

WHITTON AND HEATHFIELD WARDS

JOINT POLICE LIAISON GROUP MEETING

THURSDAY 12th JANUARY 2012 @ 7.15pm

St. Philip & St. James Church, Kneller Road, Whitton

MINUTES

ATTENDEES:

John Evans (Chair); Julie Hill (Secretary); Det Supt Christos Kalamatianos; PCSO Claire Pidgeon (Whitton & Heathfield SNT); David Eggleton (Whitton Network); Cllr. John Coombs; Father David Cloake; David Loftus; John Cane; Karen Jennings; Jade Barrington; Kath Miller; Doreen Finucane; Mary Evans; Margaret Warden; Michael Warden; Margaret Clarke; Muriel Sprott; Alan Bailey; Paul Moulden; John and Brenda Stone; E.S. Steward; Linda Hance.

APOLOGIES:

Sgt. Lesley Dutton; Acting Inspector Ivens; Cllr. L Jaeger; Tina Atkinson; Helen Maloney; Audrey Morris; Veronica Deegan; Geoff and Monica Cox;

1. Welcome and apologies for absence

Chair John Evans welcomed residents and apologised that the Resource Centre had not been available. Thanks were given to Father Cloake, who had offered the Church as a venue for the meeting. Sgt Dutton had had a fall but was apparently stable in hospital and best wishes were sent to her for a speedy recovery. Det Supt Christos Kalamantianos, Counter Terrorism and long term Whitton resident was introduced and welcomed.

Whitton Ward was represented by 12 residents and Heathfield Ward by 10 residents, including one Councillor. Fifteen residents were also Neighbourhood Watch Co-ordinators.

2. Minutes of the last Meeting

These were agreed as being a true record.

3. Matters Arising

7.8 Notice board for Heathfield – it was hoped this would be in position soon.

4. General Report from the Police

WHITTON WARD REPORT

PCSO Claire Pidgeon gave the total crime figures for the period 1st April 2011 to 2nd January 2012 compared to the same period the previous year.

Offence	2011	2012
Violence against person – common assault to ABH	43	51
Burglary non dwelling – sheds / garages / shops	31	45
Criminal damage to motor vehicles	32	33
Burglary dwelling	22	34
Theft from motor vehicles	24	44
Criminal damage	21	30

HEATHFIELD WARD REPORT

PCSO Claire Pidgeon then gave the total crime figures for the period 1st April 2011 to 2nd January 2012 compared to the same period the previous year.

Offence	2010	2011
Violence against the person	65	70
Burglary dwelling	47	57
Theft from motor vehicles	25	55
Criminal damage	33	31
Burglary non dwelling	23	35
Criminal damage to motor vehicles	22	27

Closure of SNT base - The SNT has adapted to the closure of the base at Whitton School and have a number of centres they can use for breaks. Two new PCs have joined the Team and Whitton Ward is now back to full strength.

Non Dwelling burglaries - There had been a spate of non dwelling burglaries (sheds) and suspects arrested. The importance of locking sheds and securing bikes or other valuable equipment was stressed.

Bike marking - is organised by the SNT and can be carried out at people's houses or as part of a "street briefing". It was suggested that local schools would be good venues as were bicycle shops, so the SNT could highlight the importance of bike marking. **ACTION: PCSO Pidgeon**

Neighbourhood Watch Window Stickers – are now available from the SNT.

Thanks was given to PCSO Pidgeon who had stepped in to give the Police Report.

5. Local Issues and Concerns

Parking in Gladstone Avenue – A concern was raised about parking issues affecting residents of Gladstone Avenue. PCSO Pidgeon said she would take further details and report back to the SNT. **ACTION PCSO Pidgeon**

Cycling on pavements - concern was raised about cyclists on pavements and in the subway and the question raised as to whether a notice to dismount could be put up.

Cold Calling - It is illegal to make “cold calls” at houses if the Company the “cold caller” is representing does not hold a licence and residents should ask to see this. If anyone has any concerns, they should contact the SNT on the non emergency number of 101 or 999 if an emergency response is required.

6. Talk by Det Supt Christos Kalamatianos

Det Supt Kalamatianos gave a very interesting insight into his roles as both Deputy Borough Commander and in the busy Counter Terrorism Unit. Today, there are 3000 live suspects actively being investigated and some 60 “live” counter terrorism operations in London.

The Olympics poses a huge challenge. 16000 police officers and PCSOs will be required to Police the Olympics 24 hours a day for three weeks.

The Borough has many Iconic sights, including The National Archives Kew, Hampton Court and Rugby Ground. Richmond is the only Borough with banks on both sides of the River Thames.

The level of security for each team on the Ward will be assessed depending on assessments made by the Olympics Intelligence unit and recommendations made accordingly.

Commander Broadhurst will be Gold Commander for the Olympics and will be holding a Public Meeting to talk to residents about policing during the Olympics. The date of this meeting will be advised as soon as known.

There has been success with catching criminals coming into the Borough to commit crimes. Richmond is now sharing some services with Kingston upon Thames. The Custody Suites in Richmond, Teddington and Twickenham are being moved to Kingston, where a new cell block is being built. It is likely the Criminal Investigation Department will also move to Kingston as a result of this. In turn, it is likely both Kingston and Richmond’s Response facility will work out of Teddington and this may continue after the Olympics.

A new Regional Training Facility has been built at Sovereign Gate, by Richmond Circus. Richmond Police Station Front office is closing down and will operate out of Sovereign Gate from the hours of 10.00am – 8.00pm.

The Metropolitan Police Authority is now known as the Mayor’s Office for Policing

Thanks were expressed to Supt Kalamatianos for his very interesting talk and he would be welcomed at future meetings.

There were no other issues and the Public Meeting was concluded at 2017.

8. Dates of Next Meeting

The next meetings will be held at The Resource Centre at 7.00pm on the following dates:

Thur 8 Mar	Thur 14 June	Thur 13 Sept	Thur 8 Nov
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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

There has been a huge increase in theft from motor vehicles.

The Ward Priorities were set as follows:

WHITTON WARD

Burglary (dwelling and non dwelling)

Theft from motor vehicles

Criminal damage to motor vehicles

HEATHFIELD WARD

Burglary (dwelling and non dwelling)

Theft from motor vehicles

2. Any Other Business

2.1 A representative from SPEAR speaking at next Meeting on 8th March.

2.2 For more information about your Safer Neighbourhood Team please visit:

<http://www.met.police.uk/saferneighbourhoods>

Chair John Evans thanked The Panel and closed the Meeting at 2036.