

SAFER NEIGHBOURHOOD BOARD (SNB) MEETING

THE TERRACE ROOM, YORK HOUSE, RICHMOND ROAD TWICKENHAM

30 JANUARY 2018 AT 7.00PM

MINUTES

SNB MEMBERS ATTENDING	REPRESENTING
CO Charles Owens	Chair, South Twickenham NHW
CA Carole Atkinson MBE	Stop and Search & Hampton Hill Residents Association
JTE John T Evans	Chair Whitton & Heathfield PLG
DL David Loftus MBE	Kneller Hall / Disabled Persons Rep
AL Anthony Lindsay	NHW Whitton
MS Martin Sands	Hampton Wick / Teddington Community
LP Lesley Pollesche	Advisor Community
MB Mike Brownlee CBE	NHW Representative and Coordinator, Richmond
BK Ben Khosa	Councillor St Margaret's & North Twickenham
JM John Murray	NHW Hamptons
WKP Wendy Kyrle-Pope	Advisor & LCP2
AJ Anne Johnstone	Chair Mortlake & Barnes PLG, Met Volunteer
PBS Peter Burrows-Smith	Treasurer & Royal Parks Link
JB John Bell	Advisor Twickenham
SNB MEMBER APOLOGIES	REPRESENTING
MB Cllr Mark Boyle	Cabinet Member for Community Safety
RA Ravi Arora	EMAG
PM Pam McMillen	SNB Minutes Secretary
MK Martyn Kingsford OBE	Chair Teddington & Hampton Wick PLG
PG Phil Garside	Whitton

POLICE ATTENDING	REPRESENTING
Supt Rob Applegarth	MPS
Ins Edward McDonagh	MPS
Sgt Simon Whitlock	MPS
PC Nicole Morgan-Russell	MPS
PC Kyle Ashton	BTP

COUNCILLORS ATTENDING	REPRESENTING

ORGANISATIONS / PUBLIC	REPRESENTING
Laura Turner	MENCAP Richmond
Mac McInerney	Heatham Alliance
Christina Gore	Teddington & Hampton Wick PLG
Rosalind Graham Hunt	Public
Suzy P Webb	Public
Chris Winter	Public – S Teddington
Karim Gorgy	Public - Richmond
John Drummond	Public – Court Way
John Huggins	Public

APOLOGIES	REPRESENTING
Robyn Thomas	Head of Community Safety Richmond/Wandsworth Council

1. CHAIR'S WELCOME AND APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Chair Charles Owens (**CO**) welcomed everyone to the meeting with reference to PC Kyrle Ashton from BTP and Laura Turner from MENCAP Richmond each attending for the first time, and apologies were noted.

2. MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING (24.10.17)

These were approved as being a true record and would be placed on the council website.

3. MATTERS ARISING

- Two actions remain from the last meeting both related to cycling: JTE's paper to be sent to all PLGs and MB to report back about possibility of by law for cycling. JTE suggested that Peter Buckwell should be contacted as he had done considerable work on cycling.
- Body Worn Video had been included as an agenda item.
- There would be some information on arrest figures for burglaries in the MPS report.
- All other actions completed

4. PRESENTATION BY MPS

Supt Applegarth and Insp Edward McDonagh (IEM) introduced themselves explaining their roles in the new Basic Command Unit (BCU) comprising the boroughs of Richmond upon Thames, Kingston upon Thames, Wandsworth and Merton, scheduled to be introduced on 23rd May 2018. CS Parm Sandhu had moved on from the borough and Supt Applegarth (SA) would remain in charge of the borough until May. In the new BCU there would be four superintendents with functional rather than geographical responsibility. SA would hold the portfolio for communities for the four boroughs and would also be deputy for the Met neighbourhood role. IEM would assume responsibility for the borough's communities. SA then provided crime data commencing with the Mayor's Priorities.

Mayor's Priorities

There had been a big push on reporting sexual offences and supporting that area with an emphasis on safeguarding. Sexual violence had decreased by 3% in 2017 compared with 2016. Child Sexual Exploitation had risen by 5% but this rise included some 20% of historic cases. People were now more confident of coming forward to report these offences. The rise of 6% in Domestic Abuse (DA) involved positive reporting. A DA Management Pilot was being run over a year which would be rolled out into Kingston then into the SW BCU. Weapon based crime had increased by 41% and this included assaults and threats which included any weapons. There had been a spate of knife enabled robbery over the summer last year and the individuals concerned had been dealt with and were in detention. There had been a significant reduction, 51%, in hate crime and Anti-Social Behaviour (ASB) was down by 13%.

Local priorities

Although Theft of Motor Vehicles had risen 14% from 2016 to 2017 this was a smaller rise than across the met. Burglary had risen by 40% - more than 500 offences than the previous year. Each ward had a burglary plan with an officer responsible for prevention. There had been an operation the day before the meeting focusing on burglary involving a significant number of officers. This had led to two arrests and no burglaries being committed during the time of the operation. In response to a question SA said that around half the burglaries were residential and that sheds were included in the figures now which they had not been previously. Twenty had been arrested in December many from surrounding boroughs such as Hounslow, Hammersmith and Fulham, but not from Inner London. There were some well known perpetrators from surrounding boroughs and

Richmond upon Thames. WKP mentioned that a film on burglary was being produced which would help residents avoid being burgled.

Stop and Search

Figures on ethnic appearance in Stop and Search were displayed. In the last two months of 2017 there had been 218 searches of which 36.7% were positive results with 23.9% leading to an arrest. Over the year 1323 searches had resulted in 431 positive outcomes. There had been no complaints on Stop and Search in 2017. CA added that the notes from the recent Stop and Search Monitoring Group would be circulated with the minutes. SA said that there had been focus on schools and youth engagement to raise awareness on knife crime.

Complaints

There had been 8% fewer complaints last year and 16% less complaints about officers. 48% had been found with no case to answer, 5% had been resolved by local resolution, 3% had been withdrawn, 13% had had dispensation and 31% had results still waiting. Complaint origin ranged from allegations of discrimination, malpractice, neglect/failure of duty, incivility and oppressive behaviour, the latter often resulting from people stopped in cars. In response to a question about cars being broken into in Hampton Wick and Teddington, SA agreed that there had been an increase in Moped enabled crime and that this type of crime had moved to outer London. A Behaviour Order could be used to bar subjects from riding in Richmond. Officers had a list of nominals that they focused on.

PBS reminded all of the 10th March Crime Prevention event at the RFU Twickenham. MP Zac Goldsmith had emailed all with this information. JE thought it should be made clear this was not a drop-in road show but an agendered event. Members were encouraged to disseminate this information. **Action All**

5. OTHER CRIME DATA (BTP AND ROYAL PARKS)

KA from BTP reminded the meeting that the BTP areas do not align with the Met areas. This would be changing to merge those stations overseen by Wimbledon which included Hampton Wick with the area overseeing the majority of stations in Richmond upon Thames. The following stations would be: Richmond, Kew gardens, Barnes, Barnes Bridge, Fulwell, Hampton, Hampton Wick, Mortlake, North Sheen, St Margarets, Strawberry Hill, Teddington, Twickenham and Whitton. For the stations within the borough violence against the person had increased at the weekends. BTP had Operation Shepherd on Friday and Saturday nights whereby officers would be on trains from Waterloo/Clapham to Feltham – many passengers had been drinking. Trespass was down but level crossings misuse was up by 25% and there would be operations targeting this as can be seen from the excerpt from KA's presentation

"Trespass / Disruption - Joint Level Crossing operation with SW trains, NWR and RFU – 2 week operation running from March 5th – 11th and March 19th – 25th. First week focussing on education with local schools getting on-board at each of the 5 locations: Feltham, Egham (albeit not on the Richmond Safer neighbourhood patch), Hounslow, Hampton and Mortlake. Kids will spend some time at the level crossing speaking with drivers whilst they wait in the queue for the barriers to go up, explaining the safety aspects of using the level crossing, etc. NWR and the RFU are looking at hosting the children at both Twickenham Stadium and the NWR education centre in Basingstoke in early March, to provide the safety input with the aim of then sending the children out at Level Crossing's during Week 1 to communicate what they've learnt. A media strategy has been discussed between BTP, NWR and RFU where we look to utilise social media, local press, etc. In communication with the RFU to try to get a player (s) involved with increasing the awareness of the campaign as it will run during the upcoming 6 nations. Week 2 will be about enforcement, so it will be Police"

Theft of property was down as was theft of bicycles. BTP ran cycle marking events and in some cases provided free D-locks.

AL asked about data on the rail emergency number 61016 and KS would see if this could be obtained. Any comments about issues with rail should be funnelled through WKP to BTP. WKP asked KA that he let her know when bike marking would be carried out so that this could be circulated within the community. In response to a question KA confirmed that BTP would be using Body Worn Video. **Action KA**

There was no report from Royal Parks.

At this point Chair proposed a 'Thank You' to CSupt Parm Sandhu for her work within in the borough over the past months.

6. BODY WORN VIDEO (BWV)

Sgt Whitlock (SW) spoke about BWV the background and the benefits and how it was used. The Met was modernising through the use of technology and had the largest global use of BWV within a police force. This had been trialled in two teams in each of 10 boroughs. BWV would lead to more efficient and effective justice for victims and offenders were more likely to plead guilty speeding up the criminal justice process. Stop and search would be more accountable, there would be greater transparency of policing and BWV would be incident specific. Cameras were passed around the meeting and SW pointed out the various aspects of its use. He went on to explain how evidence gathered through BWV was managed and explained that footage was deleted after 31 days unless required for evidence or other policing purpose. In response to a question about effectiveness, PC Morgan-Russell gave an example where a complaint had been made after a vehicle stop which was not upheld as the allegations made were untrue. SA said that BWV was a support rather than a replacement. There could be cost savings in taped interviews as suspects would think twice about their guilt and this could also lead to court time savings.

WKP said that she and CA had looked at a random selection of videoed searches to observe how the police and those stopped behaved. All stops observed had been acceptable and had been no issues to note.

7. COMMUNITY CONTACT SESSIONS

IEM mentioned community contact sessions – recognised by the Met as a way of communities being in contact with officers. There was information on the Met web site www.met.police.uk and on facebook and twitter for the wards and for Richmond upon Thames Police @MPSRichmond.

8. PRIORITY SETTING

This was agreed as:

Theft of and from motor vehicles

Burglary

Elderly victims

ASB

BOARD IN ADJOURNMENT

9. PUBLIC QUESTIONS TO THE BOARD

One resident was delighted to hear that RFU were helping the borough in particular the cadets and in response to his question the sponsorship amount was not known.

A resident living near to the college asked what the police were doing to monitor students causing issues outside the college. SA said that there was a strong relationship with the staff of the college and students were monitored very closely by schools' officers and the ward team. Recently there had been a series of presentations on joint enterprise to the students and knife arches and other

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tactics were being used. In the new BCU there would be a considerable uplift on the youth team. There would be a stronger approach, replicated across all boroughs, with youth offending teams, youth management, diversions, access to training, role models etc to stop unacceptable behaviour. The resident asked why there were no CCTV cameras there and SA replied he would look into this as there was a clear route from the college to the station. However, cost, prioritisation and the right to privacy all had to be considered. **Action Supt Applegarth**

BOARD RECONVENES

10. FUNDING REPORT

PBS reported that the Board was preparing for its application to MOPAC for 2018/19. Many projects would be continued but he asked that any suggestions be sent to him ASAP as the Finance Group would be meeting in the near future. **Action all**

11. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

JE mentioned a youth club in Whitton supported by Achieving for Children with activities 5 nights a week. Whitton Youth Zone, 1 Britannia Lane TW2 7JX. *Mandy Smith 020 8734 3414*

12. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Tuesday 24 April 2018 – The Terrace Room

Time: 7.00pm (refreshments from 6.45pm)

Venue: York House, London Road, Twickenham.

The Meeting closed at 9.00 pm

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