

SNB Meeting 31st May 2022 Microsoft Teams Meeting MINUTES

Present:

(JH) Jean Hillman, Chair

- (JR) Jacqui Robertson Community Safety Manager LBH
- (AS) Anish Sharma Metropolitan Police
- (CS) Colleen Sullivan, Councillor, LBH
- (RP) Roy Parsons Hillingdon Neighbourhood Watch
- (DC) Donna Cooper Community Safety/SNB Admin Support

(MC) Mike Crane – BID Manager

(LD) Les Drussel – Ruislip Manor, Chamber of Commerce.

Apologies:

Cllr Richard Mills Chris Tarr

	Item / Action	Action Lead
1.	Minutes	
	Minutes from the last meeting 22 nd February 2022 and update: The minutes were noted, and updates will be provided under the relevant agenda items.	(JH)
2	 Chair's report London Community Policing Partnership ("LCP2") I attended the meeting of LCP2 held on 29th March 2022 (via Zoom). This meeting was attended by Matt Parr of HM Inspectorate of Constabulary and Fire & Rescue Services. He explained that HMISFRS covers the whole of England and caries out regular comprehensive inspections. The organisation can also be commissioned by the Home Secretary to look at high profile cases, such as electoral fraud in Tower Hamlets, policing of protests, the Sarah Everard vigil, also the Daniel Morgan and Stephen Port cases. Stop & Search: Just to remind you that it is possible to obtain S&S figures for each borough https://www.met.police.uk/sd/stats-and-data/met/stop-and-search 	(JH)

	 Ward Panels: Requests were sent to Ward Panel Chairs for whom there were email addresses and received one reply from Northwood. However, I did meet one or two Chairs at the meeting on Thursday 26th May which brought together various local agencies to discuss the aims of the Safer Hillingdon Partnership. Violence Against Women and Girls (VAWG) This matter remains one of the Met's main priorities and forms part of the Mayor's Action Plan for the next two years. Local female police officers are carrying out walks with women and girls to explain how they can stay and feel safe in the community. 	
	• Membership : Unfortunately, we have still not been able to access the now incorrect email address on the website for applications from members of the public who would like to join the SNB.	
	• MOPAC Funding: We received our funding for 2021/2022 and are now working towards make our application for 2022/2023 funding. We have received one or two new bids and are hoping to be able to fund some new local projects. Our application must be received by MOPAC by mid-May. We have just under £15000.00 to spend.	
	• London Assembly – Police & Crime Committee: I sat in via the webcam on the first P&CC since the local elections which was attended by Sir Stephen House, Acting Commissioner, and Sophie Linden, Deputy Mayor, MOPAC. Party gate was discussed a lot!	
	The chair would like it noted that there were several absences where no apologies had been made prior to the meeting.	
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Any incident where the effectiveness of the police response is likely to have a significant. Impact on the confidence of the victim, their family and/or the community.

This has been a very positive 3 months as will be shown in the stats, which I will talk through later.

Violent crime and burglary remain the top priority for the met and every day we are completing activities which include both preventative and proactive measures – From education to warrants. A range of tactics have been explored and conducted

Op Sceptre has recently been completed, where officers across the Met used several different tactics, including increased patrols in violence hotspots; warrants to target those known to carry knives; and weapons sweeps in areas known for discarded knives. In one instance local officers and a specialist search team were joined by a mother who lost her son to knife crime on a community weapon sweep where several hidden weapons were found. Locally we are running plain clothes operations to counter cat thefts / Drugs / as well as continuing to complete our Op Pegasus (knife arch op at Hayes, with very positive results) this has now been adopted to Uxbridge.

Recent figures:

- 790 arrests
- 280 knives taken off the streets in just one weeks
- 51 warrants.
- 154 community meetings and educational events, engaging with 5,391 individuals.
- 203 school presentations and engagements, involving 15,015 young people.
- 210 retailer visits.
- 1,578 weapon sweeps.

Early intervention is key to curbing violence, so crucially there was also a focus on education, diversion and prevention. A visit was arranged for several local young people to visit the Old Bailey where they listened to presentations about the impact of knife crime. They heard from a trauma surgeon who described the medical aftermath of stabbings; an ex-offender; as well as a criminal barrister.

Stop Search: Used appropriately, stop and search powers save lives and are an important tactic to keep Londoners safe, helping us identify criminality and take drugs and dangerous weapons off our streets. We recognise however that stop and search can be problematic for individuals and communities, particularly when we get things wrong. When this happens, we risk losing the trust, confidence, and co-operation of Londoners. Those risks are higher in communities where stop and search powers are used most often, generally where violent crime, driven by a small minority, is highest.

Recently there have been concerns regarding strip searches, particularly amongst children as shown by the media coverage of Child Q. The authority level has now increased, previously it was a sergeant's authority and now an inspectors authority is required. We must fully consider the child and the

	trauma searches such as these can cause. We must make sure we take a safeguarding response to all such incidents. That is not to say we should stop MTIP (More Thorough Intimate Search) or strip search if they're the right thing to do, as they're part of safeguarding more widely (e.g. to reduce exploitation, prevent self-harm etc.), but critically we must remember it's a child we're searching.	
	In 2021, the Met carried out around 4,300 MTIP stop and searches, out of a total of over 228,000 stop and searches. MTIPs were under 2% of all stop and searches. To combat these figures and to ensure we are dealing with this correctly, the following are being implemented.	
	Child MTIP (More Thorough Intimate Search) Inspector authority requirement pilot	
	Met policy review - we are reviewing the MTIP policy in relation to those under 18. This is firstly to ensure that the policy is appropriate and takes account of the safeguarding review, and that it recognises the fact that a child in these circumstances may be a vulnerable victim of exploitation by others, which unfortunately occurs where children are exploited by gangs, county lines and drug dealing	
	Training - We've transformed our training and have community input into it, with a focus on preventing encounters escalating, so that where stop and search is needed it is undertaken calmly, politely, where possible without the need for handcuffing and with empathy about the impact it has on innocent members of the public. This is reinforced with community experiences being shared at a local level with officers too.	
	Transparency – We have been showing our body worn video of stops to borough level and London wide Community Monitoring Groups and scrutiny panels to get feedback and to increase understanding. Each month we are sharing what weapons and other issues have resulted from stop and search activity so that we can better demonstrate the impact it has. We are also encouraging better communication of why we will be in specific areas and undertaking stop and search activity so that we can keep communities aware and updated about how it links to our work to reduce violence.	
5	MOPAC Funding	(JH)
	The applications have been completed and brought for consideration are:	
	 YMCA Football – Botley Playing Fields. West Area Boxing Cut to the Chase 	
	These projects are continuing from last year as they have been successful and have asked to be considered once again. We also have two new projects both which comply with MOPAC's principles and would be a good fit:	
	 Self Defence Classes for Vulnerable people, including crime prevention advice and support from local police (aimed at women – VAWG) 	(ALL)

	Engineering for Kids – Robotics Course	
	The Board agreed these projects should be put forward for MOPAC funding and they are passed for submission.	
6	Ward Panels	
	JR has been attending some of the ward panels and will continue to attend as many as she is able to. JH is working hard to get to as many as possible and to encourage them to talk to her more and increase participation.	(JH)
7	Hillingdon Youth Council	
	No update provided.	
8	Neighbourhood Watch/OWL	
	OWL Update	(RP)
	May figures for OWL, including CCTV Watch, will be published by the 5 June and will show continued growth in registrations for both areas. The finalisation of the contractual arrangements for 2022/23 between the owner of OWL and MOPAC has been slow and to date we have not received confirmation that monies have been paid.	
	An OWL Update (April Report) is that Residential Burglaries in Hillingdon are now at their lowest level since OWL was introduced in 2018. This is a massive success for the collaboration between the Residents, the Police and HNW.	
	Hillingdon has the highest number OWL messaging in our BCU, mostly thanks to the engagement of the Police in using OWL. With a stronger focus in Ealing and Hounslow the numbers will grow even faster in those Boroughs.	
	HNW attended the Safer Hillingdon Partnership Meeting on the 26 May and gave a presentation on HNW/OWL which seems to be well received. Further discussions on how OWL can support Ward Panels will take place over the coming months.	
	Police Liaison:	
	There continues to be an excellent working relationship with the Police (through the initiatives of Insp. Lipinski) with the SNT Teams as well as Central Police units across London and the Home Counties, where HNW is providing valuable intel to those units.	

	Publicity: The BBC has not yet advised when they will be showing the story. Hillingdon People: An article is expected in the Council's publication for June.	(AS)
	Members: We now have 17000+ members in Hillingdon.	(JR)
	Out of the three boroughs within the BCU, Hillingdon is the most successful at using OWL and send out the most communications.	
	JR suggests looking into increasing the uptake by Ealing and Hounslow as that would put the borough in a much stronger position when requesting ongoing funding from MOPAC.	
9	Finance	
	 JR confirmed there was no change. JR has asked Chris Benson (MOPAC) what the funding will be for 2022-2023 and he has advised this has not been finalised yet but to budget on the same amount as last year £20,146 including admin expenses of £5,200. Projects from last year still need to submit invoices. 	(JR)
10	Councillor Report	(22)
	The Targeted Problem-Solving day was well received by residents, particularly the crime prevention advice and the freebies – the small bells. Other events such as Coffee with a Coppa have also gone ahead and a monthly meeting point is starting on the 17 th June and the 29 th at Oak Farm Library at 3pm. They are all put out on OWL so people know about them. Also it's good to have The Communicator paper back.	(CS)
11	Age UK	
	No update provided. However, JH wanted to mention that Age UK are always looking for volunteers and befrienders (either helping via phone or face to face) and also run a good neighbour service, which helps with shopping, gardening and transport to appointment etc, and they would be grateful for any help.	(JH)
12	AOB	
	The Mayor of London Policing review is taking place and there are also a number of public meetings. The next one is about transparency, accountability and trust in policing and the next meeting is on 16th of June in Brixton which JH will attend via Zoom.	(JH)
	There is a letter from Chief Superintendent Wilson regarding ward panels and ward boundaries, the message is to reassure residents that the SNTs will still be in place in spite of the boundary changes. There will be changes to come but at the present time if any resident asks, please reassure them that the SNTs are in place and will remain for the time being.	

Next meeting is on 30th August 2022 at 7pm in Committee Room 3 at the Civic Centre.	