

Caledonian Ward Safer Neighbourhood Panel

Minutes of a meeting held 10th March 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

Police:

Michael Atkinson – Police Sergeant

Street Environment Services LBI

Janice Grant

West Magpi:

Sarah Armstrong – West Magpi Neighbourhood Officer

Residents:

Angie Slater – Bemerton Estate – BVMO

Bill Millett – MBE – Westbourne Estate

Chris Nickelson – Balfe Street

Robert Milne – Thornhill Crescent

Shirley Pinfold – Ice Wharf

Sue Cartwright – Huntingdon Street

Item		Action	Who
1	<p>Apologies:</p> <p>Cllr Paul Convery, William Perrin, Stephen Griffiths, Stephanie Garner-Winship, Martin Wyborn, Denzil Williams, Stephan Schulte, Penny Mellor</p> <p>Amendments and Matters Arising</p> <p>Balfe Street- The customers have been causing less of a problem in recent months but this may be due to the colder weather. There is a particular problem with away supporters travelling from King’s Cross to the Emirates. MA will keep an eye on it and notify licensing regarding any breaches of license.</p> <p>Huntingdon Street- Postman regularly leaves post hanging of the letterbox despite complaints to royal mail and local post office. There are concerns that this could be a temptation for burglars.</p> <p>Bemerton Estate- There is a dispersal zone in effect on the Bemerton Estate and Thornhill Square area which enables the dispersal of groups of 2 or more people suspected of being involved in acts of anti -social behaviour. MA will be holding a meeting at Jean Stokes Hall to discuss the dispersal zone. There were concerns raised that there would be displacement of groups but so far this has not been an issue</p> <p>Action Points: Priorities for Caledonian ward: Bemerton Estate Southern Street – tackling drug dealing in Southern Street</p> <p>Alert Comms: There will be future updates on this from MA but most likely communications will be through the website and an email list.</p> <p>King’s Cross Environment; Stephanie Garner-Winship is in contact with Stephan regarding SNT information for the website.</p> <p>Alcohol Exclusion Zone; There will be public consultations in the coming months ready for the exclusion zone to commence in the Summer. MA will be working with David Fordham at the Community Alcohol Partnership to launch an initiative aimed at educating traders and enforcement for breaches of license.</p> <p>Barnard Park; There is still a group of young males congregating past 1am using drugs and causing a nuisance with dogs. MA has looked into the use of flashcam however because the environment is open then in this case it would be unsuitable. MA recommends calling the local police at times that are not covered by the SNT but also he will keep the area on the agenda.</p>		
2	<p>Feedback from West Magpi on nominations for community payback</p> <p>Janice Grant explained to the panel the process of community payback, who is</p>		JG

	<p>eligible and what sort of activities are appropriate.</p> <p>The system is aimed at low level offenders who are sentenced to an unpaid works order ranging from 4-500 hours. A project will have a minimum of 2-8 offenders and the process is organised between London probation, Islington Council and the local SNTs. Countrywide there is a rate of 30% who do not reoffend ,</p> <p>Criteria and nomination procedure:</p> <p>Punishment</p> <p>Does it help to reduce crime?</p> <p>Does it lessen the perception of or fear of crime?</p> <p>Community need</p> <p>JG presented some examples of community payback projects and the effect that they can have not only to the offenders but also in improving the local area. It was stressed however that some types of projects may not be suitable for community payback.</p> <p>Appropriate project ideas can be emailed to janice.grant@Islington.gov.uk</p>		
3	<p>Update from SNT</p> <p>MA circulated statistics showing a reduction in total notifiable offences between last year and this year. Anti-social behaviour is still a major problem.</p> <p>There will be a change in shift patterns with more details at future meetings.</p>		MA

	Positive result recently when MA apprehended a burglar at Thornhill Square who had previously targeted the area.		
4	<p>Update from Team Cally</p> <p>MH gave a summary of the mission of Team Cally and the theme groups of health and inequalities for older people, safer neighbourhoods, youth and play provision and community education, employment and enterprise.</p> <p>The Cally Festival will take place on 3rd July 2011 between 12-6pm. There will be part of Caledonian Road closed to traffic between Offord Road and Bingfield Street and the festival will include a stage, stalls and arts activities.</p> <p>Some ideas were discussed particularly around including residents around Thornhill Square and using West Library to show the history of the area. Concerns were raised regarding toilet facilities and public nuisance but it was confirmed that there will be portable facilities available.</p>		MH
7.0	<p>Next meeting date and suggestion for next meeting agenda</p> <p>The date of the next meeting is Thursday 5 May 7-9pm 2011 at Kings Place</p>		