

SAFER NEIGHBOURHOOD BOARD MEETING
Tuesday 27 April 2021 starting at 6pm
(Virtual meeting via Zoom)

M I N U T E S

SNB MEMBERS ATTENDING	REPRESENTING
WKP Wendy Kyrle-Pope	MPS Link advisor & LCP2 – Joint Chair, IAG Richmond, IAG Frontline Policing, IAG BTP
CA Carole Atkinson MBE	Hampton Hill Association and S&S CMG - Joint Chair
PBS Peter Burrows-Smith	Treasurer & Royal Parks Link – Joint Chair
JTE John T Evans	Whitton & Heathfield PLG Chair
TL Anthony Lindsay	NHW Whitton
JM John Murray	NHW Hamptons/Met Volunteer/PLG Chair
AC Cllr Avril Coelho	Business
RA Ravi Avora	Multicultural Richmond
AJ Anne Johnstone	PLG Chair/Met Volunteer
PM Pam Mcmillen	SNB Minutes Secretary
LP Cllr Lesley Pollesche	Community
FB Felicity Barkus	Co-chair Mothers against Mugging
JG Jonathan Green	Richmond Youth Programme
SNB MEMBER APOLOGIES	REPRESENTING
PK Peter Kirkham	Hate Crime / LGBT Forum
BK Cllr Ben Khosa	St Margarets & North Twickenham
DL David Loftus MBE	Disability
MS Martin Sands	Hampton Wick / Teddington Community
BLE Barbara Lingle Elliott	Co-Chair Mothers against Mugging
Phil Garside	

POLICE ATTENDING	REPRESENTING
RA Roger Arditti	MPS Superintendent SW BCU
RR Rebecca Robinson	MPS Richmond Inspector SW BCU

COUNCIL ATTENDING	REPRESENTING
AN Angelika Neilson	Community Safety LBRUT
DE Daryl Edmunds	Community Safety LBRUT
MW Mark Wolski	Community Safety LBRUT (Domestic Abuse)

ORGANISATIONS / PUBLIC	REPRESENTING

APOLOGIES	REPRESENTING
Richard Willis	BTP
Cllr G Roberts	Leader Richmond Council

1. SNB sits: Welcome and Apologies.

Carole Atkinson (CA) welcomed everyone to the meeting and apologies were noted.

2. Minutes of the last meeting (26.1.21 via zoom)

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

3. Matters arising not covered by the agenda.

DE – do BTP have any confidence stats? JP will need to find out and supply if they are available.

ACTION JP

BTP not present at meeting so a summary will be sent out with the minutes.

Are SNB minutes up on the council website? They are now on the Council website.

4. Presentation by MPS

MOPAC Data April 2020 – March 2021

Key points from the MPS presentation

- Richmond Total Theft Offences – slight increase in summer 2020 as restrictions released. This year much more preparation in lead up to summer. Targeted action.
- Robbery – no particular spikes, figures do not reflect a 'perception that figures are high'. Safest Borough for robbery.
- Peaks of activity are "flattening" which is good.
- Burglary is slightly up but still below the 3 year average. There were some spikes during winter months.
- Violence against the person slight spikes and is slightly upward but the numbers are very low. Slight rise in ASB around Teddington Lock, but work in progress on this. Harassment takes about half of those figures. Plans are in place for this summer.

Robbery.

- This is prioritised as agreed and reflected in the reduction of 35%
- Switch to spring, summer operations

Motor Vehicle Crime.

- The theft of catalytic converters has increased recently, big focus in the Borough.
- Targeted work with specific car owners, looking at protection methods.
- Theft of cycles, police are using smart water and working with schools officers etc.

Public Confidence and Satisfaction (figures are from the 4 Boroughs)

- Comparison with last year, (see presentation). Police have been working to increase, how people can contact local police, eg newsletter that now lists all the Borough SNTs with contact details.
- Highest of 4 Boroughs for results that MPS can be trusted

Stop & Search

- More stops and the majority is for drugs 63%. Positive outcome figure is around 24%.
- Demographic information being used to help focus engagement, majority 15 -24 yr old white males, and disproportionality is high, due to Borough demographic.
- Stop and Search scrutiny panels held regularly every quarter CA and WKP to circulate details after the next panel.
- 725 S&S for Richmond in last 3 months, we are low user of this power compared to other Boroughs. 64 stolen property, 67 going equipped, so shows people are going out to commit burglary.
- Can research this information in much more detail on the Met website

Domestic Abuse

- Domestic Abuse figures are difficult to interpret. Now monitoring figures more for covid period, difficult to tell if figures due to more reporting or not. A lot is

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underreported, these figures are those that have been notified, there is not a clear breakdown re old or new etc. SNB must work to encourage reporting.

- Slight increase in figures, but bigger increase in advocacy figures.
- Risk and complexity of needs has increased, and many cases have a child in the home as well.
- Increase in elderly folk reporting and risk and escalation so shows awareness is increasing of DA.
- Domestic Abuse Bill is going through Parliament.
- Councils are responsible for DA and for training to deal with it. Richmond and Wandsworth are commissioning one provider to provide Advocacy.
- Three local incidents are being investigated.
- WKP do you think increase in reporting of elder abuse may be down to Hourglass, project we supported? MW cannot attribute it solely to 1 activity, need to have a wide range of information available to reach all demographics.
- WKP from March all DA offenders will be tagged for 6 months when released. Tags will make offenders think about behaviour and change it, will stop them returning to areas and hanging around. Police can see it they are complying with terms of release. Hope this will act as a deterrent and also give confidence to victims. Will be a year long pilot. Hope this will also be used for other violent offences as well. Very good news.

Richmond Response Performance

Roughly at same point as last year, between 80-90%. Some officers off due to covid. Any issues please let CA know as she is attending a Response Committee, need date, time and phone number.

Good news stories

We have had a busy month on Richmond SNT and have been focusing heavily on both drugs and theft of catalytic convertors. The teams located and closed down a cannabis factory and executed a further warrant. We would not be able to put together these jobs without the intelligence we receive from the public, so it is very important we still work with partners and communities still report through to us via online, 101 or their local SNT teams.

We have approached several supermarkets across the borough that have been identified as prime targets for catalytic converter theft. The site managers have given their permission for warning signs to be displayed at the car parks. These signs warn that theft from motor vehicles has taken place in the area and to be vigilant when leaving their vehicle and possessions. With greater awareness being given to the public it is believed the crime rate will fall in these areas.

We have also assisted the Richmond Housing Partnership in taking back possession of a property. Despite a drugs warrant being executed in February information has still been passed to officers. The occupant of the flat had passed away in January 2021 and a male who had been acting as his carer had remained living in the flat. Local residents had complained that the property was now drawing attention from individuals who were using drugs, urinating in the common areas and causing anti-social behaviour. The male was located at the property and evicted. The locks have been now changed at the premises preventing any return. Local residents have contacted officers to thank them for their actions.

We have seen an increase in Theft of pedal cycles so Whitton, St Margarets and TW Riverside SNTs are in process of setting up some decoy bikes.

ASB linked to end of lockdown appears to be emerging priority – concerns of local residents and businesses have been expressed and dealt with. The 4Es still in use, and still effective, as evidenced by low level of need to enforce legislation. Hi visibility policing in open spaces – Gander Green Hampton, Bushey Park, Hydes Fields, Carlisle Park, Hatherop Park, Hampton Common, Udney Hall Gardens – has been in place.

North Richmond SNT have issued Community protection warnings to some prominent troublemakers in Garden Road and worked with the borough licencing team to penalise an off licence who had been a likely cause of ASB by selling alcohol to youths.

South Richmond SNT have been working with Richmond upon Thames council and the local community to tackle ASB on Richmond green and the riverside.

The Richmond team have also been focusing on robbery and violence offences in Richmond town centre and have carried out a number of stop and search initiatives and recently recovered a large hunting knife on Richmond riverside. This has culminated in successful policing initiatives already where weapons have been recovered and groups causing ASB have been dispersed and/or given warnings/covid FPNs.

Action against the planned Richmond Green Protest on 6 March, was another successful operation. Working in partnership with Richmond Borough Council, the South Richmond Police Liaison Group and the Safer Neighbourhood Board, the event failed to attract many participants who were quickly dispersed.

PC Meakins – achieved a guilty verdict for long running dangerous dog crime, a case 18 months in the making.

PS James may be a late entrant in the coming Olympic Games after his athletic pursuit of a suspect, leaping over fences like Colin Jackson.

The knife amnesty bin at Twickenham Police station continues to be well used by members of the public. A recent emptying of the bin led to a large quantity of knives of all shapes and sizes being retrieved. Photos of the haul were posted on social media and led to a great deal of positive feedback from members of the public.

Questions:

JTE – we used to have dedicated ward officers; understand members of team are called to other wards; what is the policy re deploying SNT officers to other areas; reports that some are rostered to attend not for an emergency, but for daily duties. RR – police may be aware that demand is needed in a few days' time on a particular area. Officers are not taken from an area if that area needs its officers. Police need to flex for particular operations.

RA – BCU officers are needed to support response teams, Lis Chapple has made commitment to fill local officers spaces, and to get teams up to strength. Re ringfencing officers, in old scheme officers were protected from being moved away. Lis is keen to keep to this and keep ward officers on ward. However do need to be able to do mutual support to other wards when needed. RA wants officers on their wards, walking around knowing their area. Working towards this.

John Murray – Chris Waldron used to give crime prevention advice, his role has gone in the merger. Was very useful role. RR looking to council for funding to see what can do re this. WKP has asked CW to come and work with SNB when he retires, to use his services once a week, will be approaching council to discuss this further. PBS - please note we are already looking at this. JM was going to work with CW and drive the crime prevention van. DE happy to talk to SNB re this.

ACTION DE/PBS

Ravi: observation re black and Asian figures, and disproportionality in figures. CA we are aware of this and have done street counts, this is checked every time at the panel meetings very carefully and is taken up if anything comes up.

WKP: Response to RA re ward officers joining SNTs, there is an internal recruitment film being made, would anyone like to talk about difference a ward officer makes and how they helped you, please contact WKP with the person's details. **ACTION SNB**

Avril: is there support for covid marshalls from police; and what support especially for businesses? RR: police are providing support and have regular meetings. Primarily officers are told to engage and educate. Licensing teams are working with licensed premises. Limited to 2 officers per ward, so resources are stretched with normal police work.

TL: What is the expectation re response to an incident in a ward; would it be ward officer or a response team? RR depends on crime type, eg neighbour disputes would be SNT, and violent crime would be 999, with follow up by SNT. TL to raise a specific incident with Police outside this meeting. **ACTION TL/Police**

5. BTP Crime Figures

(Figures and report - to be supplied and circulated at a later date, officer unable to be present at the meeting).

6. NHW and OWL

AN: Reaching out to OWL users with offer of training on how to use system, to increase the uptake.

JM communications from police come from many sources, OWL, Next Door and twitter, could help to have a main professional channel ie OWL.

6a. Updates

Newsletter
VAWG
Future

WKP - we have 'Go Girl' project which advises women on how to protect themselves. Used to be on council website, was taken off last year, so SNB are relaunching it. Thanks to Jonathan Green (Richmond Youth Programme) for his help; he put it up onto their site and the hits have taken off, over 2000.

Link to the Go Girl blog is here and you can access and share the Go Girl leaflet here too: <https://resilienceprogramme.co.uk/richmond-safer-neighbourhood-board-go-girl-project-promotes-key-safety-messages-for-girls-and-young-women/>

Council have now put information back onto the website. WKP and RR to teach police officers about Go Girl and some other Boroughs are taking it up. Helps build women's confidence, need to spread this information

Launch of Newsletter is to give information and help recruit more members to PLGs, NHW etc. Main point is to get people involved, please push out through all your contacts.

WKP has been talking to new police recruits, all very keen on community engagement. WKP: we can arrange walkabouts in the wards, and talk to local people.

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Avril - can SNB help her with getting businesses to take on the White Ribbon?
MW - wants to see White Ribbon get accreditation. There was a meeting today and a business was interested. MW - DE this information should be given to businesses.

Key 2 questions:

What **are** we doing across partnership to increase confidence of women in public places?

What **should** we be doing across partnership to increase confidence of women in public places?

After local elections will hear if SNB have a future, will still have a community engagement group of some description. PBS is looking at other possible funding partners going forward.

7. PLGs

The three ward priorities have now been settled:

Priority 1. Violence is the number 1 Priority throughout the MPS and must be in each ward. In Richmond we interpret this as "Crimes which beget violence", so Drugs, Drunkenness, Robbery etc, whatever is relevant for the ward.

Roger Arditti said that this is new and will take time to roll out to the SNTs and the PLGs.

Priorities 2 and 3 are whatever the ward want and that police agree

TL – what will happen if community and police disagree? WKP - Will take it to RR and a compromise reached.

RA – this is being rolled out across the full BCU so will take some time to get it out. RA will aim to discuss this further with SNB Chairs pre-rollout.

JTE – have been Chair of PLG for 14 years, have always agreed with police on priorities so happy with this.

8. Priority Setting for Borough

Drugs and drug taking

Theft

ASB including covid

(Burglary)

Felicity - ASB must be a key priority, especially coming out of covid, need to keep Richmond safe, vast numbers are congregating in town.

MW - VAWG should be a priority. WKP - these are there always. CA - VAWG is a crime so it is a separate thing.

"The joint chairs of the SNB would like to assure all that VAWG is a 'forever' priority not only in RuT but across London."

9. Funding

PBS - We used to get £28k per annum from MOPAC. This year the amount will be drastically cut back. We don't know where we are. Main focus is community engagement, so SNB is

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trying to link with Council. PBS is speaking to all sorts of groups and charities, so do keep suggesting projects.

10. Any Other Business.

TL - why don't we get car transport offences at this meeting? Who collates this? Would be good to have information every other meeting?

RR – information comes from Transport Police, can invite them to the next meeting.

JM – Scam presentation is being put out on zoom, looking for clubs and societies to present to, there is a flyer available for SNTs to allow them to promote. Scam books are available and a catalytic converter flyer is being put out as well.

WKP – complaints are dealt with on BCU basis, new system in place. Police 'want to learn lessons' have a presentation to give which can be shown on zoom. Could present at July or October meeting?

JTE - catalytic convertors marking – everyone in Borough has been offered it, Heathfield police have details.

What is happening re electric scooters in the Borough? CA this may come under transport police?

AC - Council officers are still being consulted re return to work, so may not be able to host SNB July and October meetings.

FB - WKP – re newsletter, really well received when circulated to NHW team. Positive feedback to it. Public want to see ward officers on streets.

MIND have asked MAM to go into local school and talk to 6th formers. Schools need to get police school team in first and set the scene, then MAM will go in a week later.

Will promote Go Girl and White Ribbon (can connect with AC to arrange this). WKP can train FB up for Go Girl.

July will be the AGM so will be looking for anyone standing down, and if so do you have a successor? Looking for new Chairs, and new people to come in and fill vacancies. If you need information on any roles, please contact Carole, Wendy or Peter.

9. Date of Next Meeting

Probably via Zoom; 27th July (AGM) and 26th October – venues and times to be informed at a later date.

Meeting closed at 19.45pm

61016: BTP non-emergency text number