

## Safer Neighbourhood Board Meeting

Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> March 2016– 7.00 p.m.

<b>Attendees</b>
David Millar (SNB Chair), Gideon Springer (H&F Police), Nick Wood (Shepherds Bush), Angela Horsfall (Ravenscourt Park), Tony Boys (Fulham Reach), Sarah Chambers (Fulham Broadway), Julie Kempton (Addison), Howard Weinberg (Addison), Stephen Garside (Avonmore & Brook Green), Matthew John (Hammersmith London), Annabel Cottrell (Parsons Green & Walham), Daniel Lawless (Victim Support), Claire Rai (LBH&F), Pat Cosgrave (LBH&F)
<b>Apologies</b>
Caroline MacMillan, Amanda Lloyd Harris, Councillor Cartwright, Marie Thomas, Paul McNulty.

### 1. Welcome & Introductions

DM welcomed all attendees to the meeting.

### 2. Minutes & matters Arising

The minutes were agreed as an accurate record. Most actions arising are covered in the main body of the agenda.

AH raised the issue of a rising burglary rate in Ravenscourt Park ward, which is rising to the level it was at 3 years ago. GS explained that policing of acquisitive crime concentrated on hotspot areas and that this can cause displacement around wards. TB pointed out that in his ward many burglaries were committed by accessing insecure sash windows and that improved security could help to reduce offending.

DM asked whether the police were able to analyse the ward data to break down the MOs of the offences. GS responded that there was limited analytical capacity at the police but they might be able to with some council assistance.

TB felt that with the Mayoral election coming up there might be value in lobbying the candidates about resources for police civil staff such as analysts. It was however noted that politically the candidates were more concerned about front line policing numbers.

### 3. Chair's update

DM updated the meeting as to recent activity.

The NHWA held a meeting at the Lyric Theatre in February which was attended by over 60 members.

He also attended the LCP2 meeting which was attended by officers from MOPAC. At the moment MOPAC is a little static organisationally as they await the election of a new Mayor. However the role of SNBs is regarded positively at MOPAC and the budgets for SNBs have been allocated for 2016/17 (see item under Finance).

DM also attended a meeting at MOPAC where the keynote speaker was AC Territorial Policing, Helen King who spoke about the development of policing in London, and also focussed on ward panels. She reported that the intention in local policing was to have a dedicated DWO for each ward in London who would have a tenure of at least 2 years. She also added that she felt that the creation and support of ward panels was a key local policing role. DM asked GS to clarify what support ward panels could expect from their local team. GS responded that if he could get a consensus from the SNB about what the panels expect that he will look at it and make a decision. He did add the caveat that he does not expect his officers to carry out administrative tasks such as minute taking. It was discussed and agreed that DM would draft a note for SNB members and ward panel chairs to canvass their opinions. **Action – DM**

TB asked whether NW coordinators should sit on the ward panel. DM felt that it was up to Ward Panel chairs to invite them. PC was asked to circulate the NHW coordinator contact details to WP Chairs. **Action – PC**

HW mentioned that he had been trying to recruit new members for NHW in Fielding Road but had received no response. SCh mentioned she had been having similar problems in Fulham Broadway. PC will ask the area CSOs to contact them to see how they could assist.

DM added that AC King had confirmed that each ward would be retaining their dedicated PCSO. He asked GS would it be feasible for them to be the point of contact for NHW in their ward. GS said that they could probably cover such a role depending in their other duties.

#### **4. Borough Commander update**

Police station closures - GS confirmed that Fulham PS was due to close and the staff would be parade from Chiswick police station as Hammersmith PS was also due to close for 2 years for full refurbishment. The refurbished station will have double the capacity for stables and custody, and they will seek to add capacity for police from other boroughs to parade from the station. GS confirmed that New Scotland Yard was scheduled to close and the MPS are unlikely to renew their lease on the Empress State Building. Once officers parade at Chiswick they will be deployed to their areas immediately. There may however be a longer time lag for them to physically get to their beats in Fulham. Fulham will have a front counter service while the building is being redeveloped into a school. Whilst Hammersmith is being refurbished a front counter will be made available at Shepherds Bush police station.

SCh asked whether the funding for the refurbishment was guaranteed, bearing in mind the upcoming political changes at City Hall. GS remarked that we can never be 100% certain of anything but that it would be prudent to proceed as planned at this stage.

SG asked whether there was any news of a merger with the police at RBKC. GS responded that there was not and any such plans would be within the remit of the new mayor.

DM asked how the message about the closures was being communicated to the public. GS replied that a lot of work had been done locally and that a press release outlining all the plans would be released shortly.

Body worn cameras - GS confirmed that these should be rolled out across London by the end of the calendar year. The procurement exercise is currently ongoing. CR added that the council's Parks Police already use this technology and it will be rolled out to the neighbourhood warden service soon.

Taser Update - GS provided the meeting with data on Taser deployments on the borough from Jan - Dec 2015, with comparative data against other London boroughs. Tasers were deployed 37 times on the borough in the time period (23rd of the 32 London Boroughs) and actually fired only three times. (joint 7th lowest in London).

AC pointed out that the data didn't show why the Tasers had been deployed. GS admitted that the data did not drill down that far but that they were deployed by the police only when the perpetrator was armed and violent and the Tasers were required for the defence of the police or the public.

AC asked whether they were deployed in anti-terrorism operations. GS said that these operations were carried out by the central counter terrorism unit and would not be recorded in the borough statistics.

TB asked whether there had been any serious injuries or fatalities from the use of Tasers. GS responded that there had but not in London. Tasers are seen as a "less lethal" option.

SCh asked whether at future meetings we could see why the Tasers were deployed. GS agreed to provide the generic data rather than case by case, as the latter would be too much data.

## 5. MOPAC Monitoring Data and discussion

The meeting discussed the most recent data from MOPAC. A summary note is attached below.



Data summary for  
SNB Mar 16.docx

GS reported that whilst the one year figures remain red there has been an improvement compared to performance earlier in the year.

SG noted that one of the priorities in his ward was drugs and asked what the impacts of drugs supply and use had on other crimes. GS reported that drugs have a significant impact on violent and acquisitive crimes which is why the police focus so much on the disruption of drugs markets.

TB noted that the year to date figures have shown significant increases across a number of crime figures and asked why that was. GS replied that there are a number of reasons. For example there is now more stringent recording of certain crime types such as criminal damage and violence with injury. PC noted that whilst the figures against last year are showing increases the longer term trends (to the baseline year of 4 years ago) showed significant reductions in most crime types.

DM reported that this would probably be the last MOPAC produced data pack for the SNB. PC added that MOPAC have now produced a crime dashboard for SNBs so they can interrogate their own data and choose what crime types they would like to focus on. It was discussed and agreed that PC would send the link to the dashboard and the password to all SNB members so they could use the dashboard. If any members require a short training session on how to use it this could be organised. Prior to the next meeting PC will canvass views from members regarding what data they would like shown in the bespoke data pack.

**Action - PC**

## **6. Funding & Finance**

PC confirmed that MOPAC had confirmed funding for SNBs for financial year 2016/17. The allocation for H&F was a maximum of £29,363. This is made up of £5200 ring-fenced core administration funding and up to £24163 of project funding.

PC reported that the SNB had drawn down almost its entire budget for project funding in 2015/16.

## **7. Licensing & Late Night Tube**

TB had asked that this item be included for discussion at the meeting. He pointed out that his residents association had recently actively objected to an application for a late night takeaway to extend its hours and serve alcohol. He is concerned that with the advent of the late night tube service scheduled for later this year that extended hours will creep in and that the SNB, and residents more widely, should have a strategy in place regarding how to deal with this.

JK advised that she had signed up to the council's e-mail alert for licensing applications in her local area and advised others to do the same in order to ensure they were informed of the applications and could make timely objections where appropriate.

MJ mentioned that he chaired the Hammersmith Pubwatch meeting and that this matter was being discussed the next time they met. It was agreed he would invite PC to attend the meeting and report back to the SNB. **Action – MJ, PC**

TB asked what the policing strategy was to deal with the potential increase in offending later in the night which will arise from the all night tube service. GS responded that the BTP were responsible for policing on the tube and that their hours would be extended to try to combat any increased offending. GS stated

that his own view was that the extension to the hours would mean that people are likely to stay out later and drink more and that this would likely have an impact on crime. He noted that whilst there might be more drinking in the centre of town the tube would be decanting passengers in the more outlying areas as well. TB asked whether the local police would adjust their shift pattern and requested that this be done to pre-empt any increase in disorder in the borough. GS noted this request but stated that he had a responsibility to police the whole borough at all times and that it might not be practical to make significant changes to the shift pattern. CR added that the council have 24 hour CCTV coverage and that the control room is linked via radio to the police. There are a significant amount of cameras in town centres and around transport links.

#### **8. Stop & Search Update**

SCh reported that the S&S Monitoring group had attracted new members and that they were especially pleased to have 2 students attending from West London College, which has helped give the meeting a fresh perspective.

The group held a "Question Time" session at the College which had approximately 50 students attend. The panel included CI Simon Causer, Cllr Sue Fennimore and Kevin MacDonald from the University of Middlesex. There was spirited discussion about patrol, proportionality, police powers, neighbourhood policing and stop and search rights. The event was a success and the group will be invited back to replicate it.

DM asked whether the event could be transferrable to other venues. SCh replied that they will be carrying out a similar event at a boxing club in the north of the borough in a few months.

SCh reported that the group had obtained permission to replicate the Croydon Stop and Search "Know Your Rights" card. She will send the proof to PC who will cost the printing of them. **Action – SCh, PC**

#### **9. SNB Membership & Refresh**

DM thanked all the meeting attendees as always for their attendance and support. However, he reiterated the need to expand membership and promote the work of the SNB. He will happily listen to any suggestions from the meeting. **Action – All.**

It was discussed and agreed that the SNT quarterly newsletter should carry a paragraph about the work of the SNB and details of where the minutes of the meetings and other information can be found. **Action – GS, PC**

#### **10. AOB**

It was discussed and agreed that at the next meeting time would be set aside for the following agenda items:

DL to present on the work of Victim Support

MJ to present on the work of Hammersmith London

Any other agenda item requests should be sent to PC in advance of the meeting.

**Date of next meeting**

The proposed date of the next meeting is Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> June at 7.00 p.m.,  
venue tbc