

SAFER NEIGHBOURHOOD BOARD MEETING
Tuesday 19 April 2022 starting at 6pm
(Virtual meeting via Zoom)

M I N U T E S

SNB MEMBERS ATTENDING	REPRESENTING
WKP Wendy Kyrle-Pope	MPS Link advisor & LCP2 – Joint Chair, IAG Richmond, IAG Frontline Policing, BTP link
CA Carole Atkinson MBE	Hampton Hill Association and S&S CMG - Joint Chair
PBS Peter Burrows-Smith	Treasurer & Royal Parks Link – Joint Chair
JTE John T Evans	Whitton & Heathfield PLG Chair
TL Anthony Lindsay	NHW Whitton
JM John Murray	NHW Hamptons/Met Volunteer/PLG Chair
AC Cllr Avril Coelho	Business
AJ Anne Johnstone	PLG Chair/Met Volunteer
PM Pam Mcmillen	SNB Minutes Secretary
LP Cllr Lesley Pollesche	Community
MS Martin Sands	Hampton Wick / Teddington Community
BK Cllr Ben Khosa	Community St Margarets & North Twickenham
JG Jonathan Green	Richmond Youth Programme
SNB MEMBER APOLOGIES	
Felicity Barkus	Co-Chair Mothers against Mugging

POLICE ATTENDING	REPRESENTING
CS Chris Scammell	Chief Inspector, Safer Neighbourhoods SW BCU
Jon M Inspector Jon Mcloughlin	Inspector, Richmond Neighbourhood
JM Julian Mason	PS BTP

COUNCIL ATTENDING	REPRESENTING

ORGANISATIONS / PUBLIC	REPRESENTING
Robert Blakebrough	PLG Chair Teddington and Hampton Wick
Rachel Scarborough	Student Liaison – Richmond College
Beverly Picton	NHW South Richmond
Sally Durant	PLG Chair Kew

APOLOGIES	REPRESENTING
John Dodds	PLG Chair North Richmond
Stephen Lloyd	PLG Chair St Margarets & North Twickenham
Jock Lennox	PLG Chair South Richmond
Susan Chappell	PLG Chair Twickenham Riverside
Zoe Lyons	LBRUT Community Safety Service
Clare Head	PLG Chair South Twickenham
Ray Williams	PLG Chair West Twickenham

1. Welcome and Apologies.

Carole Atkinson (CA) welcomed everyone to the meeting and apologies were noted (Council Safety Team officers were not able to attend due to Purdah).

Apologies for change of date for this meeting, but CA and PBS are away next week.

Next meeting in July is hopefully face to face at York House, it is also the AGM.

2. Minutes of the last meeting (25.1.22 via zoom)

These were approved as being a true record and will be placed on the council website.

3. Matters Arising from the last meeting

Still waiting to find a person to fill the Childrens' services role.

Cllr AC – Children and Care council could put 2 reps onto the SNB, to engage.

Excellent idea

ACTION AC/CA/DE to liaise

SNB had hoped to put a leaflet out with the council tax letter about role of SNB/PLG, but were unable to do this, as 'everyone would want to do so'.

4. Presentation by MPS - MOPAC Data December 2021 – March 2022

Presentation from Jon M;

"Confidence figure" – couple of results are down, but still over 70% so a good figure.

Improvement in to 'knows how to contact ward officer' and wants to get this figure up, through engagement.

Total offences: 12 week breakdown figure, biggest increase in possession of weapons +18.2% - going up but in a positive way, ie more reporting.

Increase in robbery figures, but one stop can yield good results, eg recent stop in Whitton yielded 20 catalytic convertors.

Violence against person 660 offences, need to be broken down. Police need to have conversations with each ward and PLG Chair as to specifics.

Burglary and drug offences are down.

999 Response performance: I calls 84.8%, S calls 70.5%

Our figures sit pretty high against the Met, now having less abstractions so hope figures will increase more.

Offences by ward: Three wards have increases; Heathfield; South Richmond and West Twickenham. There has been great work by BTP and knife arches. South Richmond will be getting an extra officer to work on the ward over the summer months.

Decrease in offences in other wards: especially well done as some of these wards were understaffed, so good police work and visibility. Fulwell and Hampton Hill, has a one person crime wave; offender is currently out, but have managed to reduce crime in the ward. Put message out, do contact your DWO let them know when things are happening.

ASB calls 795 across 12 weeks, 48% reduction – cannot account for this decrease, but better pro-active visibility. Twickenham Green was an area having problems, but work with Park Guard, council and SNT has helped resolve this situation. Problem where to displace people to, could go to less visible areas. Council looking at various schemes, police

checking no underage alcohol sales. Police using different ways to engage and reduce impact for residents.

Richmond Green and Riverside, police working with Council, nothing flagged over Easter Holiday, despite lot of abstraction of officers. Good police work with council and Park Guard, good capabilities to respond and adapt policing plans.

S&S main reason is drug offences and acting on information. Demographic: White males 15-19 years.

Section 60 put in around Ham yesterday due to 2 incidents at Bushy Park and Teddington Lock; gang with knives attempting robbery, possibly had a gun at Teddington Lock, similar descriptions, so both incidents have been linked. CCTV is being checked. Could be linked to a gang in Isleworth.

PBS – is Section 60 an Inspector authorisation? Jon M – yes, plus police have to have the resources to police it.

MS – would be helpful to have an update about this incident at the PLG in June, or about similar incidents, as have been gangs coming across in the past. Jon M – police are actively patrolling open areas on Friday and Saturday nights.

AC – Hampton Common – problem of dog offences. Jon M – Park Guard will respond to investigate, police will now seize all dogs, if dog is returned to owner, the owner has to be educated. Police working with council on this.

Question: what about scams, CA - SNB have a document that can be sent out to PLG Chairs. Jon M – quite a few new scams out at the moment, police don't report them, as they go through Fraud UK.

JM – gets scam figures for Richmond can circulate them. (See attachment for latest March scams updates).

Jon M – good news re number of resources and new recruits, all making a difference, all but 2 wards have full quota of officers. Looking much more positive, please encourage community to communicate information to police.

BTP Crime Report (see attachment)

PS Julian Mason went through the BTP crime report.

Follow BTP on twitter to keep up to date on things like bike marking etc. WKP – it would be good to have advance knowledge of bike marking dates, so we can help promote them.

TL – if witness ASB on the train what is best way to report it? BTP – use text number, or call 999, also can alert the guard.

RB – has noticed an increase in groups of youths at Teddington Station, smell of drugs – any updates? BTP – Teddington does not come up as an issue, so please do report incidents, police could take a drugs dog down if have the details of incidents, especially dates and times.

CA – get PLG members to be pro-active eg make a note of details and time and report it to the SNT.

5. Community Engagement

- PLGs

PBS - Had a second PLG Chair refresher meeting – thanks to everyone, it was a very successful meeting. We have now nearly finalised the handbook, 95% ready and also a 2 pager to give an overview to the public in Richmond.

Welcome to Sally Durant, new PLG Chair at Kew. Still need Chairs for Barnes and East Sheen. PBS and WKP are covering these wards in the interim. Each PLG has an allocation of £200 for publicity and admin. Please spend it.

JTE – we are now 1 of 4 units of the BCU – confused recently by twitter about the use of 'Ward panel' terminology instead of PLG. Feel we should all become ward panels.
WKP – PLGs pre-date ward panels, and are run by residents not police. Could be discussed at AGM if it is causing confusion, vote could be taken. There are subtle differences.
PBS – within BCU, they call it ward panel, so yes we do need to discuss this and clarify it.
JTE – police refer to as 'our' ward panel or PLG, it should be 'the' PLG.
CA – this needs to be discussed further, as it is confusing, should go to the next PLG Chairs meeting.

- NHW

CA – Knowledge Night will take place on 9 or 16 June at York House. Scams and crime preventions will be discussed. More information to follow.

6. Report from SNB (including the following areas and sent prior to meeting)

- Current projects
- Stop and Search
- Communications, Publicity and Newsletter
- Hate Crime Forum – meeting to take place in May
- Funding
- VAWG – WKP is writing a special booklet for hairdressers and beauty professionals
- Elder abuse – information will be included in booklet
- Summer engagement event August 24th in Old Deer Park
- Outreach to youth clubs and colleges

Questions:

TL – Hounslow South people seem unaware of all of our VAWG initiatives? WKP they are a different BCU.

TL – what about violence towards men? Jon M – can reassure that all domestic incidents are reported, could be underreported figures. WKP – we are looking at projects to educate boys with Jonathan Green.

AC – business community have been given some training recently to run welfare and vulnerability events by local police – 2 events, very well attended by businesses, who now know how to offer help and safe spaces. Good tips eg how to use a diary to record events etc.

PBS, CA and WKP had a meeting with Kiran Vagarwal, the new Richmond council Head of Safer, Stronger Communities - a very positive meeting.

7. Priority Setting for Borough

Violence against Women and Girls (VAWG)

Crimes that beget Violence

ASB – especially with summer nights coming

TL – what about restricted drinking areas? Jon M – a valid point, we have to be aware of this, we are covered by a PSPO.

8. Any Other Business

JM - I'm sure we agree that it is unfair that virtually all the workload of the SNB falls on the co-chairs, and that as a committee member I am sure you would want to help. So if we formed some mini committees and proposed certain members to sit on these would help a lot – and also take advantage of the considerable knowledge and experience of SNB committee member's. Subjects could be transport/traffic PLG development, communications, recruiting new members etc. With Zoom and MS teams it's quick and easy to discuss matters so "not having sufficient time" is not so relevant.

JTE – have written to 2 SNT PSs re forthcoming Whitton summer fair, can some cadets attend and can bike marking take place? Jon M – yes all good ideas, please give advance notice.

Jon M - Re the St Georges Parade in Whitton, need to manage public's expectations, **need good advance notice for police resources to attend, at least 2 weeks**. Have to take officers from other wards if the local officers are not available.

AC – Whats App notes for Twickenham Businesses has been very successful. Why has this not rolled out across other wards? Jon M agrees it is a fantastic idea, will support it being pushed out to the other high streets. AC can you connect up Hampton Village and Hampton Square as well please. Jon M – intelligence is everything and it helps the businesses, very positive.

AC – PSPO – over Queen's Jubilee weekend – how will police monitor areas? Jon M – will have notification of all events, however police will be extracted to major events, so may not be able to attend all local events. ASB will be responded to by BCU response teams.

Jon M - Aug 24th Event – is growing every week, want to encourage everyone to attend, will keep everyone updated.

9. Dates of Next Meeting 2022

Tuesdays 26th July (inc AGM), 25th October – confirmation, venues and times to be informed at a later date.

Thanks to everyone for attending.

Meeting closed at 7.40pm

Attachments

BTP – Crime Report

Scams Update - March Report