

**AGENDA ITEM: 2**

**EALING SAFER NEIGHBOURHOOD BOARD (ESNB)  
MINUTES OF MEETING  
Wednesday, 25<sup>th</sup> January, 2017 @ 7.00pm**

<b>PRESENT:</b>	<b>REPRESENTING</b>
Richard Chilton	Chair of ESNB - Lay Member / ECPCG Representative
Chris Carrington	Vice-Chair & Acton Ward Panel Lead
Sarah Constable	Youth Connexions, LBE
Graham Durn	Ealing Police Inspector
Suzanne Fernandes	Lay Member
Neil Fretwell	Lay Member
William Hardman	Ealing Chamber of Commerce
Sara Kumar	Lay Member
Susan Lindo	ICV Ealing Panel
Paul Madden	Met Police (Complaints)
Martin Mallam	Greenford Cluster Lead
Paul Martin	Borough Commander, Ealing Police
Alan Murray	Lay Member
Andy Oliver	Lay Member
Sue Prosser	Interpreter
Jags Sanghera	Southall Cluster Lead

**COUNCILLORS**

Cllr Ranjit Dheer	Cabinet Portfolio Holder, LBE
Cllr Seema Kumar	

**Also Present:**

Laurie Lyle	- Democratic Services Officer, LBE
Susan Doran	- MOPAC
Jess Murray	- Safer Communities, LBE

**1. Welcome and Introductions**  
(Agenda Item 1)

The Chair welcomed all those in attendance and asked that each Member present formally introduce themselves.

**2. Apologies for Absence**  
(Agenda Item 1a)

It was noted that apologies for absence had been received in advance of the meeting, from the following:

- John Gallagher
- James Guest
- Ann Hunter
- Ravi Kurup
- Arwel Davies
- Beata Felinzak

### 3. **Minutes of Meeting (19<sup>th</sup> October, 2016)**

(Agenda Item 2)

The minutes of the previous meeting of the 'ESNB' which took place on 19<sup>th</sup> October, 2016 were agreed as a true and correct record.

### 4. **Review of Action Points**

(Agenda Item 4)

#### **(i) *Disability Review***

Graham Durn said that he had looked at the findings of the review and he had identified a number of matters that need reconciling. He said that he will seek to make the necessary changes as soon as it is practicable.

William Hardman said that he had also gone through the review in depth, and had found it difficult to compare the different buildings featured in the review.

Alan Murray proposed that a sub-group of the Board be set up to look at the findings of the review in greater detail.

The Chair said that he was in agreement with Alan Murray's proposal, and the Chair requested that the sub-group comprise of the following Board Members: Graham Durn, William Hardman and Alan Murray.

#### **(ii) *Ealing Police Website***

The Chair said that despite previous requests to provide a further update on a link from the Ealing Police website to the ESNB website, no update has been provided thus far.

Paul Martin informed Members that the Police have been asked to place a temporary hold on this matter, however he had a departmental management team (DMT) meeting scheduled next week, and he would personally raise the matter with the Police's 'Media and Communications,' representative.

The Chair requested that Paul Martin provide him with a further update following his DMT meeting.

The Chair added that if necessary, he was prepared to escalate the matter to the relevant parties, in an effort to get this matter resolved as soon as possible.

Alan Murray said that it was important to note that Ealing Police was one of the first in the country to allow people to report 'Disability hate crimes' on-line, and immense credit should be given to Ealing Police in recognition of that fact.

**(iii) Neighbourhood Watch List**

The Chair asked for an update on whether or not, a redacted version of the Neighbourhood Watch list has been made public.

Graham Durn said that he was in the process preparing an updated redacted list for the public, however there remains some further work to do, before he was in a position to send out a completed list.

Councillor Dheer said that he hoped that the list could be completed and circulated to all those connected with the Borough's Ward Forum's by February, 2017.

The Chair said that he wished to thank Graham Durn for the work he has undertaken on the list to date, and the Chair said that in light of the progress made, he would recommend that this particular action is now closed.

The Chair's proposal to close the action was agreed by Members.

**(iv) Ward Panels**

The Chair said that he had been made aware that Ward Panels for the Southall area has been established, therefore he was recommending that this action is now closed.

The Chair's proposal to close the action was agreed by Members.

Jags Sanghera confirmed that three meetings of Southall Ward Panels have now taken place, and he said that he would like to thank the Police officers concerned for their diligence in this matter.

The Chair said that he would also like to record a formal thank you in the minutes to Jags Sanghera, for his efforts in helping this matter to come to fruition.

**(v) Police Complaints**

Paul Martin advised that MOPAC and the 'Independent Police Complaints Commission,' have recently commissioned a full and comprehensive review of the Police complaints process, with specific emphasis on service recovery matters.

Paul Martin gave an undertaking to further update the Board Members on the outcome of the review, as more details become available.

## **5. Youth Representation** (Agenda Item 4)

The Chair invited Sarah Constable from Ealing Council, whom he advised has recently taken over from Gemma Benton as the representative on the ESNB, to address the Board, and talk to Members on how she plans to encourage greater participation of young people on the Board.

Sarah Constable said that typically, adult settings in which meetings like the ESNB take place, can often prove a very challenging environment for young people to actively engage in, therefore it was perfectly understandable that both the membership and participation by young people on bodies like the ESNB, can be capricious.

She said that to overcome this problem she was proposing that a simple 'survey and consult' method is adopted, whereby she would consult with young people in the borough, on what they consider to be the top 5 issues regarding policing and safety in the borough, and present their feedback to the Board.

She said that in the meantime she plans to attend the meetings of the Board in the near future, and that she would act as a point of contact for young people, raise points on their behalf, and report back to the young people, the comments of Board Members.

The Chair said that he was happy to agree Sarah Constable's proposal, and the Chair's proposal was endorsed by the Board.

## **6. British Transport Police** (Agenda Item 5)

The Chair advised that whilst the Board's current remit does not extend to the British Transport Police (BTP), he was also aware that the BTP have previously engaged with other Safer Neighbourhood Boards in London.

The Chair said that he had placed this item on the agenda because he considered it appropriate for the ESNB to receive a presentation from a designated representative of the Independent Advisory Group (IAG), who could address the Board, and speak to Members on the work of this Group.

The Chair then introduced Neil Boden of the BTP Independent Advisory Group who gave a short presentation to the Board.

He said that IAG's have been set up in a number of different regions throughout the country to help engage with communities, develop plans and act as a critical friend to the BTP, in reviewing the BTP's activities and operations.

He said that the role of IAG's was to assist the BTP with its policing style, and help to ensure that the BTP reflects the needs of the whole community by:

- Observing operations
- Acting as consultants about BTP activities
- Commenting on how the BTP impacts on communities
- Assist with the development of local policing plans
- Advise the BTP on how its actions are interpreted by members of the public.

He then presented a short video which highlighted some of the sexual offences that are being committed on the London Underground, some of which he said have risen steeply in recent years.

The video also advised of what actions the public can take to counteract these offences, including the texting of a special number (61016) to report such incidents.

The Chair thanked Neil for attending the meeting to brief Members on the work of the IAG, and for his video presentation, which the Chair said he had found very informative

## **7. Crime Statistics** (Agenda Item 6)

The Board gave consideration to the MOPAC data pack, which supplied crime statistics relevant to the borough of Ealing.

Neil Fretwell said that he had assessed the latest figures, and they appear fairly static, however there are some concerns, for example there appears to be a worrying increase in non-dwelling burglaries, which had gone up by 20%, although this should be set against a 15% reduction in burglaries in dwellings.

He said other concerns include the overall increase in homophobic crimes, an 11% increase in knife crime, and a 20% increase in youth violence.

Paul Martin said that the Police were making a concerted effort to move away from focusing just on the aforementioned 'MOPAC 7 crimes,' and were realigning their focus to target crimes against vulnerable people.

Paul Martin said that this new approach by the Police represents a real evolution of modern policing, whereby the Police look more closely at issues such as; anti-social behaviour, locally driven crime targets, crimes committed against the vulnerable and high impact crimes.

Councillor Dheer said that he considered this new approach from the Police as real progress in modern policing.

In response to a question from Alan Murray, Jess Murray advised that the Council was in the process of developing a comprehensive ‘Safer Ealing Plan,’ (SEP), for the borough in conjunction with its partner organisations, and it is intended that SEP will be finalised by the Safer Ealing Partnership prior to being published in February, 2017.

In response to a request from the Chair, Jess Murray gave an undertaking to circulate a copy of the approved SEP to all Members of the Board.

## **8. Update from the Police** (Agenda Item 7)

Paul Martin provided Members with a brief verbal update on the following topical matters currently concerning the Met Police.

- The ‘Metropolitan Police Crime Plan,’ which is currently being drafted
- The appointment of a new Police Commissioner is imminent, and is a crucial appointment because the new Police Commissioner will provide the necessary direction of the Met.
- The Metropolitan Police currently has a £400m funding gap.

## **9. The Mayor’s Police and Crime Plan** (Agenda Item 8)

The Chair advised Members that the Police and Crime Plan for London is a document, which the London Mayor must produce through their office for policing and crime (MOPAC).

He said that it is intended that a draft of the new Police and Crime Plan will be published towards the end of the financial year, preferably before April 2017, and the first draft of the plan is now out for review.

He said that both MOPAC’s and stakeholder’s views are being solicited on a range of issues, including: neighbourhood policing, cyber crime against businesses, keeping young people safe, tackling violence against women and girls, hate crime and extremism.

The Chair said that the Board should decide if it wants to make a collective input to the Plan, and in order to facilitate the debate on this matter he had sent out in advance of the meeting a briefing from ‘LCP2’, plus a few brief comments of his own, which he hoped can be used as a basis for discussion.

He asked that Members provide an indication of the crime themes the Board would like to see incorporated in the draft Police and Crime Plan.

Councillor Dheer said that he would like to see featured in the plan, the raising of the profile of anti-social behaviour. Councillor Dheer said that speaking both as a local Councillor, and the Cabinet portfolio holder for 'Community Safety,' he was aware that the chief concern of many of the borough's residents is anti-social behaviour, and the negative effects this behaviour has on the local population and the quality of life of its residents.

Councillor Dheer said that he strongly advocates moving away from combining anti-social behaviour with graffiti for example, and would like to see anti-social considered as a separate entity and be given top priority in the borough's policing plan.

William Hardman said that whilst he concurred with Councillor Dheer's comments regarding anti-social behaviour, he would also like to include 'hate-crimes,' to the borough's list of crime priorities.

Jags Sanghera said that he also agreed with Councillor Dheer's comments concerning anti-social behaviour. Jags Sanghera said that he had become disillusioned that anti-social behaviour in the borough has been routinely under-reported, tolerated and often ignored.

Jags Sanghera said that he thought that anti-social behaviour was now a massive problem in Ealing, and the impact of anti-social behaviour in the borough was immeasurable, due to it being tolerated over a sustained period of time.

He said that he was saddened that anti-social behaviour in the borough has now become the norm, and invariably results in much more serious crimes being committed later on.

Graham Durn said that the Police do receive a high volume of calls relating to anti-social behaviour, and do their best to deal with the calls, and later determine whether there has been a successful outcome in relation to each call.

He said that it was however important to note, that not all calls reporting anti-social behaviour, can be classified as crimes in the traditional sense.

Paul Martin said that he wished to assure all Board Members that Ealing Police take the issue of anti-social behaviour very seriously indeed.

Paul Martin said that each week he receives a report from the Police data registrars, which provides details all reports of anti-social behaviour that have taken place in the borough during the preceding week, and this report includes the percentage of reported incidents that result in crimes being committed.

Chris Carrington said that he supported the focus on neighbourhood policing in the Plan and the importance of encouraging community involvement, but was disappointed that the current draft contained no mention of existing mechanisms, such as Ward Panels and Neighbourhood Watch, which enable the community to engage with the police at the neighbourhood level.

The Chair concluded the discussion on this item by thanking all those who had made contributions.

The Chair said that it had appeared to him from the contributions received to date, that Members were happy with what the Chair had drafted so far, subject to the addition of anti-social behaviour to the list.

The Chair requested that Board Members respond to him formally within two weeks of the meeting if they had any further comments, following which the Chair will draft a formal response to MOPAC on behalf of the ESNB.

#### **10. Progress report on 'ESNB' Projects** (Agenda Item 9)

Chris Carrington provided a brief update on the latest developments with regards to the ESNB projects for 2015/2016. He also reported on the four new projects which had been agreed by the ESNB this year.

He said that the ESNB could expect to receive approximately the same amount of project money (£32,554) for the year starting April 2017, as allocated in the previous year, and he would like Members to give consideration to submitting ideas for new projects.

He said that in relation to previously mentioned 2015/2016 projects: '*Silence kills,*' '*Safer routes, Safer you,*' and '*Change the Game,*' activity appeared to have petered out, therefore he recommended ending these projects, and inform MOPAC accordingly.

He said that with regard to the project '*Community engagement meeting in West Ealing,*' - no action had taken place because it had not been possible to find anyone willing to lead the project. He recommended that the ESNB advise MOPAC that this project be discontinued.

Chris Carrington further advised Members that the new projects for the 2016/2017, year were:



*'Deaf and hard of hearing' project* – The Police have produced a flyer called “Zero Tolerance of Hate Crime” and a free App called “Self Evident” both intended to help people identify and report hate crimes. The Police have also recently filmed a video of Board Member Alan Murray, advising deaf people on how to report hate crimes.

*'Neighbourhood Watch Reinvigoration – Acton Cluster'* – Work has focused on South Acton where, because existing NW coverage was so poor, it was decided to work with residents' associations, community groups, schools and other organisations to try and reach-out to the community. Each organisation involved has agreed to recruit NW co-ordinators from within their catchment area with the long-term aim of having a co-ordinator/NW scheme in each road. In the meantime, a main contact person for each organisation receives and disseminates police updates to their entire contact lists. Total outreach is about 7000 members of the public. In addition, Dr Tanswell who is leading this project has delivered 4 crime prevention events. NW Twitter accounts have been set up for each of the Acton Cluster wards. Now that work is well under way in South Acton, attention is about to focus on Hanger Hill where there is a very supportive Sergeant and SNT, and a small team of NW co-ordinators.

*'Rolling Base'* (Central Ealing Area) - 15 out of 20 sessions have been completed so far. Feedback received to date has been extremely positive. The next deployments in February will be in Cleveland and Hobbayne in response to specific requests from the Ward Panels, who have been very impressed with past deployments.

*'Build -A-Bike'* (Northolt) – Because of delays in getting the final go ahead from MOPAC, an individual has set up a similar project in the area of the original target school (Alec Reed Academy), so it has been decided to move the project to Greenford High School. The project should be under way there soon.

*'Babies of the Borough'* – The production and development of the shutter images had been agreed. Work had now commenced in trying to get local businesses to participate and engage in the scheme.

At the invitation of the Chair, Susan Doran, the MOPAC representative in attendance at the meeting, addressed the Board, and confirmed to Members that the funding for 2016/2017 projects will be roughly at the same level as it was for the previous year.

She informed the Board that MOPAC will be putting on a series of seminars on how to produce project funding submissions, and details of these seminars will be communicated to all of the capital's SNB's shortly.

The Chair concluded discussion on this item by asking that Members continue to give thought to what projects they would like to see the Board adopt for the year 2016/2017, and if they had any ideas for projects they should let Chris Carrington know as soon as possible.

## **11. Review of the 'ESNB's' - Terms of Reference**

(Agenda Item 10)

The Chair stated that the Boards Terms of Reference (ToR's) had been agreed some time ago. However, a new ToR now needs to be updated and subsequently agreed in order to reflect changes in the Boards operation since its inception.

The Chair said that perhaps of more significance, was the need to review Board membership, and in doing so give consideration as to whether the various representational positions are still appropriate.

He said that the Board also need to consider whether a 3 year term of office is still appropriate for the positions filled by open recruitment.

He said that he was aware that MOPAC were initially keen to see a significant churn in Board membership, however, this may need to be balanced against the risk of a denuded Board, should the current difficulties regarding recruitment continue to persist.

The Chair advised that under the current arrangements, 4 Board members will come to the ends of their terms of office in July 2017, therefore he was proposing that a small sub-group be established to work on proposals for later submission to the Boards meeting in April 2017.

The Board unanimously agreed the Chair's proposal to establish a sub-group, and the Chair said that he would progress this matter by approaching various Members privately outside of the meeting.

## **12. Any Other Business**

(Agenda Item 11)

### ***Ward Panels***

Sara Kumar advised that she had recently attended a meeting of Ward Panels. She further advised that the Ward Panels are to resume on a 6 monthly basis.

She said that there is also a proposal to re-introduce 'Youth Ward Panels,' with an intention to integrate youth members on the Ward Panels.

### ***Facebook page for the ESNB***

Sara Kumar advised that a facebook page for the ESNB has been created, and is now fully operational. Sarah Kumar advised Board Members to visit the Facebook page, and she said that if there are any Members of the Board that have any material that they feel can be used for the Facebook page, then they should contact her as soon as possible.

### ***Twitter Forum***

Sara Kumar advised that a Twitter forum for the ESNB has now been set up, however to date no-one from the ESNB has interacted with it. She said that she would encourage all Members of the Board do their best to interact on the Twitter Forum in order for it to be effective.

### ***'Stop and Search' Group***

Councillor Seema Kumar advised that she had approached a number of people and things were now beginning to take shape.

She said that no-one has yet been appointed as Chair, although someone she knows well, has expressed an interest in becoming Chair of this group, and she was optimistic that a Chair would be appointed at the next meeting.

Councillor Seema Kumar said that the group's meetings have gone well to date, and she gave an undertaking to circulate details concerning future meetings of the group to all Members of the Board.

### ***Roads and Transport Policing Command - Community Roadwatch***

Chris Carrington said that it had come to his attention that the Met's Roads and Transport Policing Command was running Community Roadwatch schemes in the Borough without the knowledge of the ESNB, Ward Panels, or SNTs. Community Roadwatch is a 'TfL' road safety initiative which seeks to reduce speeding in residential areas.

Graham Durn said that he believed that the Community Roadwatch was an RTP operation that to date has not been widely advertised.

Graham Durn said that his understanding of Community Roadwatch was that it provides local residents with the opportunity to work side by side with their local Police teams, and use speed detection equipment to identify speeding vehicles in their communities.

The Chair said that it would be helpful if someone from the Board could attempt to find details of how this group fits in with other local crime initiatives, and report back their findings to a future meeting of the Board.

### ***'Southall Partnership Compliance Unit'***

Jags Sanghera said that he wished to record a formal thanks in the minutes to the Police, and all those concerned in recognition of the work undertaken by the 'Southall Partnership Compliance Unit.' He added that the event had proved an immense success, with a reported 56 positive outcomes.

**13. Next Meeting of the 'ESNB'**  
(Agenda Item 12)

The Chair advised that the next meeting of the ESNB is the annual 'Public Meeting,' and will take place on Wednesday, 15<sup>th</sup> March, 2017 at 7.00pm in Ealing Town Hall.

The Chair said that the items for consideration at the public meeting will include; a review of the previous year's ESNB meetings, Police operations in the borough over the last 12 months, and Police responses to questions from the Board, and any members of the public in attendance.

Richard Chilton, Chair.  
Ealing Safer Neighbourhood Board

The meeting ended at 9.15pm.