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SNB Meeting 29 November 2022 Committee Room 3 – Civic Centre MINUTES

Present:

- (JH) Jean Hillman, Chair
- (JR) Jacqui Robertson - Community Safety Manager - LBH
- (CS) Colleen Sullivan, Councillor, LBH
- (DL) Dave Ludlow - Hillingdon Neighbourhood Watch
- (KM) Kevin Mephram - Hillingdon Neighbourhood Watch
- (CH) Chris Head - Hillingdon Neighbourhood Watch
- (DC) Donna Cooper - Community Safety/SNB Admin Support
- (MC) Mike Crane – BID Manager
- (DB) Dylan Brown – Hillingdon Youth Council
- (AMJ) Amir Mayo-Jones – Hillingdon Youth Council
- (HL) Hoda Lacey – Lay Member
- (JMG) James McGahan – A/Inspector, Metropolitan Police

Apologies:

- (CB) Chris Beatty – Age UK
- (PS) Peter Smallwood – Councillor, LBH
- (AS) Anish Sharma (PS) – Metropolitan Police
- (DL) Dan Lipinski (Insp) - Metropolitan Police
- (CT) Chris Tarr – Lay Member

	Item	
	<p>Minutes from the last meeting 30 August 2022:</p> <p>One amendment – apologies had been received from Cllr Peter Smallwood which should have been noted.</p> <p>The rest of the minutes were agreed and noted, with no further amendments.</p>	

2	<p>Chair’s Quarterly Report</p> <p>London Community Policing Partnership (“LCP2”) (JH) attended a meeting of the LCP2 on 29th September at which the new Commissioner for the Metropolitan Police (MPS (Metropolitan Police Service)) gave his first impressions of what was needed to get the MPS back on track and to improve the trust and confidence of the public in the service. There was a change for questions and (JH) raised the problem of abstractions from local SNTs which leave the neighborhoods noticeably short of active police officers on the ground. Sir Mark emphasized that he wants to get policing back to more feet on the ground and have much better cover for local areas although he did say that nothing could be done immediately but the situation should improve in the coming months.</p> <p>(JH) also attended a meeting of the LCP2 on 14th October in connection with the MOPAC (Mayor s Office for Policing And Crime) dashboard which is available on the website at present. It was agreed that further discussion is required to realign the dashboard and to make it more user friendly. There may be further meetings to progress this further.</p> <p>London Assembly Police & Crime Committee (JH) attended via webcam a meeting of the Police & Crime Committee to which the Mayor, Sadiq Khan, and Sir Tom Winsor had been summoned to answer questions about the resignation of Dame Cressida Dick from her position as Commissioner of the MPS. Sir Tom Windsor had produced a lengthy document relating to the involvement of the Mayor in the process and the members of the Committee put some very searching questions to both parties. The Committee agreed they may well require a further meeting due to time restraints. A further emergency meeting was held on 22 November which passed the proposal to summons the Mayor and Sir Tom Winsor once again and perhaps one or two other guests to attend the meeting on 16 December 2023.</p> <p>Stop & Search Just to remind you that it is possible to obtain S&S figures for each borough together with several other statistics at: https://www.met.police.uk/sd/stats-and-data/met/stop-and-search</p>	
3	<p>Membership</p> <p>(JH) was delighted to welcome new member, Hoda Lacey, to her first meeting, and is positive that Hoda will make a great contribution to the Board. Welcome also to Kevin Mephram who will be the Hillingdon Neighbourhood Watch representative on the Board.</p> <p>(JH) had contacted Syeda Malik (who had been a Board member for some time and who had needed some personal time away from the Board) for an</p>	

	<p>update on her position and intentions; however regretfully Syeda has now given her resignation from the Board due to personal reasons.</p> <p>Chris Tarr was unable to attend this meeting; however he has confirmed he would still like to remain on the Board and will attend the next meeting in February 2023.</p>	
4	<p>Police Quarterly Performance Report</p> <p>Robbery and burglary are down slightly in a comparison with last year's figures however, violence stays the same. There is a 4% increase, which is minimal. There has been a rise in sexual offences reported, whether that is because now encourage people to report more with the focus on reducing violence against women and girls. Theft has gone up slightly with a 19% rise compared to the previous year. Arson and criminal damage are up 10% which is a small amount overall. Drug offenses are down by 25% and possession of weapons is down by 15%. There has been a reduction in proactivity of stop and search. The Stop and Search figures show the demographic being predominantly white men between 15 and 24. More thorough searches have also dropped in line with other stop and searches.</p> <p>There has been a slight increase in knife crime which seems to go against the possession of weapons being down, however over the three boroughs we are the only one that has not had a firearm discharged. Antisocial behaviour is down by 36%, according to the figures produced. The figures are generated by someone that works on the BCU. The data is drawn down from the crime reporting system, and then produced as reports for Safer neighbourhood boards. VAWG (Violence Against Women and Girls), shows a slight decrease, but only by 1%, but compared to the other boroughs and we are in the middle and nowhere near the top. The detection rate is still around the same. I (Immediate) call performance (calls to 999 are graded and immediate calls or '1' calls, police need to get there within 15 minutes or less from the time the person is connected to the operator) have had a small decrease, dipping in September. Around 80% of calls had been reached dropping to around 70% which is not good. This is possibly explained by the the resourcing problems that the response teams have, numbers have been so low that everyone in uniform was pulled in to help, often meaning that dedicated ward officers were also abstracted.</p> <p>The Commissioner is looking into this as in the past probationer officer had been rotated doing six months neighbourhood policing and then six months response. That is due to change with officers now going to response to boost their numbers, therefore leaving dedicated ward officers alone. This is one way that is being considered however there are other measures that the Commission is looking into to increase the ability to respond to calls.</p>	

	<p>The Board panel members collectively raised concerns and asked for updates regarding catalytic converter thefts, as they felt they were either not being dealt with or there was simply no communication about what was happening. The Board raised other concerns over the lack of communication and updates into reports made and requested that Police share good news stories and successful outcomes with not only the SNB members, but also with Neighbourhood Watch co-ordinators so that updates can be put out on OWL (Online Watch Link). This would greatly increase the confidence of the public as without this vital feedback, they are reporting less as they feel nothing is being done. It was discussed that Police resources are at a critical level with lots of abstractions for protests, putting an even greater strain on local police, however without the public being aware of this or hearing about the excellent work that is being done locally, the public feel as though they are not being supported or heard. The Superintendent is looking at ways they can get some more of these good messages out as a reassurance to residents.</p> <p>(JR) requested that James take the concerns back to the police and see if there could be work done at the ward panel meetings and to include an agenda item for the neighbourhood watch so they can share what has been happening. This would be beneficial for officers as they would get to know the neighbourhood watch co-ordinators and might also encourage growth from residents to join neighbourhood watch.</p>
5	<p>MOPAC Funding (DC) We received the funding from MOPAC for our four projects, and these are being delivered. These are{ Cut to the Chase (first aid on the streets) Project Confidence (self-defence) West Area Boxing YMCA Football We are also looking at one or two small projects to fund as we do have a little funding available now.</p> <p>(DC) All the projects have now signed their agreements. Project Confidence, YMCA football and Robotics have already started delivering their sessions and the only one which is slightly behind is street doctors. We have a meeting scheduled with Edward on 5th December to discuss matters as they have experienced some problems internally, but these are now being addressed. The meeting will be to discuss how many sessions are we can get in before the end of the year to spend the full funding. We have also ordered some nail files for Domestic Abuse victim/survivors as this fits in with the VAWG part of MOPACS criteria. We also have £1000.00 to spend on promotional giveaways, the board have access to a company called JNE Security and as soon as a decision has been made about suitable items, an order can be made.</p>

6	<p>Ward Panels</p> <p>The new Ward Panels are being set up following the local elections and are beginning to hold first meetings.</p> <p>(DL) updated in relation to the action set for him at the previous meeting regarding contacting neighbourhood ward panel meetings. There are already 347 coordinators, so rather than send a request out to approx. 17,000 people, a decision was made to contact the 347 people who are already coordinated. The result was that 10 volunteers came forward who would like to take part in their ward panels, and this will now be called Wall Panel watch.</p> <p>16 boroughs out of the 32 are signed up to OWL and some councils are signatories to the the contract so they can send out their own community safety messages. This is something we could consider that way you would have automatic access to that secure environment to send out messages.</p>	
7	<p>Hillingdon Youth Council</p> <p>(DB) We've had a bit of a hiatus recently as Lakhbir who used to support the Youth Council has moved on to other things, so we have only just started reorganising, but things are going well. If I remember correctly before this, we had a survey which is done nationally in coordination with the British Youth Council. Nationally the main topics that came up where the cost of living, health and well-being. Knife crime and general crime were in the top three or four but weren't the top which was interesting.</p> <p>We are working on some projects now and trying to establish what the projects will be and what will actually be achievable, because obviously you can say what you want to do but if it is not achievable, there is no point in doing it in the first place. Hopefully by the next meeting I will have something more to share with you.</p>	
8	<p>Hillingdon Neighbourhood Watch/OWL</p> <p>Personnel</p> <p>We begin by recording the sad death in October of our Chair, Roy Parsons, following a short illness – his funeral ay St.Martin’s Church was attended by many friends and colleagues, and the Police provided a guard of honour at the entrance to the Church; they also prepared a plaque in memory of Roy which was presented to his family at the wake. Roy’s work for NHW was much appreciated and he will be fondly remembered by those who knew him.</p> <p>An AGM has been held at which Dave Ludlow agreed to step into the role of Chair at least until we know the situation regarding OWL renewal (see below). Kev Mephram has similarly stepped into the role of Vice Chair. We hope to continue the good work on the initiatives that Roy had put in place.</p> <p>Membership</p> <p>Membership of Hillingdon NHW on OWL was 17,214 to the end of October and continues to grow steadily, as does CCTV Watch. We need a boost to Business Watch, and anyone with reach into any Hillingdon business associations etc is welcome to promote OWL with a view to increasing the audience in that arena.</p>	

	<p>OWL Funding and Contract As usual we are kept in the dark by MOPAC and we continue to seek the current position regarding renewal of the OWL contract from the end of March 2023. Any information that can be gleaned through Council or Police sources would be extremely useful at this stage. We are always happy to meet with decision makers to put our view.</p> <p>OWL Messaging Police messages have naturally picked up again in the time period following the funeral of Her Majesty the Queen. We continue to get feedback from the public regarding messages, and there is anecdotal evidence that residents really are heeding the crime prevention measures that are regularly circulated.</p> <p>A recent sighting in the early hours of suspects at vehicles prompted the resident to call 999 without showing out, a patrol arrived quickly, and suspects were arrested. An OWL message was circulated to positively reinforce the good work of the resident in their response.</p> <p>NHW has also come across a few incidents where residents have not reported the crime to the Police (shed break-ins etc) and we continue to encourage residents to report all crime to the Police. A recent message was circulated by NHW encouraging the use of the Met Police online reporting service.</p> <p>New Wards The Boundary Commission for England changed the number and names of many Wards across London earlier this year, and a large amount of effort has been put in during November to realign all members into their new Wards. I am pleased to say that this activity is now complete, and residents will now receive messages for their new Ward. Assistance to Hounslow and Ealing has been offered. Further publicity surrounding new Wards is planned, to remind residents of new email contact addresses for both NHW and the Police SNTs.</p> <p>Events Kev has recently conducted an audit of “giveaways” that are popular at publicity events for drawing people to a stall, leading to engagement and discussion and very often new members. The stock levels have now been replenished following the lull during Covid, using our grant from LBH. The next two planned events are in December, but we now need notice of events planned for 2023.</p>	
9	<p>Finance</p> <p>In 2022/23 the Board was allocated £20,146 pounds. Deducting the admin fee of £5200, leaves £14,946.00</p> <p>This year, in relation to our projects, we might have a couple of 100 pounds left over, but no more than that as we are expecting the projects to run sessions covering the who allocation. This year, any money that is underspent must be returned to MOPAC.</p>	

	<p>We do have a cumulative underspend, from 21/22 of about £14000.00 to spend and allocate as you see fit. We can use this at any time because previously we were allowed to keep it, however this year any underspend has to go back to MOPAC.</p> <p>The nail files (mentioned previously) will come from this and £1000 allocated for giveaways, but this would still leave about £13,000.</p> <p>We still have a booking of the West Drayton Community Center for paid for, so we can still have an event there, if we can up with some suggestions.</p>	
10	<p>Councillor Report</p> <p>(CS) I still haven't got any dates from the police, but I think they have done a street briefing by the local safer neighbourhood team and coffee with a copper has started, but we're still waiting for dates for further activities, but it's all incredibly quiet. I'm talking about Hillingdon East, but our boundaries have extended, and we've taken on some of Uxbridge North and extended into other areas, so we now have 6000 more houses to look after.</p>	
11	<p>Age UK</p> <p>(JH) As you know Chris Beattie would normally be here to give her update, however she is still off with covid. However, I do some work with Age UK and so can say that they do some fantastic work and will also work over Christmas, they try and contact as many lonely people as they can, and they also do Christmas lunch.</p> <p>I talk to people on the phone, and I do a face to face, but the Charity is desperate need of volunteers who can spare a few hours to help if it's possible. They run a good neighbour service which entails small jobs such as taking a service user to hospital or doctor's appointments, light gardening/housework or even collecting prescriptions as well as accompanying people on short walks.</p> <p>It's a really rewarding thing to do and you do need to be reliable person, but it's certainly a worthwhile charity to assist.</p>	
12	<p>AOB</p> <p>(JH) Confirmed that due to personal reasons, former member of the board – Sayeda Malik has formally resigned.</p> <p>JH: The next meeting is on 28 February 2023 at 7pm in Committee Room 3 at the Civic Centre.</p> <p>(DC) I just wanted to clarify whether Les Drussel should be added to the apologies list for today?,</p> <p>(JH) Les is not actually a member, he is very welcome to come, and I sent him the papers, but I have not heard from him.</p>	

(DC) Can I ask A/Insp McGahan if he knows how to get the website (police.co.uk) updated with the new ward changes?

(JMG) I'll contact them and look into this

Various members asked about the future of Uxbridge Police Station, but although this has been mentioned previously and Boris Johnson has been approached about it, there is no factual update about it yet.

(JR) Spoke about shoebox presents for young residents at the YMCA, an initiative run by the Community Safety Team to provide Christmas Gifts made up from suitable donations to the young people who are residing in the YMCA hostels who either have no family or have families with such complex problems they are not able to reside with them.