

EALING SAFER NEIGHBOURHOOD BOARD MEETING

Wednesday, 24th July 2019, at 7:00 pm, Committee Room 1, Perceval House.

MINUTES

MEMBERS PRESENT

Richard Chilton	Chair
Mohamed Ali	Community Member
Jamila Bibi-Sawar	Community Member
James Guest	Ealing Ward Cluster Representative
William Hardman	London Chamber of Commerce
Anu Khela	Community Member
Martin Mallam	Greenford Ward Cluster Representative
Andrew Rollings	Ealing Business Improvement District
Jags Sanghera	Southall Ward Cluster Representative
Don Tanswell	Acton Ward Cluster Representative

COUNCILLORS

Councillor Joanna Camadoo-Rothwell	Portfolio Holder Community Safety and Inclusion
Councillor Seema Kumar	Opposition Spokesperson Council Services and Safer Communities
Councillor Joanna Dabrowska	(not on ESNB – attending as Ealing Common Ward Representative)

METROPOLITAN POLICE SERVICE REPRESENTATIVES

Leigh Ballard	Inspector
Charlotte Brand	Constable (PC)
Ricky Kandohla	Superintendent
Andy Lewis	Inspector
Emma Reey	Constable (PC)

IN ATTENDANCE — EALING COUNCIL OFFICERS

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

1. Welcome and Apologies

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), Alan Murray and Gita Langston.

The minutes should be read in conjunction with the agenda for the meeting. They are subject to approval at the next meeting of the ESNB meeting.

An out of office response had been received from Beata Felinczak. Sarah Constable, Susan Lindo, Wendy Starkie, Any Oliver and Rajat Nath were not present.

The Chair informed the meeting that that James Lawley Barrett and Suzanne Fernandes had now left the Board, by resignation, and end of term of office, respectively. Andy Oliver's term of office, as Community Member, had also ended. However, it was proposed that this be extended by another year as he was the ESNB representative on the Met Community Forum and a member of the Recruitment Sub-committee.

A prospective new Board member was interviewed on 17th July 2019. Gita Langston was selected as a new Community Member.

There were still have some community member vacancies on the Board, which required filling (and further recruitment).

Approved: the extension of Andy Oliver's term of office, as Community Member, by one year; and the appointment of Gita Langston as a Community Member.

2. Minutes of the Meeting Held on 1st May 2019

The Board considered the minutes of the meeting on 1st May 2019.

Approved: the minutes of the meeting on 1st May 2019. (The Police were requested to share the results of the effectiveness of "stop and search" in Ealing, and giving numbers of weapons seized.)

Response: the Police provided statistics at the meeting and informed the Board that there were 1,697 searches in Ealing between May 2018 to June 2019. Of these, 263 were for weapons, equating to 15.5% of the total "stop and search" activity. Twenty-four (24) weapons were seized, with 201 "stop and search" incidents resulting in a "positive outcome" (where someone was arrested or cautioned).

3. Ward Panel Arrangements

Received: a report from Don Tanswell. The MPS had sent details of the arrangements in each of the Wards within the Borough.

Noted: the Police were conducting a review of the arrangements around Safer Neighbourhood Teams, Ward Panel and Ward priorities.

Noted: the revision of the Safer Neighbourhood Board Terms of Reference in January 2019 included a MOPAC requirement for the Police to comment on Ward policing arrangements and priorities. There was already accountability between residents and the police locally and at borough level via the Safer Neighbourhood Boards (SNB). However, MOPAC felt a stronger link between Panels and SNBs would improve the chain of accountability.

Process: it was agreed to start by collecting information on the Ealing Panels. With Inspector Ballard's support, a questionnaire was devised by Don Tanswell and was populated by the 23 teams/Wards.

Responses: key conclusions from Panels in 22 out of 23 Wards were that most met quarterly, however attendance was low (average of 9, and ranging between 3 to 20). There was need to itemise priorities at each meeting and review at the next. Local actions should be very specific not Ward wide (or general). There was need for all Wards to hold Annual General Meetings (AGMs), and to broaden representation. This could be done by having new members and changes to terms of office, for example, election of Chair, Vice-Chair, members, and requirement for minute-taking.

Recommendation: to allocate £50 per Ward Panel from the SNB (total of £1,150) to cover costs of venue hire. (Chair's note: the practicality of this may need further exploration). To invite Ward Councillors and Ealing Council Safer Communities Team to meetings.

4. Local Policing Priorities

Received: a report from Don Tanswell.

Noted: Cluster Sergeants recorded details of all the Wards Priorities on their questionnaire. It was noted some Wards express very specific and local issues whereas others are more general, and in some cases a priority covers the entire Ward. Inspector Ballard would discuss the results of the questionnaire with the Cluster Sergeants over the coming months, preferring the more specific priorities definitions.

Comparisons with crime statistics were mentioned and in some select Wards there was a reasonable correlation between reported crimes and the local priorities. However, Superintendent Kandohla preferred to hear from local teams and the public at Panel meetings to gauge local sentiments and concerns rather than only relying on statistics.

5. MPS Communications

Received: a report from Don Tanswell.

Noted: Cluster heads and the Chair met with Inspector Ballard on 16th July 2019 to discuss Wards Engagements and communications. The objectives were to enhance communications and engagements across the borough, identify best practices, benefit from local knowledge, and inquire if resources might be saved. Items discussed included: Wards Forums; "Cuppa with a Copper"; street briefings; and Residents Association meetings. Teams detail would be available on the web, OWL, Twitter, Facebook, and Newsletters.

Noted: meeting was very useful and some immediate changes in Twitter use had taken place.

6. Police Update

Received: an update from Superintendent Kandohla.

Noted: new Police Officers were expected to join in the coming weeks. Two dedicated Officers would be allocated to South Acton and Ealing Clusters. Furthermore, new probationers would be joining the borough for one year. Thereafter, they would be allocated to Neighbourhood Teams. There were also six graduates expected from the Police Now programme to come to Ealing.

7. ESNB Website

Received: a report from Don Tanswell.

Noted: screenshots and explanation on the site. It is near to launch and would be demonstrated at the next meeting. The new site would need to be kept up to date with meetings details and a volunteer was requested. Further update on site design specifics, such as WordPress, would be given.

8. ESNB Membership

Noted: the Chair's Term of Office would end in the Autumn. Moreover, there were still 3 vacancies for Community Member role.

Proposal: the Chair would ask for expressions of interest in becoming the new Chair in September, followed by an election if necessary. Anybody wishing to become a Community Member should apply on the ESNB website.

Action: ratification of Chair and Community Members to be at the next meeting.

9. Progress Update on Projects

Received: a brief update by the Chair.

Noted: that there had been issues with the approval arrangements for projects this year. Several SNBs had been livid with MOPAC on the matter.

Action: there was need to check on the current situation for Ealing. MOPAC expected to have all bids by 2nd August 2019.

10. Lovebox Festival

Received: an update from James Guest.

Noted: the policing event within the designated footprint worked well. However, the pre-event engagement by the organisers was not satisfactory. There were several non-policing concerns in this year's event, the second Lovebox Festival, with more to come in subsequent years. There was need to raise with and address concerns with the authorities who will be responsible for approving future events.

Action: to engage with both the Hounslow and Ealing Safety Advisory Groups over concerns, about organisers "not sharing" adequate information.

11. Any Other Business

There was none.

12. Date of Next Meeting

It was noted that the date of the next meeting would be 30th October 2019.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 9:10 pm.

RICHARD CHILTON (CHAIR)