

EALING SAFER NEIGHBOURHOOD BOARD (ESNB)

MINUTES OF MEETING

Wednesday, 26th April, 2017 @ 7.00pm

PRESENT:

Richard Chilton
Chris Carrington
Sarah Constable
Duncan Slade
William Hardman
Susan Lindo
Martin Mallam
Alan Murray
Andy Oliver
Jags Sanghera
Ann Hunter

REPRESENTING

Chair of ESNB - Lay Member / ECPCG Representative
Vice-Chair & Acton Ward Panel Lead
Youth Connexions, LBE
Ealing Police Superintendent
Ealing Chamber of Commerce
ICV Ealing Panel
Greenford Cluster Lead
Lay Member
Lay Member
Southall Cluster Lead
Make it Ealing

COUNCILLORS

Cllr Ranjit Dheer Cabinet Portfolio Holder, LBE

Also Present:

Ray Simpson - 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. The Chair also asked that the thoughts of the Board be extended to the Clerk Laurie Lyle with the bereavement he had experienced with his family member.

It was noted that Wendy Starkie had now replaced John Gallagher as the Independent Custody Visitors' member.

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:

- James Guest
- Paul Martin

- Neil Fretwell
- Sara Kumar
- Cllr Seema Kumar
- Suzanne Fernandes
- Beata Felinczak
- Laurie Lyle

The absences of Ravinder Kurup and Wendy Starkie were also noted.

3. Minutes of Meeting (25th January, 2017) (Agenda Item 2)

The minutes of the previous meeting of the 'ESNB' which took place on 25th January, 2017 were agreed as a true and correct record.

4. Review of Action Points (Agenda Item 3)

- The Board were informed that Inspector Graham Durn had now left Ealing and been promoted to a role in Hillingdon
- The Chair reported that the MPS website had now been updated. This update seemed to have removed borough level information that had previously been available. A borough level website was also needed he suggested in order to make it easier to track crime figures
- The Chair said that members of the public needed to be informed of who the senior management team were at Ealing Police
- The Chair suggested that changes to the central police website needed to be made clearer
- Supt Slade reported that the Metropolitan Police website did have the Ealing borough based crime figures
- Safer Neighbourhood Ward Panels have now been set up in all wards in Southall and are making good progress.
- As a follow on for Southall, some items for discussed at these meetings including the impact of Crossrail and will it make it easier to distribute drugs across London.

5. Safer Ealing Partnership Plan and Borough Policing Priorities (Agenda Item 4)

The Board received a presentation from Jess Murray of the Council's Safer Communities Team. The presentation outlined the priorities in terms of what the Safer Ealing Partnership were intending to focus on and the methods to be used by the partners in determining how to work together. This plan also dovetailed with the Mayor of London's new Policing and Crime Plan which had been published 4 weeks earlier. Jess stressed that they would be looking to target measures and not action.

The Chair asked about who had responsibility in terms of setting local priorities and said that there needed to be more consultation between the Police and ESNB at the

outset. Jess Murray did indicate that he could take back the plan as the consultation process was still open. William Hardman expressed surprise at the lack of consultation. Susan Doran indicated that there had been communication with the Leader, Chief Executive and several others in terms of drawing up the Plan. Councillor Dheer warned about the potential conflict of interest between the remit of the Board and the Partnership but thought generally that liaison between the two could work. The Chair once again stressed that the Board did need to scrutinise the Plan and the priorities before they were signed off and became final. The Vice Chair – Chris Carrington reported that in meetings he had recently attended at MOPAC they admitted that it was an error to not involve the ESNB and that MOPAC would be reviewing the situation. Alan Murray stressed that engagement with the community was vital as the Police did have many other priorities. Jess Murray said that he needed to pull everything together in term of integration and achieving better outcomes. Martin Mallam asked if wards would be asked to put forward their priorities to which Supt Slade indicated that this would have to be on a ward by ward basis as different areas had different priorities.

The Chair asked that Jess Murray circulate details to all members of the Board as a draft for their comments.

6. Youth Representation (Agenda Item 5)

Sarah Constable gave a verbal update referring to the top five themes that young people had out forward as concerns –

- Police presence (quicker responses, visible presence, positive relationships)
- Lack of understanding of due process
- Massive concern relating to knife crime
- More places of safety and welcoming needed
- Intimidation around being different (eg. disabled and Muslim)

Relationships with Police is an ongoing subject but there are also other initiatives – there are some difficulties with the 13-19 age group in terms of engagement. Councillor Ranjit Dheer said that these were well made points by young people but the Board needed to emphasise to schools and educational establishments what was needed and the responsibilities that young people had in society – schools are neglecting their responsibilities to address many of these key areas. The Chair suggested that local Police should be attending schools giving talks on knife crime. Alan Murray suggested that more awareness training was needed generally but was pleased that more young people felt confident enough to express their opinions. Supt Slade reported that there had been a 9% reduction in knife crime in Ealing and London wide a 24% reduction. Susan Doran said that more youth projects were needed and that maybe there could be more cross Borough work with Safer Neighbourhood Boards. Jags Sanghera

reported that Southall Community Alliance had put in a funding bid for a knife crime project.

7. Independent Custody Visitors
(Agenda Item 6)

Susan Lindo gave a brief outline of the role of Independent Custody Visitors which were introduced back in the 1980's following the Scarman Report. Her own role covered Southall and Acton Police Stations Essentially the role was to ensure that detainees were well treated and looked after whilst in custody. Alan Murray asked that more consideration be given as to how deaf people were communicated with as there was no clear policy. Supt Slade said that arrangements could be made by the Police for a signer to be available but that it should be borne in mind that guidelines state that only two people were allowed in the cell at any one time.

8. Crime Statistics
(Agenda Item 7)

The Chair said that from his viewpoint there were no particular issues which were standing out from what had already happened in the last 2-3 months. Board members were asked to bring forward any issues and report them to the Chair. Councillor Dheer asked members to note that hate crime figures were very low in Ealing and that it was very uncommon for Muslim women in particular to report crimes.

9. Update from the Police
(Agenda Item 8)

Supt Slade asked Board Members for any points of concern –

Jags Sanghera referred to an emergency number 101 which through a Sky network was being charged at a rate of 15p a minute and that people were refusing to pay and were calling 999 instead. He asked for this to be looked into. He also asked if the Police organised Ealing Community Day was taking place this year. Finally if a good news stories template could be developed without being a burden on Police time.

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

Chris Carrington spoke about how the ESNB projects for 2015/2016 had now been shut down. He advised Members of progress on the projects for the 2016/2017 year,

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'Deaf and hard of hearing' project, 'Rolling Base' (Central Ealing Area), 'Build -A-Bike' (Northolt), 'Babies of the Borough', and 'Roll out of Neighbourhood Watch' that

the first 3 had now finished. The Babies of the Borough project was still awaiting the sourcing of suitable images, and Neighbourhood Watch was still ongoing.

In summing up he reported that just over £27,000 had been made available by MOPAC for new projects in 2017/18. He welcomed suggestions for suitable projects from Board Members by the end of May 2017 – so far suggestions include ‘*Safe Havens*’ and *self - defence* classes for women. Jess Murray suggested the Fire Brigade might be interested in offering the use of fire stations as a possible safe havens.

11. Review of the ‘ESNB’s’ - Terms of Reference

(Agenda Item 10)

Possible ideas included a three year term of membership for reps on Clusters and a three year term on the Board for Independent Custody visitors. The Chair asked for any further comments to be submitted to him direct.

12. Any Other Business

(Agenda Item 11)

None

13. Next Meeting of the ‘ESNB’

(Agenda Item 12)

To be confirmed.

Richard Chilton, Chair.
Ealing Safer Neighbourhood Board

The meeting ended at 9.02pm.