

**Neighbourhood Governance**  
**Note of Northfield Ward Forum, Wednesday 9th October 2013**  
**7:30pm-9:30pm**  
**St Pauls Church, Main Hall,**  
**Ridley Avenue,**  
**Ealing, W13 9XW**

**Held on Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> October 2013, 7.30-9.30pm**

**Present:** Councillor David Millican, Councillor Mark Reen and Councillor Philip Taylor (Chairman)  
**Attendees:** **65 residents attended the meeting**

**Officers/Guests present:** Tan Afzal (TA), Neighbourhood Governance Coordinator (London Borough of Ealing)  
 Sgt Mark Ogunwe, Northfield PCSO Ealing Communities  
 Jess Murray, Safer Communities

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1.	<b>Cllr Philip Taylor</b> opened the meeting by welcoming all attendees and introducing the new sergeant for Northfields, Sgt Mark Ogunwe.	
2.	<p><b>Sgt Mark Ogunwe:</b> Responsible for managing the Northfield SNT since 16 September 2013.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Using the new local policing model, with a SNT made up of one Sgt, one Pc (Pc Tony Pierce) and one PCSO, alongside a Neighbourhood Response Team which works for the entire south cluster. Pc John Bennett is part of the NRT, he will be working on low level crimes.</li> <li>• Sgt Ogunwe's experience with the metropolitan Police extends to seven years in the response team, two years CID, two years at Elthorne SNT, one year at Hobbayne SNT &amp; one year at Ealing Broadway SNT</li> <li>• To date this year there have been 38 crimes in Northfields,</li> </ul>	

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	<p>compared with 53 last year. This ward has the lowest crime levels in Ealing</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The Safer Neighbourhood Ward Panel Ward panel will no longer set 3 priorities, they will be set by the Chief Inspector: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Residential Burglary</li> <li>- Theft from person</li> <li>- Operation Hawk (Drug Warrants)</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Ward Chairs are to set cluster priorities with cluster inspectors from 13<sup>th</sup> Nov. Promises will be set by the panel, based on low level issues, the following have been set: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Patrolling streets</li> <li>- Bike marking schemes</li> <li>- Drop-in surgeries</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Neighbourhood Link (Met Police web page) messages from the frontline police is a free service, the system has gone live in Ealing.</li> </ul>	<p><b>James Guest:</b> Smart survey system now in place – Jot down 5/6 issues, pick top 3 priorities/ 3 'promises' and write down your name on our mailing list.</p> <p><b>Resident:</b> Are you still located at South Ealing Road?</p> <p><b>Sgt:</b> Yes I'm located there 3 out of 4 weeks and also spend a quarter of my time at Ealing Broadway Police Station</p> <p><b>Res:</b> Handover from predecessor?</p> <p><b>Sgt:</b> Two Officers, familiar with the area are based in the same office. Alley gating to combat burglary has been raised.</p> <p><b>Res:</b> Area on corner of South Ealing Road we have problems with drinkers and littering.</p> <p><b>Sgt:</b> Chevy Close has been brought to my attention by Safer Communities. Possible drug dealing. We will be carrying out a walkabout around the area which could lead to potential warrants. Searches to be carried out.</p> <p><b>Res:</b> Which crimes are most prevalent?</p> <p><b>Sgt:</b> Motor vehicle crime and burglary</p>

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	<p><b>Cllr Philip Taylor</b> Introduced <b>Jess Murray</b> and <b>David Turro</b> in regards to complaints about Get Bike &amp; the Blah Lounge.</p> <p><b>Jess Murray – Get Bike</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• I am the manager of Safer Communities, prior to this role I worked in noise nuisance. Paula Wilkinson as Safer Communities team leader for the south wards works alongside me.</li> <li>• Safer Communities are responsible for CCTV, target hardening properties against burglary with the alley gating scheme, noise disturbance, anti-social behaviour and enforcement measures.</li> <li>• Issues have been raised about Get Bike located at Orion Park opposite Northfields tube station. Complaints from Belsize Avenue. The amount of noise associated with the training has been recorded as unacceptable.</li> <li>• A noise abatement notice is being served, to protect residents during weekends but allowing the business to carry on running during the week</li> <li>• Our legal approach has been challenged, the planning notice was quashed, but we are working to stop this harmful activity.</li> <li>• A service stop notice will be issued, but we cannot dictate compliance. Our next step is to return to court, the court is likely to take out a punitive judgement. The cost of going to court is expected at £10,000-£15,000. We have to demonstrate non-compliance. A noise notice was served on the rightful owner of the property.</li> <li>• Looking at ways to stop the harmful activity</li> </ul>	<p><b>Res:</b> The notice was served on the wrong company.  Res: You recently updated residents, advising them of the two available options, to wither scale down the motorbike trading or to stop training.  Res: They have no permission for sales and service, they need to submit an application.  Res: We have gone six times to the magistrates court, yet you never invited us to the hearing about the revised judgement on the revised noise notice.</p>

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	<p><b>Jess Murray – Blah Lounge</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• There are five departments (smoking, noise nuisance, planning enforcement and licensing) dealing with the issues raised about the Blah Lounge. Officially they have never opened, as visitors to their business premises on hearing about them word-of-mouth.</li> <li>• To date we have had ten call-outs, an abatement notice has been served. There have been 14 monitoring visits since May 2013.</li> <li>• Planning enforcement have advised us the owner needs permission for an A3 license.</li> <li>• Arrangements with the police and licensing team to seek action against the Blah Lounge have been made.</li> </ul>	<p><b>JM:</b> Once we have a judgement, it will be conveyed to you.</p> <p><b>Res:</b> Is there one person at the council co-ordinating all enforcement against Blah Lounge? Last night (10.30pm) there was a strong shisha smell coming from the premises, which there have been numerous complaints about since March 2013.</p> <p><b>JM:</b> To provide alcohol and also to provide food after 11pm requires a licence, however, there is no evidence they are selling alcohol. Furthermore shutters are down a large proportion of the time. It has to be evidential &amp; must be demonstrated.</p> <p><b>Blah Lounge Owner:</b> I own Blah Lounge. I asked neighbours to speak to me if they have any issues. I speak to police weekly</p> <p><b>Sgt:</b> Have you spoken to the licencing officer?</p> <p><b>Res:</b> Basement garage has new configuration, do you have ground floor planning permission?</p> <p><b>Blah Lounge Owner:</b> My sister has been racially abused, I have it on CCTV. The local people here are prejudicial.</p> <p><b>Cllr David Millican:</b> Your comment is appalling and untrue, these allegations are ridiculous.</p>

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3.	<b>Yasmin Rufo – Ealing Youth Mayor</b>	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Young people need to be fully represented</li> <li>• My aim is to reduce negative stereotypes of young people</li> <li>• Aim is to run community events which enable young and older people to take part in together</li> <li>• If you are interested in engaging in this project or you have an idea, please contact me.</li> </ul>	
4.	<b>Transport update -Improvements to forecourt at Northfield Station and surrounding areas</b>	
	<p><b>Cllr Millican:</b> Forecourt area managed by Ealing council will be re-developed as part of a TFL scheme whilst keeping original character of the station. There will be changes to the pedestrian crossing, a narrowing of the carriageway, repairs to full length of forecourt. During new year there will be heritage lighting installed and new cycle stands and shelters alongside circular benches.</p>	<p><b>Res:</b> Is the loading bay part of the plan.  <b>DM:</b> Not finalized</p> <p><b>Res:</b> Rail replacement services, buses are blocking carriageway.  <b>DM:</b> Raised with TFL</p>
5.	<b>Brentford Festival Update</b>	
	<p><b>Linda Massey:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• New venue was very successful, we had over 100 stallholders.</li> <li>• Very relaxed, great security and we only had one lost child.</li> <li>• Assistant Director of Leisure noted that it was a great event and we would be welcome back next year back in Blondin Park</li> </ul> <p><b>Rob Russell :</b> Thank you to all the volunteers. It was a very good event, praise to Linda for the organisation.</p>	

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6	<p><b>Controlled Parking Zones</b></p> <p><b>Cllr David Millican:</b> Residents asked for a review of the Little Ealing lane CPZ. A parking survey was commissioned to look at the number of vacant spaces during the day and night, including weekdays and the weekend. There seems to be pressure at the northern end, but less pressure at Carlyle Road/Murray Road. We are proposing a buffer zone – not included at Brentford end.</p> <p><b>Cllr Millican:</b> Formal Consultation took place at South Ealing Road – Both sides of South Ealing Station North of Station – S1 South of Station S2 It was inconclusive, we thought that S2 would like to reduce their hours, however residents at Creighton Road and Netherby Road strongly indicated otherwise.</p>	<p><b>Res:</b> Is the CPZ a money spinner for the council? <b>Cllr Taylor:</b> Parking permits are a lot more expensive than what they use to be.</p> <p><b>Res:</b> The results to the survey could become outdated once the free school and Raynard Mills has taken shape. <b>Cllr Millican:</b> Circumstances will change over time, we may need to consider this. <b>Res:</b> Western end of Murray Road is a school parking lot. <b>Cllr Millican:</b> If you live there you can make the judgement.</p> <p><b>Res:</b> Cost of permits is very high, use and abuse of visitors parking permits is what concerns me the most. <b>Cllr Taylor:</b> Only residents can purchase visitors parking permits.</p> <p><b>Res:</b> Is there any limit to the number of vouchers a resident can buy? <b>ACTION</b></p> <p><b>Res of Darwin Rd:</b> Has a petition been put through?</p> <p><b>Cllr Millican:</b> Residents of Junction Rd are collating a petition. CPZ requires significant resident support.</p> <p><b>Res:</b> I live at Netherby Road many of my neighbours would like to have the restriction hours reduced, purely due to the cost of visitors parking permits, which are ludicrously expensive. <b>Res:</b> A lot of residents don't want change until there is an outcome with the Assyrian Centre. <b>Cllr Taylor:</b> In 2011 it was 40 pence for 3 hours, and £4.50 all day. <b>ACTION</b></p>

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		<p><b>Cllr Millican:</b> Northcroft Road, Midhurst road CPZ – extended on the other side of Northfields Avenue due to displacement on this side.</p> <p><b>Res:</b> Can motorbikes park in the CPZ free of charge?</p> <p><b>Cllr Reen:</b> Shouldn't need one in a residential road</p>
7	<p><b>Ward Forum Budget – Spend 13/14</b></p> <p><b>Cllr Taylor:</b> With a relatively large part of the ward forum budget left to spend ideas for spending it would be welcomed.</p> <p><b>Cllr Reen:</b> Footpath between Julien Road and Wellington Road has suffers from large build ups of water – a budget of £12,000 would repair this.</p> <p>The tree manager has been requested to carry out an audit of the ward to establish where best to plant more trees.</p>	<p><b>Res:</b> Potholes along Northfield Avenue, from new pedestrian crossing to Sainsburys.</p> <p><b>Cllr Taylor:</b> There is a central budget that covers potholes.</p> <p><b>Res:</b> Bollards at Little Ealing School by Weymouth Avenue. Cllr Reen: The council are not in favour of adding bollards, adding a table would help to slow down the cars.</p> <p><b>Res:</b> A roundabout at The Plough junction. Cllr Millican: TfL will fund this.</p> <p><b>Res:</b> The Log Cabin Childrens Centre is fairly hidden away, we cannot place a permanent sign, but one could go in Bramley Gardens.</p> <p><b>Res:</b> The Niagra Avenue entrance to Blondin Park has many potholes.</p> <p><b>Res:</b> north end of Chandos Road, one side has no ramp.</p> <p><b>Res:</b> Speed humps at South end of Weymouth Avenue are starting to crumble.</p> <p><b>Res:</b> For pedestrians and mobility scooters Popes Lane and Bramley Road should be repaved.</p> <p><b>Cllr Reen:</b> That is a very expensive project, beyond our budget, We have done many footways. It comes within one of the corridors, we can emphasize this to highways officers.</p>

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		<p><b>Res:</b> Dropped kerbs at junction of Windmill Road to Ealing Park Gardens</p> <p><b>Cllr Reen:</b> New directional signage at Bramley Gardens would cost £1800.</p> <p><b>Res:</b> Would like to have a sports area in the middle of Blondin Park, with some permanent goal posts</p> <p><b>Res:</b> Extend DYL's at junction of Bramley Road and Windmill road</p> <p><b>Res:</b> Orion Park – The footpath requires resurfacing.</p>
		<p><b>Cllr Taylor:</b> The green railings which are normally added by schools to make the area safer for pupils should be repaired and painted black. There are railings at Midhurst Road and Wyndham Road.</p> <p><b>Cllr Millican:</b> Negotiations with Royal Mail means all post boxes in the W13 and W7 area will be repainted early next year.</p>
8.	Public Forum – Have Your Say	<p><b>Update on Free School (Mohit Jain):</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Intend to submit a bid for DfE by September</li> <li>- 240 parents petition from year 5 &amp; 6 - waiting to hear back, interview end of October/early November and by January 2014 we will know the outcome.</li> <li>- Two consultation exercises held at the Navasartian Centre</li> <li>- Working with a sub-committee of DFE to find a site.</li> <li>- Cllr Millican been very supportive, as has Julian Bell who has written supporting letters.</li> </ul> <p><b>Res:</b> Is King Fahd Academy a potential site?</p> <p><b>MJ:</b> Yes, it's possible.</p>



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		<p><b>Res:</b> My recycling and rubbish collection is still missed on a regular basis.</p> <p><b>Cllr Taylor:</b> Thirty-percent of homes in the borough do not have their rubbish collected on a regular which equals to 4,000 collections every month not collected. The contract needs re-negotiating; it is a 7-year contract.</p> <p><b>Res:</b> Trees have been cut down can they be replaced?</p> <p><b>Cllr Taylor:</b> There is a three year scheme, one for planting, fallow for a year and pruned the third year.</p> <p><b>Res:</b> What is Ealing Councils policy on zero hours contract, do they employ contractors on zero hours.</p> <p><b>Cllr Millican:</b> there are some posts such as an aerobics instructor who would not require a regular contract. There are over 3,000 people employed with the council, zero hour contracts are valuable tools in some instances.</p>
	<b>Date of next meeting:</b>	
	Wednesday 26 <sup>th</sup> March 2014 – South Ealing Mission	