

Neighbourhood Governance

Note of a meeting of the Southall Green Ward Forum

held on Monday 11th March 2013 at the Dominion Centre, The Green, Southall UB2 4BQ

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

Apologies: Councillor Kamaljit Dhindsa

Attendees: 23 residents attended the meeting

Officers present: Sgt Richard Molewyn-Hughes – Southall Green Safer Neighbourhoods Team

Mark Reynolds – Park Ranger

Jan Anderson – Landscape Architect

Dennis Frost (DF) – Neighbourhood Governance Coordinator

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1.	Chair's welcome and introductions	
	<p>The meeting began at 7.03pm with Councillor Swarn Kang welcoming those present, and introducing his fellow councillor Jasbir Anand. He also noted that Councillor Dhindsa had given his apologies for absence.</p> <p>Councillor Kang explained the background to ward forums – they were meetings where residents could raise issues of concern with their elected councillors. The ward also had a small budget to spend on local projects, and one of the agenda items was to seek new project ideas for the coming year.</p>	

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	Councillor Kang noted he wished to take item 4 next.	
4.	Local police update from Safer Neighbourhoods team	
	<p>Richard Molewyn-Hughes began his report by explaining how the recently announced reduction in police budgets would affect Safer Neighbourhoods. In future, the ward would comprise one sergeant, one PC and one PCSO. However, other locally based officers will be available to deal with particular crime and enforcement work, as required.</p> <p>The ward team continue to tackle anti-social behaviour and drug dealing as priorities. Intelligence from the local community has been vital in tackling drug related crime. The joint operation dealing with illegal outhouses, involving the police, the council and the UK Border Agency, continues – with some recent high profile operations being reported in the national press.</p> <p>Good progress is also being made dealing with anti-social behaviour around betting shops.</p> <p>Prostitution remains an issue in the Montague Waye area. A brothel was recently raided and closed down, along with a drug house in Norwood Road.</p> <p>Sgt Moelwyn-Hughes urged residents to contact him directly on the published telephone number (opposite) rather than waiting at attend the police’s ward surgeries – details also opposite.</p>	

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	<p>Councillor Kang thanked Sgt Molewyn-Hughes for his report and asked if there were questions to the police from residents:</p> <p>Councillor Anand noted that work to tackle prostitution and drug deal was being dealt with by a partnership between the council and the police – the Safer Southall Project. She asked that Chief Inspector Colin Wingrove be asked if he could attend the next meeting, to update residents about this work.</p>	<p><i>Can more effort be put in to tackling prostitution and kerb crawling?</i></p> <p>Sgt Molewyn-Hughes believed that the team were making good progress with this issue, given the resources available to them. He urged residents not to take direction action, by approaching clients, but to work closely with the police.</p> <p>DF to arrange</p> <p><i>There is a strong suspicion that drug dealing is taking place in Tilney Road</i></p> <p>Sgt Moelwyn-Hughes thanked residents for the intelligence and stated that his team will investigate this.</p> <p>Southall Green Safer Neighbourhoods Team – details Address: Unit 4 - The Arches Business Centre Merrick Road Southall UB2 4AU</p> <p>Team members:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sgt Richard Moelwyn-Hughes • PC Anne-Marie Pilkington • PC Gwyn Hunt

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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • PCSO Rosalind Hyatt • PCSO Mark Owen • PCSO David Diaz <p>Telephone: 020 8721 2047</p> <p>E-mail: SouthallGreen.snt@met.police.uk</p> <p>Web site: www.met.police.uk/saferneighbourhoods</p> <p>The team are also holding a number of public surgeries:</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">20th May - 12noon - 2pm 11th June - 5 - 7pm 27th June - 12noon - 2pm</p> <p>All surgeries will be held at The Arches Business Centre, Merrick Road</p>
2.	<p>Notes of the last Southall Green ward forums – 10th September 2012 – also additional meeting on 28th November 2012 – to note</p>	
	<p>The notes were confirmed as a correct record of the two meetings</p>	
3.	<p>Matters arising - including</p>	

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	<p>- Marlborough Road – green space, parking Councillor Anand reported council Highways officers had advised that a potential 14 parking spaces could be created by removing the existing green space in front of 14 - 32a Marlborough Road. However, these spaces would not be for the dedicated use of Marlborough Road residents.</p> <p>However, the council was reluctant to remove a valuable green space where few such areas existed. In addition, the cost he been looked at in some detail and would be £51,250 – well beyond the ward’s, own resources.</p> <p>Residents asked if a Controlled Parking Zone could be established. Councillor Anand replied that residents had previously voiced their strong opposition to controlled parking in this area.</p> <p>- Western Road CPZ Councillor Kang reported that it had not been possible to organise a public consultation as to whether the section of Western Road, between Sussex Road and Leonard Road could be incorporated into Controlled Parking Zone – LL. This would now have to wait until the next programme of CPZ consultations was devised.</p>	<p>Residents felt that parking restrictions in Florence Road and Albert road were not being enforced sufficiently rigorously. DF to arrange enforcement by the council’s Parking Team</p>
5.	<p>Envirocrime report - Written report from Ruston Wyatt – Envirocrime Officer</p>	
	<p>Councillor Kang drew residents’ attention to the regular report, this time listing activity from November 2012 to date.</p> <p>The priority had been the issue of waste warning letters</p>	<p>Council’s Envirocrime Team – details: Ruston Wyatt and Ashley Barker – Envirocrime Prevention Officers</p>

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	<p>and work to clear rubbish and fly-tipping from private land.</p> <p>Other enforcement work included a number of fly-tipping fines for food stores in the ward, and also a significant fine imposed on a night club for failure to declare how its commercial waste was disposed of.</p> <p>Councillor Kang urged residents to report instances of fly-tipping to the council contacts opposite</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' http://www.ealing.gov.uk/customers</p>
6.	<p>Ward funded projects for 2012/13</p>	
	<p>- report on progress with current ward projects</p> <p>Councillor Kang reported that the current projects – which were listed in the ward's 2012/13 budget (available at the meeting) were largely complete.</p> <p>Outstanding projects comprised: Norwood Road / Victoria Road junction – a study to decide if a pedestrian crossing is required. This to be part of a wider evaluation of traffic using Norwood Road – in progress</p> <p>War Memorial, The Green – quotations were being sought to renovate the memorial.</p> <p>Open space opposite the gurdwara in Western Road - councillor Anand asked for progress with this. Mark Reynolds replied that a new Green Corridor project would be able support renovating this area in to a community allotment, as hoped.</p> <p>- possible 2013/14 projects – preliminary discussion</p>	

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	<p>Southall Manor House garden</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Jan Anderson reported on a council project to improve the garden. Some public exercise equipment was planned, along with a schools mosaic project. Might the ward support some more planting in the autumn – in a joint project with Norwood Green ward, who were keen to help. <p>Southall Recreation Ground</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Councillor Anand noted that the two seating areas covered by canopies have proved very successful. She would like to see some more installed. Residents also suggested more public exercise machines along with signs to discourage dog fouling. <p>Highways schemes</p> <p>Councillor Dhindsa had proposed two small schemes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Derley Road: removing the loading bay close to Western Road junction and extending the double yellow lines up to No. 1 Derley Road on both sides. - Adelaide Road: to convert the resident parking space south of the works centre situated between Talbot Road and Inverness Road to three stop and shop bays with a one hour parking limit. <p>Also could the kerb on Western Road be lowered, opposite the new housing development?</p> <p>Alley leading from Montague Waye - Regina Road</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - residents asked if this alley could be gated. Councillor Kang noted the alley was a long-standing public right of 	

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	<p>way, but councillors will investigate how the alley could be improved.</p> <p>More tree planting</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Councillor Anand expressed her disappointment that some council planted trees in the ward had been removed by persons unknown. <p>Councillor Kang urged residents to suggest further projects – either to councillors or to DF in advance of the next meeting, where the ward projects for 2013/14 will be finalised.</p>	
7.	Public Forum	
	Councillor Kang asked for questions and comments.	<p><i>Could a layby be created by the Prince of Wales public house in Western Road, by cutting back the wide pavement at this location?</i></p> <p>DF offered to investigate</p>
8.	Next round of meeting dates 2013/14	
	<p>The dates have been confirmed, on Wednesdays:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 19th June - 2nd October - 12th February 2014 <p>all the Dominion Centre, The Green, Southall UB2 4BQ</p>	

Dennis Frost
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