

Neighbourhood Governance

Note of Southall Green Ward Forum

held on Monday 10th September 2012 at the Dominion Centre, The Green, Southall UB2 4BQ

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

Attendees: 32 residents attended the meeting

Officers present: Chief Inspector Colin Wingrove – Safer Southall Project
 Sgt Richard Molewyn-Hughes – Southall Green Safer Neighbourhoods Team
 Joyce Parker – Ealing Council Community Safety
 Dennis Frost (DF) Neighbourhood Governance Coordinator

No.	Note	Question /Action Point
1.	Chair's welcome and introductions	
	The meeting began at 7.01pm, with Councillor Swarn Kang welcoming those present. He introduced his fellow ward councillors, also the police and the council's supporting officers noted above.	
2.	Notes of the last Southall Green ward forum – 1st March 2012 - to confirm accuracy	
	Councillor Kang worked through the notes, to check if there were any inaccuracies. As there were none, the notes were confirmed as being a correct record of the meeting.	

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4.	Local police update from Safer Neighbourhoods Team	
	<p>Councillor Kang noted that he would like to take this item next, and this was agreed.</p> <p>Sgt Richard Molewyn-Hughes introduced himself and the work of his team. His role was to provide local community policing which is both visible and easily accessible to residents.</p> <p>Officers had been called away to help support the Olympics, although the team had played an important role in policing the torch relay during its passage through Southall. Now that the Games had finished, the team was back to full strength and concentrating on its core role.</p> <p>A lot of work was taking place to deal with illegal immigration. A recent early morning operation checking on illegal outhouses, had resulted in 38 people being taken into custody, and Sgt Molewyn-Hughes had briefed government ministers who came to observe.</p> <p>Recent Police visits to licensed premises in the ward have been important in ensuring that the law was being observed.</p> <p>A house in Hammond Road being used for the sale of crack cocaine had been closed.</p> <p>The team hold regular surgeries, usually in The Dominion Centre (more details on their web site – see opposite) which are important in allowing residents to raise issues directly with the Police.</p>	<p>Southall Green Safer Neighbourhoods Team – details</p> <p>Team members:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sgt Richard Moelwyn-Hughes • PC Anne-Marie Pilkington • PC Gwyn Hunt • PC Rebecca Rowland • PCSO Rosalind Hyatt • PCSO David Diaz <p>Telephone:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 020 8721 2047 <p>E-mail: SouthallGreen.snt@met.police.uk</p> <p>Web site: www.met.police.uk/saferneighbourhoods</p>

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	<p>Linked to this, the Southall Big Conversation – an on-going dialogue with residents – is designed to make sure that the organisations working to make Southall safer, understand the priorities of local people.</p> <p>Examples of the Safer Southall project have already included:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Operation Goring – there have been 250 recent arrests and over 2,500 stop and searches dealing with drug dealing. This work has been helped by local intelligence, resulting in an 8% reduction in overall crime in the ward. - A cleaner streets campaign: a programme of education, backed up with enforcement. - Jewellery Watch – linking the town’s jewellery shops by radio directly to the police and to each other. As a result there have been no recent attacks on local retail jewellery premises. - Volunteering – there has been a recruitment drive, encouraging residents to form local Neighbourhood Watch groups. - Using new media to including Facebook a Twitter to keep residents updated. <p>Councillor Kang asked if there were questions for Chief Inspector Wingrove</p>	<p><i>People are sometimes reluctant to report crime</i></p> <p>Sgt Molewyn Hughes urged residents to speak anonymously to Crimestoppers on 0800 555 111 – or to speak privately to him and his team (contact details above).</p> <p>Chief Inspector Wingrove noted that local intelligence about crime had</p>

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	<p>Councillor Anand welcomed Chief Inspector Wingrove's attendance and applauded the joint effort between agencies, which was undoubtedly allowing good progress to be made.</p> <p>Joyce Parker agreed that joint working was reaping benefits. It was agreed that a regular Community Safety agenda item at future meetings would allow Joyce to update residents on her team's work.</p>	<p>been immensely important in leading many of the operations he spoken about.</p> <p>Councillor Dhindsa encouraged residents to report crime to the authorities.</p> <p><i>Is drug dealing in Montague Road being dealt with?</i></p> <p>Sgt Molewyn Hughes replied that the Police we well aware of the persistent offenders involved.</p>
3.	<p>Matters arising - including</p>	
	<p>- Phoenix House – item 7 – page 8. Councillor Kang noted that a separate meeting regarding this property in Dudley Road was being organised with the residents who petitioned the last meeting.</p> <p>- Marlborough Road – green space, parking – item 5 – page 7 DF updated residents. The green space had been cleared of rubbish and was now cleaned regularly. He was arranging a visit from Highways officers, to assess the feasibility of creating some additional parking space.</p>	

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	<p>- Western Road CPZ LL – item 7 – page 7 Councillor Kang confirmed he had asked officers to consider incorporating the section of Western Road, between Sussex Road and Leonard Road into the adjacent Controlled Parking Zone – LL.</p>	
5.	<p>Envirocrime report</p> <p>Councillor Kang introduced the regular, written report, dealing with activity from June – September. Copies of the report were available at the meeting.</p> <p>Residents welcomed the work reported on, in particular the clearance of waste on private land in Regina Road</p>	<p>Council’s Envirocrime Team – details:</p> <p>Ruston Wyatt and Amir Delic Patski – Envirocrime Prevention Officers</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/customers</p> <p>Residents asked that an alley in Regina Road, an area behind flats in George Street and an alley in Recreation Road could all be cleared of rubbish and fly tipping.</p> <p>DF undertook to report these matters to the Envirocrime team.</p>

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6.	Ward funded projects	
	<p>- confirmation of 2012/13 ward budget Councillor Kang drew residents' attention to the finalised ward budget, copies of which were available at the meeting.</p> <p>The two additional projects proposed at the last ward forum – namely, renovating the war memorial at The Green and a contribution to Diamond Jubilee Celebrations – had both been added to the budget.</p> <p>- Update on ward projects in progress DF reported on the continuing ward forum supported improvement work in Southall Recreation Ground – with the next piece of work being a new entrance gate from The Common.</p> <p>Residents noted their appreciation of the improved facilities in the Rec., particularly the public exercise machines.</p>	
7.	Public Forum	
	<p>- issues and questions from residents</p> <p>Councillor Kang asked for questions and comments</p>	<p><i>Has the site of the now demolished Albert Dane Centre been sold?</i></p> <p>Councillors Anand was not aware this had happened, but would seek advice from officers.</p> <p>Residents noted that the resurfacing of Marlborough Road had been completed, but were concerned that the associated pavement work had taken a long time.</p>

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		<p>DF offered to check this.</p> <p>Residents also noted the useful work supported by the Green Corridors funding to improve the area at the junction of Western Road and The Common.</p> <p>Councillor Anand asked DF to investigate if the council owned land adjacent to the Shri Guru Ravidass Sabha, in Western Road could be made available to the gurdwara for a community gardening and food growing project.</p> <p><i>Could the canal bank be cleared?</i></p> <p>DF noted that the Ealing side of the canal was regularly tidied by a team of volunteers. He would contact Hounslow Council to see if they could do the same for their side of the canal.</p>
8.	<p>Date of next meeting</p> <p>- Monday 11th March 2013</p> <p>at the Dominion Centre, The Green, Southall UB2 4BQ</p>	<p>It was agreed to hold an additional meeting in December.</p> <p>DF to arrange an agreed date.</p> <p>Update: meeting confirmed: 28th November 2012 at the Dominion Centre, starting at 7pm.</p>

Dennis Frost
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