

Hillingdon Safer Neighbourhood Board | MINUTES

Tuesday 28 May 2019 19:30pm - : | Committee Room 6, Hillingdon Civic Centre

Attendees

- Philip Green (PG / Chair) – Chair
- Richard Mills (Cllr RM) - LBH Councillor
- Devi Radia (Cllr DR) - LBH Councillor
- Pin Bains (PB) - Lay Member
- Chris Beaty (CB) - Age UK
- Mike Crane (MC) - Uxbridge Bid Forward
- Tracy Howard (TH) Children and Young People Services (7:50 - 9:10)
- Teena Lashmore - Senior Community Safety & domestic abuse Officer (minute taker)
- Jude Noronha (JN) Victim support
- Roy Parsons (RP) - Chair of Hillingdon Neighbourhood Watch
- Justin Petty (JP) - Sergeant Hounslow Police
- Jacqueline Robertson (JR) - Service Manager, Community Safety,
- Colleen Sullivan (CS) Lay Member

Guests

- Dan Kennedy (DK) - Director, Housing, Environment, Education, Performance, Health & Wellbeing - Residents Services, London Borough of Hillingdon
- Musa McArthur (MM) - Hillingdon Youth Council (7:50 - 9:10)
- Jasmine Malhi (JM) - Hillingdon Youth Council (ibid)
- Tanya Sairi (TS) - Hillingdon Youth Council (ibid)

Apologies

- Rob Bryan (RB) - Inspector Hillingdon, Metropolitan Police Service
- Ricky Kandohla (RK) Police Superintendent, BCU West (Hillingdon, Ealing and Hounslow) Metropolitan Police Service
Jean Hillman Lay Member

3. Minutes / Amendments/ Previous Action/ Matters Arising

Minutes of 26 February 2019 accepted with the following correction: Chris Beaty was in attendance

Previous Actions: Neighbourhood Watch - The replacement signs are continuing around the borough

Future Dates: Time Table for Future Community Engagement/ Target Problem Solving dates provided to all members present

Sgt Justin Petty was introduced and confirmed he comes from Hounslow Borough not Hillingdon. Chair thanked him for stepping in and for doing his best to provide answers. Police update on using Flex: Due to police apologies, the 'stand-in' officer (Justin Petty) was unaware of this action but provided the

following response: that it is standard for officers to attend ward matters/ meetings and that Designated Ward Officers (DWO) should be attending meetings in future.

OWL affirmed the sharing of their materials with Age UK.

The Chair explained Youth Service engagement and that he met TS on 17 October 2018 but fear his exams mean he is unable to re-engage him at this time. Board agreed he should try again; however, Youth Services appeared at 7:50, making this action unnecessary.

4. Ratification New Member

Ratification of New Board Members:

- Musa McArthur (MM) - Hillingdon Youth Council
- Jasmine Malhi (JM)- Hillingdon Youth Council
- Tanya Sairi (TS) - Hillingdon Youth Council
- Colleen Sullivan (CS)

5. Chairman's Quarterly Reports/ Matters Arising

Chairman Report: May 2019. Brief discussion on Abstractions (as raised in the report). SNB noted it is only Sergeants or higher that were abstracted before; however, new requirements mean more abstraction than normal due to recent demands and that it will affect more officers regardless of their ranks. The Chair advised every one that if their Ward Members / Residents are complaining about the lack of police participation, to please mention this to the Ward Sergeants.

Future of Ward Panels - the Chair explained that MOPAC have been looking at their structure as they are deemed to be the life blood to SNBs. MOPAC will be reporting/ engaging shortly. The Chair suggested each SNB member feedback every quarter to the SNB about their Ward Panel and how they are functioning. It was noted that the south of the borough has no SNB representation. The Chair asked for RB to send a list of ward panels and their linked Sergeants out with Panel Board Members are connected to which Wards as the Chair would like to have one board member covering three wards - thus reflecting how the Police Sergeants cover the wards and that this should aid communication and support between the Wards and SNBs.

Inspector Bryan has the list of the Wards and designated Sergeants. Sergeants should attend the minimum of one ward per year. SNB felt that feedback from the Ward Panels should also be taken back through the police from the Ward but all present SNB members agree that SNB can take ownership of the feedback processes.

Future of SNB - The Chair explained there is a push from MOPAC on the core functions of SNB; therefore, there needs to be a conversation - as it appears that SNBs are operating across London but function slightly different to each. The Chair explained that to his recollection, Stop and Search (S&S) is not in the

current remit of Hillingdon's SNB; however, others present explained S&S is a core function for SNBs. The Chair noted the inconsistencies in SNBs and felt it was probably historical. He also noted that London Communities Partnerships (LCP2) provide good guidance for the functions of SNBs. Conversation between board members to continue 'off-line'.

The Chair summarised that Ward Panels are fairly consistent across the area; however, feedback from Chris Benson (MOPAC) stated that Councillors are not to be Chairs of Ward Panels. In contrast, feedback from Inspector Bryan felt that Ward Panels needed to be practical and if having a Councillor as a Chair of a Ward Panel would ensure the continuity of that panel, then this was preferable. The ideal preference is that Ward Panel Chairs are independent.

The Chair recalled Nancy Morgan, a resident from Alexander Park, who has already set up a residence association. She is now seeking a change so that all New Build Housing Developments have active police participation to ensure crime is built out of these new developments.

The Chair recalled Youth Council participation as being a cause of concern. This led to TH introducing the new Youth Council Members who will now make up the core members of SNB. TH affirmed Tom is studying and is no longer in Youth Parliament. TH, along with the new Youth Parliament Members, will follow up on the young people survey and feedback to SNB. (All were welcomed by the board and ratified).

Discussion on whether hard copies of meeting papers are made available. Agreed a set amount of hard copies of meeting papers for future SNBs in future.

LCP2 AGM - noted.

LCP2 & SNB CHAIRS' FORUM report, City Hall, 30th APRIL, 2019 - taken in full.

Ward Panel Chairs report 14th May 2019 - taken in full.

Public Meeting 15 May report - taken with comments noted above.

Action Items	Responsible	Due
The conversation on the future SNB role, terms of reference and functions etc. To begin off-line with board members	PG	As soon as possible
SNB Board Members to feedback on their Ward Panels to SNB every quarter	ALL Board Members connected/ participating in Ward Panels	Every meeting
RB to send the Ward Panel membership list and vacancies to SNB	PG to obtain the list from RB	As soon as possible
Chair to determine the amount of 'meeting bundles' required for future meetings and communicate this to Teena Lashmore	PG	As soon as possible
Youth Council to complete the young people survey and feedback their findings to SNB	TH, MM, TS, JM	24 Sept 2019

6. Police Reports

The Chair thanked JP for standing in for the Inspector and also raised his concern about police ranks attending the board meeting and that he would expect to have a more senior officer standing in future.

The Police Reports were circulated prior to the meeting and spoken to by Sergeant JP - reading from notes from Superintendent Kandohla. He announced that sadly Cherry Lane Primary School has seen a 10 year old child die and that the family is being supported.

Knife offences in some town centres are an ongoing task for the police. Aggravated burglaries across the west are also subject to ongoing investigations. There was a stabbing in West Drayton and that investigation is also on-going. Drug related offending is also of a concern as there is now a link to violent crime. As a response there is a Violent Crime task force in operation.

S&S use is ongoing and is a driver to detect and deter violence. JP reflected on the results of the three day operation that went across the border and into Thames Valley and the Surry Policing areas. This tasking was in relation to the increase in aggravated burglary. JP provided a summary: 33 arrested in three days, some charged and 'Release under Investigation' (like Bail). Other matters that were drawn out by this tasking included driving with knives and motorbikes being used/ found in drive through etc. Some cases have been referred to Youth Offending Services (YOS). Other vehicles stopped revealed high amounts of uncut cocaine. In summary, the operation has been relatively successful; however, there is no future date or future planned tasking such as this one - despite its success.

S&S Jan 2017 to 2019 has seen a 7% increase in use. Crime has gone up generally and the National Police Service (NPS) and Met is on an intensive recruitment drive to meet demand. Hillingdon's crime figures are marginally lower than Ealing and Hounslow - at this time.

JP explained an evolving concern with Eastcote and East Ruislip which shows a spiked increase in burglary which is often aggravated and is therefore, likely to be one gang (see reports).

Knife Crime in Yiewsley has seen an increase from 12 to 24 incidents and this is becoming a persistent feature in Townfield ward too.

Police - across BCU have noted the spike in aggravated burglary is targeting Asian gold. JP felt that the DWO should contact victims to obtain further intelligence and prevent future victims and link in with OWL to support prevention. Violent injury offences are now tasked to the Violent Task Force and they have patrolled West Drayton and continue to do so. ASB is an area where Local Authority (LA) can assist; however, at this time, JP is unsure as to how LA and Police work on this.

The Chair thanked JP for the report and a brief discussion was had. It was noted that because JP is not a 'Hillingdon Officer' the person to do the piece of work of explaining how the LA work with the police on ASB would be better suited to a Hillingdon Officer and as the Chair has a planned appointment with Superintendent Kandohla in 10 days, he can put this question to him. He also asked that if any board member has questions relating to the reports and policing matters generally to please forward those questions to the Chair and the Chair will bring them to his (Kandohla) attention.

RM acknowledged the good work that has previously brought crime figures down but raised his concern that they are now rising.

JP affirmed that Smart Water (the burglary deterrent community marking system), is still being rolled out through the borough. Exact locations not known.

S&S usage has gone up 7% in Hillingdon and is having a positive effect.

The Chair referred the board's attention to the report on 15 May by Nick Hurd which was a public meeting which noted that victims of these crimes are experiencing trauma and that there is a general feeling among the greater public that the Justice System appears less effective on driving down crime due to poor sentencing - not resulting in crime deterrence. JP provided a quick canter through other criminal justice agencies and he felt he could not comment on this point as the Police Service work with the resources provided by central government to the best of their abilities. The Chair probed further and asked: How do officers feel when they capture an offender who is then released? JP explained that they work with the system as it is and that such a conversation is better suited to government.

RP offered a personal observation: that the Crown Prosecution Service (CPS) is less enthusiastic to pursue some criminal matters due to work load pressures and declining resources.

RM contributed that he felt the DWO per ward is lacking in its coverage due to high levels of vacancies and he felt that the Ward Panel Chairperson should be informed about the vacancies. JP explained it is the Mayor's commitment that each ward has 2 DWO and that the BCU aims to deliver on this.

The board noted that DWO in Hillingdon East are now doubling up to cover i.e., Brunel Ward. The Chair explained he was privy to a conversation which showed high amounts of Ward vacancies and noted that there is limited flexibility for the police who then struggle to cover these events. RM Re-iterated his point which is that it is not the vacancies that is the issue; rather, it is the lack of communication about the vacancies that is the concern.

Action Items	Responsible	Due
SNB members to raise questions on policing matters to the Chair 'off-line'	SNB members	8 June 2019
BCU Police to feedback how they work with LA (ASBET)	Chair and Superintendent with ASBET Nathan Welch	

7. MOPAC Proposed Projects for 2019/2020

Chair noted MOPAC's deadline to receive application is 7 June 2019. He explained any one project will receive a maximum £5k only and therefore the SNB can use MOPAC's criterion as part of its assessment on the proposed projects this evening. Hillingdon has a projected maximum fund of £28,781.

General discussion on establishing an assessment criterion to accepting / rejecting proposal. TH added that early intervention to support one child away from crime is better than not having interventions - a

statement the board agreed with. DK explained that a look at volume and impact is not necessary a good model in which to make decisions.

Chair confirmed that MOPAC have advised that neither 'One Life' or 'Growing Against Violence' will be approved at a local SNB level. They may be agreed pan London.

1. Eyes Ears and Excellence - to return to SNB with a future application - once they have spent their current funds and SNB will reconsider an application. Chair to liaise with EEE to establish the proposal. Decision pending
2. Isbeddel for £6K - rejected due to costs exceeding MOPAC funding per project limit of £5K
3. Growing against violence £3,960.00 - rejected by MOPAC prior to meeting
4. Urban Mentoring Program window of £12,200.00 - £ 17K - rejected due to costs exceeding MOPAC's £5k limit per project
5. West Area Kickz / Northwood Project £1,500.00 accepted the project but reduced the amount to £1,000.00
6. YMCA Football intervention £5,998.00 - Chair to go back to YMCA to ensure the application is not for 'back-filling' role and to establish clarity on their current spend (as their existing project appears to be under spent). Decision pending
7. Domestic Abuse Conference (BME) £1,500.00 - initially rejected and the Chair was to feedback an alternative avenue to achieve the conference's aims. Post meeting the Chair had reviewed this decision and decided to allocate funds to this project.
8. Fountain Mills/ Targeted Programmes £14,940.00. This consists of three projects within one application and SNB endorsement is for one project only with funds of £5k
9. Life Skills focus Disability C Watson £10,000.00 - Rejected as this exceeds MOPAC project limit of £5K
10. After School Boxing Club £1,500 - accepted by SNB for the full £1,500.00. Project to be overseen by Board Member PB

Total of green projects accepted to date is £7.5K. Activities by the Chair's note, 30 July, included a Domestic Abuse Conference £1.5k resulting in running total of £9K

Green Coloured Projects are accepted

Orange - decisions pending

Black - rejected		
Action Items	Responsible	Due
EEE Chair to liaise with group about needing further clarity on their current spend to date before affirming a project and fee	PG	29 May 2019
ISBEDDEL - communicate decision of unsuccessful application	PG	
Growing Against Violence - Chair to affirm their rejection by MOPAC	PG	
Urban Mentoring Program Chair to affirm rejection based on costs exceeding MOPAC limit of £5K per project	PG	
Northwood Project by West Area Kicks Affirm £1K	PG	29 May
YMCA Chair to obtain clarity on YMCA's spend and review the application and how much they can apply for	PG	29 May 2019
Domestic Abuse accepted and to be ratified at the next SNB	PG	24 Sept 2019
Fountain Mills Targeted Program - accepted one project at £5K	PG	29 May 2019
Life Skills Disability - ejected due to costs exceeding MOPAC £5K limit	PG	
After School Boxing - accepted in full. Chair to affirm	PG	29 May 2019
TL to send blank SNB forms to successful bidders (Orange and Green) - once the Chair has confirmed he has communicated to this projects	TL	31 May 2019
TL to send Chair ISBEDDEL contact details	TL	31 May 2019

8. MOPAC Quarterly Reports

The board welcomed the quarterly reports. General discussion noted on reports. MC noted that YMCA peaked at 10 children using their service; however, it is unclear as to whether these are the same children throughout time and it was felt that the board wanted to know this fact. Therefore the reports will note 'new children'. The consensus from the board is that some projects appear to have / be under spending. *(The substantive part of this conversation is recorded in the financial section)*. Quarterly reports accepted in full.

MOPAC EEE

MOPAC Just Enough

MOPAC West Area Kickz Northwood Project

MOPAC YMCA

Action Items	Responsible	Due
Modify the Quarterly Reports to affirm new members attending a project	TL	24 Sept 2019

9. Financial Reporting

Chair introduced the report and took feedback. The Board thanked Community Safety for producing the annual accounts. In 2017/18, there was a carry forward of £8581; however, it was unclear as to how this happened? It appears from this account that there is 12,041 unused/ unspent in the account. Community Safety has been tasked to clarify this annual account further.

TS contributed that it was sad to see an under spend in current projects, especially where they (young people) have been trying to obtain funding. TH elaborated. Young People wanted to fund a First Aid course £56K and they saw this as a tool to knife crime as it would give young people the skills to manage a conflict situation. The Chair fed back that such a project (First Aid) would not be seen as directly contributing to reducing crime but welcomed any future application for funding from young people.

Chair added the following caveat to the financial annual report

YMCA HAYES did not start

Quba not happened

Conference spend was from another budget

MC observed we need a closer watch on finances and where there is under spend, the board need closer scrutiny.

Cllr DR referred to YMCA's Somalia community project and that it may benefit more by having Somalia workers involved in the project delivery and that all projects should be reviewed by week 3 or 4 and change their delivery structure in order for the project to be more successful.

The Chair suggested each Board Member should monitor / oversee a project(s), once all future projects are agreed, to develop greater scrutiny - agreed.

The Chair is to explore with Community Safety their Annual Financial Accounts and their day to day account of income and expenditure.

Action Items	Responsible	Due
Chair to obtain a board member for each MOPAC successful project	PG	As soon as MOPAC confirm final projects
Board Members to link to their chosen project and feedback	Selected Board Members	24 Sept 2019
Quarterly Income and Expenditure reports	Community Safety/ TL	quarterly
The Chair is to explore with Community Safety the Annual Financial Accounts and a day to day account of Income and Expenditure which will fit with the quarterly project reports	PG and JR	24 Sept 2019

10.

OWL Report. RP spoke to his report. One year success with 12,500 people contactable on email which is an increase of 11%. CCTV Watch now has 6000 people using this. Hillingdon is a success. The longer this runs the better it becomes. He added Automatic Number Plate Recognition (ANPR) is via cloud services.

There is a planned meeting at the Home Office and MOPAC etc to set up a working group which could do a presentation to SNB to demonstrate its capability. Funding was secured by Hillingdon Safer Neighbourhoods and it is hoped this arrangement continues. The owner of OWL has registered for this now. Finally OWL is currently based in Ruislip but will soon need to re-locate which may impact upon its work but we are hopeful such impact will be minimal.

Youth - New member were ratified

Councillors agreed that they will report on crime issues to SNB, they will connect with all councillors and Ward Panel members/ chairs about SNB and in summary become the conduit between these areas.

Age UK enquired into what the SNB would like from them in terms of future reporting. Agreed that feeding back on Adult Safeguarding cases/ referrals would be beneficial especially around financial and physical abuse. Sharing this data will also support Customer Engagement whose work focuses on the mature members in the borough.

Victim Support (JN) reiterated the note that they have progressed through organisational re-structuring and now the service delivery will reflect the policing BCU model.

Action Items	Responsible	Due
Age UK to provide quarterly reports	CB	quarterly
Councillors to report to SNB issues from other Councillors	DR/RM	Each meeting

11. AOB

None noted

Action Items	Responsible	Due

12. Date of Next Meeting/ Meeting Close

Tuesday 24th September 2019, CR5. This meeting will be the our AGM