

Neighbourhood Governance

Notes of a meeting of the Southall Green Ward Forum

held on Tuesday 24th June 2014 at the Dominion Centre, The Green, Southall UB1 4BQ

Present: Councillors, Swarn Kang (Chair), Kamaljit Dhindsa

Attendees: 49 residents attended the meeting

Apologies: Councillor Jasbir Anand

Officers present: Sgt Richard Molewyn-Hughes – Metropolitan Police Safer Neighbourhoods Team

Ealing Council: Mark Reynolds – Park Ranger
Daniel Malone O'Halloran – Safer Communities Team Leader
Dennis Frost (DF) – Neighbourhood Governance Co-ordinator

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1.	Chair's welcome and introductions	
	<p>The meeting began at 7.04pm with Councillor Swarn Kang welcoming those present. On behalf of his fellow councillors, he thanked residents for returning them at the recent local elections to represent Southall Green ward.</p> <p>He introduced his fellow councillor Kamaljit Dhindsa, who had now completed his term as the borough's mayor, and noted that Councillor Jasbir Anand had given her apologies for absence.</p>	

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2.	<p>Notes of last Southall Green ward forum – 12th February 2014 - to note, along with any matters arising</p>	
	<p>Notes of the last meeting had been circulated to residents; further copies were available at the meeting. Councillor Kang summarised the various issues discussed and asked if there were any comments or correction.</p> <p>No corrections or additions were made to the notes.</p> <p>Matters arising from the notes:</p> <p>Item 2: page 2 – Havelock Road – perimeter fence: work has started on the fence along the southern border of the paved area by the Gurdwara.</p>	
3.	<p>Local police update from Safer Neighbourhoods team</p>	
	<p>Sgt Richard Molewyn-Hughes and Daniel Malone O'Halloran from the council's Safer Communities team, answered a number of residents' questions:</p> <p><i>What is being done to discourage spitting?</i></p> <p>The council is issuing fixed penalty notices to people caught spitting in public places. Councillor Dhindsa added that this was also a matter for public education, and he welcomed the good work of local radio to raise the health hazards of spitting. Leafleting the community was also helping.</p>	<p>Southall Green Safer Neighbourhoods Team – details</p> <p>Address: Southall Police Station High Street Southall Middx UB1 3HG</p> <p>Team members:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Inspector Julian Holton • Sgt Richard Moelwyn-Hughes • PC Anne-Marie Pilkington • PC Darren Ives

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	<p><i>There is drug dealing in Recreation Road</i></p> <p>Richard Molewyn-Hughes explained that the recently gated alleyway leading from Montague Waye to Recreation Road had become a hot spot for drug dealing. His team had cleared out an out-building in the alley and arrested a number of individuals. The work was continuing.</p> <p>Daniel Malone O'Halloran added that his team were also involved, and the council was working with a number of other agencies, to deal with this and related matters, such as illegal outhouses.</p> <p><i>Drug dealing also takes place in Tilney Road</i></p> <p>Richard Molewyn-Hughes offered to hold a street briefing for residents.</p> <p><i>There is too much street drinking</i></p> <p>Sgt Molewyn-Hughes agreed. He reminded residents that Southall has been designated a controlled Drinking Zone – meaning that street drinking is not allowed. Alcohol is regularly confiscated from street drinkers. Councillor Dhindsa suggested that local traders should be reminded of their duty to act responsibly when selling alcohol and Daniel Malone O'Halloran added that regular checks on off licences and other places selling alcohol was a routine part of the Council's work.</p>	<p>Telephone:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 020 8721 2047 • 07843 291 127 <p>E-mail: SouthallGreen.snt@met.police.uk</p> <p>Web site: www.met.police.uk/saferneighbourhoods</p> <p>Council's Safer Communities Team:</p> <p>Telephone:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 020 8825 5994 <p>E-Mail: safercommunities@ealing.gov.uk</p>
4.	<p>Envirocrime Report - written report from Ruston Wyatt</p>	
	<p>Councillor Kang introduced a regular written report from the ward's Envirocrime Officer, listing activity since the last meeting in February. The report was particularly comprehensive this time, with much of the rubbish clearance work resulting from a councillor's</p>	<p>Council's Envirocrime Team – details:</p> <p>Ruston Wyatt and Hazel Livesey – Envirocrime Prevention Officers</p>

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	<p>walk about in May – referred to in the report.</p> <p>Councillor Kang drew residents’ attention to the 147 instances of dealing with waste and dumped rubbish, showing the extent of the work that had been undertaken.</p> <p>Residents regretted that the ward had a poor record of recycling. Councillor Dhindsa agreed, but noted that the Council’s waste and recycling contractor was working hard to encourage better levels, through advice to residents about sorting rubbish. In addition, the Council will take away bulky domestic waste for a small fee.</p> <p>It was also asked why the local Recycling Centre in Gordon Road was closed last year. Councillor Kang replied that the facility was not well used, and that the Mayor of London had recommended closure because of its limited space and facilities.</p> <p>A resident who was a member of the council’s Streetwatcher’s scheme (now called Community Champions) reported that intelligence about dumped rubbish and fly-tipping was dealt with promptly.</p>	<p>Ealing Council, Customer Service Centre, Perceval House, 14 -16 Uxbridge Road, Ealing W5 2HL Tel: (020) 8825 6000</p> <p>Office hours: Mon-Fri, 9am-5pm</p> <p>From the front page of the council’s web site, click on: ‘Report or request it’</p> <p>http://www.ealing.gov.uk/reportit</p>
<p>5.</p>	<p>Ward budget – 2013/14 - update on ward funded projects in progress</p>	
	<p>DF updated residents by referring to the ward’s 2013/14 ward budget – copies were available at the meeting.</p> <p>He confirmed that the bulk of the projects had been completed, or in the case of Community Grants, funds had been paid over.</p> <p>Mark Reynolds reported that he was working to install additional public exercise machines in Southall Recreation Ground – part</p>	

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	<p>funded by a Fields in Trust charitable grant. The work included improved surfaces around each machine. A new table tennis table had also been ordered. Councillor Kang noted there had been a delay in adding a third canopied seating area, but he had been assured that the matter was in hand.</p>	
<p>7.</p>	<p>Ward projects – 2014/15 - discussion of possible future projects</p>	
	<p>Councillor Kang confirmed that the ward had a budget of £61,850 this year – and which included funds carried forward from 2013.</p> <p>He reminded residents of Desi Radio's previous request for a grant to support their young people's Punjabi language project – and then asked for further proposals. A number of suggestions were received:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - a community arts proposal, to design and deliver a permanent artwork to be displayed in the forecourt of the refurbished Dominion Centre. £10,000 was requested - Diabetes UK: a local group of this national project, committed to increasing awareness of the health risks of diabetes. £5,000 was requested <p>Residents supported these two community projects.</p> <p>In addition a number of other projects were suggested:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - to investigate if limited free parking could be made available close to doctors' surgeries in the ward - adding double yellow lines to roads at key points, including, Brent road (western side); Tachbrook Road (corner with Leamington Road); Derley Road (corner and at Greenland 	

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	<p>Crescent junction) and Norwood Road (south side by Adelaide Road)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - more tree planting in the ward. Residents expressed their disappointment that some recently planted street trees had been damaged or removed - signs discouraging heavy lorries in residential streets, including Johnson Street, although Councillor Dhindsa made clear that commercial vehicles using the nearby trading estate had no option but to use Johnson Street for access. 	
8.	<p>Public Forum - issues and questions from residents</p>	
	<p>Councillor Kang asked if there were questions from for residents:</p>	<p><i>Can the duration of residents parking in Adelaide Road be extended into the evening?</i></p> <p>Councillor Kang replied that the operational times of residents' parking zones were set by the council, in consultation with residents. These could be changed, if residents wished, although a significant group of residents would need to be in favour of a change.</p> <p>A particular resident has submitted a number of written questions, dealing with congestion in Hayes Road; parking in Norwood Road; Section 106 funds and tree planting in Brent Road; residential crossovers; outbuildings; road resurfacing and parking enforcement in the vicinity of Featherstone Primary School. Councillors provided appropriate responses, and offered to supply further details in due course.</p> <p><i>Can the route of the E5 bus be extended?</i></p> <p>Councillor Kang noted that he would take up this matter with the Council's Transport department.</p>

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	<p>Councillor Kang reported on a number of further matters:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - the new gurdwara in King Street: work has temporarily stopped while some detailed design issues are being dealt with - Khat: the government has decided to make khat an illegal Class C drug. Councillor Kang recommended that residents take an information leaflet – available at the meeting. 	
9.	Dates of future meetings 2014/15	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 2nd October - 11th February 2015 <p>to be held at the Dominion Centre</p>	

Dennis Frost
25: June: 2014