

Caledonian Ward Safer Neighbourhood Panel

Minutes of a meeting held 6th January 2011

7.00pm- 9.00pm
Kings Place, 90 York Way

Attending

Chair:

Lisa Tang – Thornhill Bridge Community Gardeners

Vice-Chair:

Mohamed Hammoudan – Team Cally Neighbourhood Coordinator

Minute taker:

Greg Biggin – Team Cally

Highbury Corner Magistrates Court

Mark Beattie

Jayanti Durai

Police:

Michael Atkinson – Police Sergeant

Darren Hearn – Metropolitan Police Safer Transport Team

Residents:

Angie Slater – Bemerton Estate – BVMO

Bill Millett – MBE – Westbourne Estate

Stephan Schulte – York Way

Shirley Pinfold – Ice Wharf

Sue Cartwright – Huntingdon Street

Penny Mellor – Southern Street

West Magpi:

Justin Ho – West Magpi Neighbourhood Officer

Agenda:

1. Apologies & amendments to minutes (including actions taken)
2. Presentation of overview of the magistrate's court system and participative sentencing exercise
3. Update from the police and community officers
4. Three priorities for Caledonian ward
5. Update on Team Cally
6. AOB
7. Next meeting date and suggestions for next meeting agenda

Item		Action	Who
1	<p>Apologies:</p> <p>Cllr Paul Convery, William Perrin, Stephen Griffiths, Stephanie Garner-Winship, Martin Wyborn.</p> <p>Amendments to minutes:</p> <p>No amendments.</p> <p>Outstanding action Points:</p> <p>Alert Comms: The use of communication equipment such as Bluetooth and Twitter to alert local residents of a crime taking place, appeals for information as well as general communication with residents.</p> <p>Actions & Results of SNT activity to be shared with King's Cross Local Environment website - www.kingscrossenvironment.com</p>	<p>These will be discussed at the next meeting on the 10th March</p>	M/A
2	<p>Presentation of overview of the magistrate's court system and participative sentencing exercise - Mark Beattie & Jayanti Durai:</p> <p>MB and JD outlined that the purpose of the magistrate's court is for 'local people to sentence local crime'. It acts independently of the political process, the police and the carrying out of sentences.</p> <p>The actions of the court are steered by legal guidelines and can take into account advice and requirements from other agencies. An example of this is community impact statements; these suggest compensation in cases in which an offence is part of a neighbourhood wide problem.</p> <p>A number of sentencing options are available that take into account guidelines including culpability and whether the offender pleads guilty at an early opportunity.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">DISCHARGE – FINE – COMMUNITY ORDER – PRISON</p> <p>Based on the offence and sentence the amount and type of compensation is decided, factoring in the cost in real terms and the appropriateness based on the offender's resources.</p> <p>Of interest to the panel were the ways in which it is possible to become involved in drawing up community impact statements for the court to deliberate. At present the statements usually deal with the impacts of anti-social behaviour and are submitted by the police as long as they are connected to a particular offence.</p> <p>highburymc@gmail.com www.magistrates.gov.uk</p>		
3.0	<p>Update from the police and community officers:</p> <p>Bemerton- There is a serious problem with a core group of 17 youths often congregating on the Bemerton Estate committing acts of anti-social behaviour. The members of this group are difficult to identify because they cover their faces when police are in the area, however it is believed that they are not residents of the</p>	<p>Disseminate information via King's Cross Local Environment website</p>	Stephan

	<p>Bemerton.</p> <p>Stolen mopeds are still a problem on the Bemerton Estate. There are dedicated teams of officers on motorcycles, however It has been noted their impacts are limited because of safety considerations during pursuits.</p> <p>D H has discovered that bus drivers feel safest driving through Islington, a change in perception from five years previously.</p> <p>Southern Street – continues to suffer from persistent drug dealing and loitering</p> <p>Barnard Park- use of the ball courts eased the levels of anti-social behaviour for a short period, however the area is still suffering from dog fouling and large groups congregating.</p> <p>Huntingdon Street – P M criticised the effectiveness of the parks line because of cost and said that there were still groups of youths with dogs loitering in the area. It was decided that Justin & Stephanie at Magpi would liaise with the police regarding implementing flashcam cctv that identifies subjects that are stationary for a long period.</p> <p>Huntingdon Street to Richmond Avenue – a burglary hotspot however in a borough wide context it is not a huge problem. According to M A, this area will be offered Smart Water packs that identify stolen property as belonging to the owner.</p> <p>Drybos – were discussed in relation to the particular problem of drinking and anti-social behaviour in the ward, however it was discovered they will be of limited use as a tool to cut down occasional cases. There was a request made for feedback on whether Islington will soon impose an exclusion zone for drinking borough wide.</p>	<p>Advertise on KCLE, DH to forward info to Stephan</p> <p>Magpi to provide information</p>	<p>Stephan</p> <p>JH</p>
4.0	<p>Priorities for Caledonian ward:</p> <p>Bemerton Estate – identifying the core group congregating on the Bemerton Estate</p> <p>Southern Street – tackling drug dealing in Southern Street, implementing flash- cam</p>		
5.0	<p>Update on Team Cally:</p> <p>This update was postponed until the next meeting.</p>		MH
6.0	<p>AOB</p> <p>As discussed at the previous meeting, the ward will be subjected to budget restraints that mean the loss of some ward sergeants, however the size of the teams should be protected. New information put forward by M A suggests that the new boundary of the Caledonian Ward will be down the middle of Caledonian Road with areas to the East absorbed by Barnsbury. Also the Caledonian Ward will extend to Holloway Road and Westbourne Estate becoming part of Holloway.</p>		MA
6.0	<p>Next meeting date and suggestion for next meeting agenda</p> <p>The date of the next meeting is Thursday 10th March 2011 at King's Place.</p> <p>The West Magpi Team will give some feedback on nominations for community payback.</p>		JH

Caledonian Safer Neighbourhood Panel Agenda for 10th March 2011

1. Welcomes and apologies
2. Janice Grant community pay back
3. Amendments and matters arising
4. Update from the Safer Neighbourhoods team
5. Cally Festival
6. Confirm date of next meeting
7. Any other business