham Triangle / Rodney Road area. Cllr Gibbons added that there were other problem solving solutions being investigated.

## **7. Local Issues and Concerns from the Community**

**7.1. Toilets on Rugby days** – A resident complained about fans urinating against her wall. Panel Member Helen Maloney said she would raise this matter when she next met with Harlequins, although due to the location, it is probably the RFU. Sgt Dutton said she asked for a urinal wall on Army & Navy days and this had been successful. Cllr Jaeger suggested residents should direct RFU issues to Cllr Elliott, as he attends meetings with them. His email is: [cllr.gelliott@richmond.gov.uk](mailto:cllr.gelliott@richmond.gov.uk)

**7.2 Cobbett Road** - Heathfield Councillor John Coombs raised concern about people driving the wrong way along Cobbett Road. The issue had also been put on "Fix My Street" (where residents' action requests are fed back to the Council). The SNT had not received any reports about this but would keep an eye on the road.

**7.3 NISA** – Following a Licensing review, more stringent Licensing conditions were imposed, which the Licensee and his staff are adhering to. The problems with youths in the area had subsided.

**7.4 Halloween & Bonfire Night** – There had only been one incident on the Heathfield side, caused by a group of youngsters from Hounslow. A decision had been made not to re-produce last years' posters as the pumpkin with a line through it had caused confusion as to whether those displaying it were participating or not.

**7.5 Whitton High Street** – Chair John Evans reminded people that for years Cllr Jaegar had been giving updates on the old Co-op, in the hope a buyer could be found and finally, next week, a Lidl will open on the site. This was seen as a very positive addition to the regeneration of the High Street. Cllr Jaeger welcomed suggestions for improvements in safety issues in the High Street and added that now is time to raise these. Cllr Coombs added that new paving was part of the plan to re-juvenate Whitton.

**7.6 Bus and Car Accident** – The accident at the junction of Kneller Road which resulted in child being airlifted to hospital was not speed related. The young girl was making a good recovery.

**7.7 Hendon Central Control** – A number of ward panel members stated that the visit to see the Central Communications Command Centre at Hendon had been very interesting. Residents were reminded of the alternative number 101 to ring for non emergency police matters. Calls to Central Control are answered by the same staff and filtered accordingly. However, another resident who had cause to ring 101 had been told to telephone her SNT. Carole Atkinson said she would feed this back.

**ACTION: CAROLE ATKINSON**

**7.8 Noticeboard for Heathfield** – This has been ordered and installation on the corner of Powder Mill Lane is imminent.

There were no other issues and the Public Meeting was concluded at 2010.

## **8. Dates of Next Meeting**

Next year's meetings will be held at 7.00pm on the following dates:

<b>Thur 12 Jan</b>	<b>Thur 8 Mar</b>	<b>Thur 14 June</b>	<b>Thur 13 Sept</b>	<b>Thur 8 Nov</b>
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After a short break, there then followed a meeting of the Panel, to set the Ward Priorities.

### **PANEL MEETING**

#### **1. Setting the Ward Priorities**

Sgt Dutton outlined some of the operations that Police had been doing. There were no incidents on the nights when they worked until 0400. Criminal damage to motor vehicles is happening around the Feltham Triangle, incorporating Collingwood Close. With Christmas approaching, burglary was considered a priority. Neighbourhood Watch Groups can help to impart crime prevention information to residents. Violence against person is reflected across the Ward, although majority of incidents are minor or domestic. Sgt Dutton apologised for reduction of Admin duties – as she had been out on operations with her Team.

The Ward Priorities were set as follows:

#### **WHITTON WARD**

**Burglary – dwelling and non dwelling**

**Criminal damage to motor vehicles**

#### **HEATHFIELD WARD**

**Burglary dwelling**

**Theft from motor vehicles**

#### **2. Any Other Business**

A request was made to publish the names of nominees ten days prior to the AGM next year and this was noted.

The Meeting ended at 2043.

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