

Safer Neighbourhood Board) Meeting 28 November 2023 Committee Room 3 – Civic Centre MINUTES

Present:

- (JH) Jean Hillman, Chair
- (DC) Donna Cooper Community Safety LBH
- (DL) Dave Ludlow Hillingdon Neighbourhood Watch
- (KM) Kevin Mepham Hillingdon Neighbourhood Watch
- (HL) Hoda Lacey Lay Member (Chair, Northwood Ward Panel)
- (PT) Superintendent Pete Thackray Metropolitan Police
- (BW) Chief Inspector Ben Wright Metropolitan Police
- (JMG) A/InspectorJames McGahan Metropolitan Police
- (CS) Colleen Sullivan Councillor, LBH
- (CT) Chris Tarr Lay Member (Chair, Ickenham Ward Panel)

Apologies:

- (CB) Chris Beatty Age UK
- (DL) Inspector Dan Lipinski -- Metropolitan Police
- (CH) Chris Head Lay Member
- (MC) Mike Crane BID Manager LBH
- (DB) Dylan Brown Hillingdon Youth Council
- (PS) Peter Smallwood Councillor, LBH
- (SG) Steve Gregor Lay Member

	Item
1	Minutes from the last meeting 5 September 2023:
	The minutes were agreed and noted, with no amendments.
2	Chair's Quarterly Report
	London Assembly Police & Crime Committee (LA P&CC) JH sat in via webcam on meetings: (6/9/2023,) (20/9/2023), (05/10/2023), (08/11/2023), (22/11/2023) of the above committee.
	At the September meetings questions were raised regarding the formation of the new London Policing Board which will be chaired by the Mayor with the membership chosen by the Mayor. The P&CC was assured that the

members came from all walks of life and were all well qualified in their areas. The Commissioner of the Met will meet with the Board at all meetings. The first set up meeting had taken place and had gone well. The P&CC were concerned that they would be overlooked, and the new Board would take precedence with meeting the Commissioner on a regular basis as has been a normal procedure that has been followed over the past years with the P&CC. Sophie Linden, Deputy Mayor for Policing and Crime was unable to confirm the new arrangements and the P&CC will be notified in due course. Diana Lutchens, CEO of MOPAC attended the meeting on 20th September and confirmed that the data breach had been dealt with and although a great deal of information regarding officers had been put online, it appeared not to have affected those involved. A new system is now in place.

The meeting on 5th October dealt with serious youth violence with invited guests from various organisations. Discussions took place regarding the VRUs, Pupil Referral Units, charities such as the Wickens Charity (Hackney)/East London, the Safer London charity, the Wave Trust, Red Thread and Project Zero.

The meeting on 8th November attended by Sophie Linden, Deputy Mayor for Policing and Crime and Assistant Commissioner Louise Rolfe The effect of the war in the Middle East between Hamas and Israel on Londoners and the ensuing marches taking place was discussed. The MPS are reacting in a very proactive way to try and ensure that any demonstrations attended by supporters of both parties are kept apart to ensure public safety. There has been a rise in hate crime incidents and MPS are putting more officers in both Jewish and Islamic areas. The MPS are trying to limit abstractions from neighbourhood policing and will consider requesting assistance from forces outside the Met if necessary. Also attending was Claire Waxman, the Victims' Commissioner and questions were asked about the Public Protection Teams' work with domestic abuse and violence against women and girls (VAWG). This has improved with improved training of officers and working with the CPS.

The meeting on 22nd November related to general policing of serious injury collisions/accidents. Two solicitors from personal injury firms attended together with representatives from organisations dealing with the subject both in London and countrywide. It was generally agreed that more training is required for local police when attending such incidents with better reporting of detail and more support for victims similar to that relating to victims of crime.

Met CC Forum: JH attended the meeting online. The response figures had improved slightly although Hillingdon is still somewhat behind. However, recruitment had gone well, and the Centre is almost fully staffed. The call handlers are all being trained to deal with calls that involve mental health as there is a new directive "Right Care Right Person" in which police will only attend such calls if there is a threat to life or a crime had been

committed. The NHS and LAS are working with the MPS to drive this initiative.

London Communities Policing Partnership (LPC2)

No further meetings were held in the last three months. A meeting will take place on 5th December both face to face and online with Dame Lynne Owens, Deputy Commissioner of the Met. JH will attend online.

3 MPS (Metropolitan Police Service) Quarterly Performance Report/Stop & Search Update

Overview presented by A/Inspector James McGahan (JMG)

4 MOPAC Funding

DC presented the confirmed funding by MOPAC and all projects are ongoing apart from

5 Membership:

JH informed the Board that new Lay member Steve Gregor was unable to attend and sent his apologies. .

Ivor John has resigned as he felt the Board was unable to concentrate on just one area of the Borough. He will direct his expertise to his local area, Ruislip Manor.

6 Ward Panels

Discussion took place regarding Ward Panels and although some are working well, there are, unfortunately, several that are not doing so. In fact, one or two do not have a Chair or Secretary. It is hoped that a further full meeting of Ward Panel Chairs can be arranged by Police as soon as is possible

7 Hillingdon Neighbourhood Watch/OWL

Overview presented by Dave Ludlow (DL) Chair of Neighbour Hood Watch:

Membership of Hillingdon NHW on OWL was **17,725** to the end of October (+66 new members since the last report), with **1,884** of those members also on CCTV Watch (+29 new camera locations flagged to officers on the OWL interactive CCTV map).

Business Watch continues to be static at 77 members to the end of October – we hope that our printed flyer will be of use to officers in promoting this initiative.

OWL Funding and Contract The BCU-wide OWL meeting on Sep 20 between the Police and NHW took place, only Hillingdon was represented for NHW (Ealing and Hounslow represented on the police side by OWL SPOCs). We discussed the continued growth of all three Boroughs and the increase in messaging.

By the time of the next SNB meeting negotiations regarding renewal of OWL will be commencing, and we look forward to working with the police to support this renewal by MOPAC. We are not sure at this time what bearing the imminent mayoral elections will have on this decision.

OWL Messaging Each month we highlight OWL messages that have either resulted in a success, or which have had a positive effect on raising confidence in the police and NHW. This month we have been able to highlight a Hillingdon burglary that was part of the Operation Angleton series featured on the BBC1 programme *The Met* broadcast on Tuesday 21st November, the two burglars in question being part of an OCN of 70+ burglars, both of whom were arrested, charged, and jailed. The police worked closely with NHW to secure evidential footage from residents' CCTV systems to link the burglars directly with their vehicle and including open faced imagery of identifiable quality.

Events December is a very busy month for events, driven by Christmas markets and so forth. Kev has highlighted the following events at which he will be representing NHW: 30 Nov Police Event - ASDA - South Ruislip SNT

02 Dec Residential Event - Burlington Close - Northwood Hills (Gazebo in the Close for an hour or so, request from local resident)

06 Dec Meeting with South Ruislip Ward Panel (Lynne Kauffman) and SNT

08 Dec Ickenham Festival

20 Dec LIDL South Ruislip 17:00 - 18:00

Please can everyone continue to highlight dates of future events, and NHW will do its best to take part.

Ward Panels We are keen to continue with any work that we can do to assist Ward Panels, the following event is in the calendar: 06 Dec Meeting with South Ruislip Ward Panel (Lynne Kauffman) and SNT

8 Hillingdon Youth Council

Dylan was unable to make the meeting and sent his apologies. He hopes to attend the meeting in February 2024.

9 Finance

DC presented the SNB's present financial position.

10 Councillor Report

CS reported that she is now acting as Chair of Hillingdon East Ward Panel and there are certain problems which need to be rectified.

11	Age UK	
	CB was unable to make the meeting and sent apologies. Update hoped for at next meeting. JH commented that Age UK continue to be extremely busy and welcome any volunteers or additional support.	
13	Date of next meeting: Tuesday 27 th February 2024 – Civic Centre, Uxbridge (Committee Room 3) from 7pm to 9pm.	