

EALING SAFER NEIGHBOURHOOD BOARD MEETING

Wednesday 23rd January 2019, at 7:00 pm, Elizabeth Cantell Room, Ealing Town Hall.

MINUTES

MEMBERS PRESENT

Richard Chilton	Chair
Mohamed Ali	Community Member
Jamila Bibi Sawar	Community Member
Beata Felinczak	Victim Support Representative
James Guest	Ealing Ward Cluster Representative
William Hardman	Ealing Chamber of Commerce Representative
Alan Murray	Community Member
Rajat Nath	Community Member
Andrew Rollings	Ealing Business Improvement Representative
Jags Sanghera	Southall Ward Cluster Representative
Don Tanswell	Acton Ward Cluster Representative
Andy Oliver	Community Member

COUNCILLORS

Councillor Joanna Camadoo Portfolio Holder — Community Safety and Inclusion

METROPOLITAN POLICE SERVICE REPRESENTATIVES

Charlotte Brand	Constable
Mark Hughes	Inspector
Ricky Kandohla	Superintendent

IN ATTENDANCE — EALING COUNCIL OFFICERS

Mwim Chellah	Democratic Services Officer
Jess Murray	Head of Community Safety, Tenancies and Regulatory Operations

1. Welcome and Apologies for Absence

The Chair welcomed Members present, and noted apologies from those who had sent them in advance of the meeting.

Apologies were received from Sara Kumar (Vice-Chair), Councillor Seema Kumar, Suzanne Fernandes, Anu Khela, James Lawley-Barrett, Susan Lindo, Martin Mallam, Sarah Constable and Wendy Starkie.

2. Minutes of the Meeting Held on 29 October 2018

The Board considered the minutes of the meeting on 29th October 2018.

Approved: the minutes of the meeting on 29th October 2018.

3. Terms of Reference of ESNB

Received: a report from Don Tanswell.

Noted: that revision of the Terms of Reference had been necessitated by the need to make them current, including to comply with GDPR (General Data Protection Regulation) legislation that came into force on 25th May 2018. GDRP was designed to modernise laws that protect the personal information of individuals. The update would facilitate the Board's recruitment campaigns by making community member application forms clearer, shorter and remove superfluous lists.

Noted: that the provision for deputies in the revised Terms of Reference was included. This would enable future Board meetings to be held with representatives from but community members.

The Chair then requested Members to approve the revised Terms of Reference.

Approved: unanimously, the resolution to adopt the new Terms of Reference.

4. Progress Update on Projects

Received: a report from Sara Kumar (Vice-Chair) (presented by the Chair)

Noted: that the report had been circulated to Members prior to the meeting.

Action: Members with ideas for projects for possible funding to inform the Vice-Chair by March/April 2019.

5. Ward Policing

Received: a report from Don Tanswell (verbatim Speaker Notes appended as Appendix 1).

Noted: that this was a follow-up to discussions on the subject from previous meetings. There was concern that ward policing was affected by Abstractions — (duties off the ward) and inadequate communication. There was also need to improve public engagement with the Police at Ward Forums and other community initiatives, such as "Cuppa-with-a-Copper". At such events communities were invited along to have an informal chat with local Police to discuss any concerns they had in their respective communities.

Noted: that during Ward Panels, there was less interaction with the Police. Previously there was regular participation from a Sergeant and/or an Inspector, however, the Police attendance was currently non-existent to very little. Ward Panels and Ward Forums attendees always wanted to know about crimes numbers and resolutions.

Queried: whether the introduction of tablets had been effective, and if the provision of such tools had led to keeping more Officers on the streets. There was also concern about poor wireless support in Police buildings.

Noted: the Metropolitan Police Service’s Representatives responded that “Abstractions” may be necessitated because of the current “Brexit” debate in the country, where Police resources could be called upon to deal with public safety concerns. However, it was envisaged that “Abstractions” would be kept to a minimum, wherever possible.

Furthermore, even at public engagement events such as “Cuppa-with-a-Copper”, the Police could still deal with problems presented, as these were not merely “social events”. However, public attendance was very low.

Moreover, the Police were working on improving issues current IT problems with the tablets and wireless connection in Police Stations. Communication with the public was also being reviewed and constantly improving through regular updates on social media, such as Twitter, Facebook and OWL, as well as by Police attendance at Ward Forums. There were also a lot of information on the Police website.

6. Public Space Protection Orders

Received: a PowerPoint presentation from Jess Murray.

Noted: that the presentation would be circulated to all Members. There were currently two Public Space Protection Orders (PSPOs) in Ealing: one in Southall Town Centre, including Southall Parks; and the other on Mattock Lane — covering the area around the Marie Stopes Clinic. The latter was currently under judicial review in the Court of Appeal.

Noted: that PSPOs required numerous resources to be effective, such as a Policing Plan, which worked in tandem with Ealing Council. Implementing a Borough-wide PSPO would require even more resources.

7. Crime Statistics

Received: a report from James Guest.

Noted: that the report had been circulated to Members prior to the meeting.

Action: the next Agenda should include an item on the “Lovebox Festival”.

8. Police Update and Police Accommodation

Received: an update from Superintendent Ricky Kandohla.

Noted: that Hanger Hill and South Ealing Police bases would close. However, Police Officers from the affected bases would be redeployed to Acton and Ealing Police Stations.

Action: ESNB Members with ideas on how to use other means of making Policing effective, such as using “hubs” and “open spaces” in Wards to present them to the Police Representatives on the ESNB. It was feasible to use “agile/modern technology” to record Police statements in Wards, and not necessarily from a physical building/office space.

9. Any Other Business

There was no other business raised.

Date of the Next Meeting

It was noted that the annual public meeting would take place on Monday, 11th March 2019, at 7:00 pm.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 9 pm.

RICHARD CHILTON (CHAIR)