



QUEENSTOWN WARD SAFER NEIGHBOURHOOD PANEL

9th June 2021

6 p.m.

TEAMS MEETING

Present: Ken Jordan (Co-Chair/Chair Savona Street)); Michael Blair (Community Safety Officer, Nine Elms); Laurie Black (Parks Police); Sunnee Arhagba (Parks Police); Graham Harris (Co-Chair & Doddington) Susan Ekins (Secretary); Sgt Leah Arbuckle); Cllrs, Aydin Dikerdem, Maurice Mcleod and Paula Walker; Kirsty Jeffreys; James Sowden (Peabody) James Furlong (Rollo); Barbara Graham (St Philip St.); James Murray (Riverside Court); Karin Humberstone (Animal Welfare); James Sowden (Peabody)

Apologies: Doreen Boulding (York Mansions); Debbie Bunn (Warriner Watch); Harry Goonewardene, (Savona) Paul Houghton (Park Court); Lisa Martin (Animal Welfare); Kafui Brese (FAST); Daniel Lloyd; Laura Gavin (Housing); Daryl Edwards; Zoë Connolly

Minutes of the April Meeting were accepted.

Matters Arising from the Minutes

Speeding/Petition. Cllr. Walker (PW) said there had been a couple of speed tests. The Petition had been handed in, with a request for a review of traffic calming measures in Prince of Wales Drive. She was told that unless 51% of residents had signed, the council was not obliged to do anything.

Michael Blair (MB) said that he could meet colleagues in Highways and TfL, but since this was a Wandsworth Road, there was nothing much more he could do. PW said that, of course, speeding never took place when there was a Speed Watch. There had been damage – for example a smashed “island”. Could there be some speed cameras installed?

MB said there could be rapid deployment cameras, but these were intended for ASB. Inspector Arbuckle (LA) asked whether, since the

Council were only prepared to act with a signature base of 51%, they offered any help, any advice?

PW said it seemed they were not required to respond. But she would go back to Council officers and speak to them. LA added that the damage could be reported as criminal damage, it would be logged, and could be used as evidence to back up the petition. PW said she would ask how many times they have had to make repairs. LA said that 51% would probably not happen, but that she and PW would liaise.

Electric scooters. It was confirmed that a hiring trial had now been set up in a few London boroughs, but this did not include Wandsworth. Police did try and stop the scooters, but they were very fast and could escape, especially when police officers were on foot. Laurie Black (LB) said they reported them in the Park for contravention of Bye-laws.

Park Court. Drug dealing

PW said there had been discussions with the Housing Manager and others.

Riverlight

PW said there were still complaints about gatherings of contractors, and although she had spoken to the companies concerned, there had been no improvement. MB said they would continue to monitor what was going on.

Patmore/Welham House/Thessaly House – problems. MB would contact Daniel Lloyd for any updates on reported problems on Patmore. A partnership had been set up to deal with the ASB around Thessaly House; there was no more information on the Wenham house ASB, but the Team and Daniel Lloyd were aware.

Chelsea Bridge Wharf. MB had had a meeting with Jean Dornhofer about the speeding problems, and given her an update. (*See MB Resumé*)

Motor bikes parked outside the blue block. Ken Jordan had submitted a photo which showed at least 20 bikes, He thought it was a fire hazard. MB said he would have to follow this up with Housing because of the legal implications. Part of the issue was whether this was accepted elsewhere

on the estates. Parking was a grey area, and Housing would probably have to look at the entire area. Unfortunately, there was no-one present from Housing.

Dog fouling, dogs off-lead, dog attack around Edward Foster Court. Karen Humberstone (KH) (Animal Welfare Service) said she had no more information. *

Secretary says: The Report of the Animal Welfare Service was received from Lisa Martin, and circulated to all members.

Seldon House playground. Broken Lock. Ken Jordan said that in the end he had put his own lock on it. PW asked whether this was a long-term solution. MB. Said he would chase it up with Housing. KJ said he believed the playground was due for refurbishment.

Ravenet Street Tunnel motor bike speeding/Doddington. Drug Dealing. LA said she had not more information on this. They were trying to develop intelligence. PW said she had not received anything, either. But more complaints regarding Park Court had been sent to the Team and to Housing. LA said she would check with PC Landymore. She would stress that information should go direct to the police, otherwise it got diluted.

Rollo Court. James Furlong would email resident contacts to PW. The comment was made that "No Motorbikes" signs would be ignored by those who broke the law in this respect.

Parking Petition. Prince of Wales Drive area. PW said she had received no update on this, and would take it up with Council officers.

Safer Neighbourhood Team Report. PC Andrew Duffy

There had been 10 robberies. Information was being shared with BCU and also passed on to the Parks Police, with whom Queenstown SNT were working closely. Information and CCTV footage would be shared through the Protection Agreement.

Albert Gate Car Park had seen theft from vehicles, specially from large vans. Locks had been drilled out. Leaflet drops had been carried out on parked cars.

There had been 11 business burglaries, with an MO similar to that on businesses in the Northcott Ward, where a suspect had been arrested. They were checking to see if there were a connection. No further details could be given since it was currently under investigation. Visits had been made to supply advice.

There had been no further catalytic converter thefts since the April meeting.

Rough sleepers continued to be a concern.

Youths were congregating in stairwells and other areas, and so the Team were making high visibility controls. MM asked what form this type of engagement took? AD said that it was usually as a conversation, nothing confrontational. Why are you here? What recommends this as a gathering point? Do you live round here? MM said he had asked this question because it sometimes felt as if we were just moving the problem along. AD said there was a limit as to what they could offer these young people, but he would raise it with his supervisors. PW wondered if the number of these instances could be calculated; such information could be useful and give an idea of the sort of help that was needed. MB said the answer was often heard – “there is nowhere to go”. But if provision were made, then that excuse would no longer be valid.

PW asked how many officers were now in the Team. Leah Arbuckle said that from 28th July they would have a replacement for Melissa Ewin – Alex Bland, from Lambeth. They now had two PCSOs. The other new PC was still working from home because of Covid.

Community Safety Report. Michael Blair.

MB had sent a detailed resumé * (*See below*) of his recent work activities, and this had been circulated to all Panel members. He was now able to meet up out of doors. Among other activities, he and his colleagues from CCTV had carried out a survey, with the Senior Project Manager, on Arch 42, with CCTV on the Ponton Road side.

He had spoken to Chelsea Bridge Wharf RA about the speeding, and in connection with this was seeking to form a partnership with SNT, Kensington and Chelsea, Westminster and TfL.

***Resumé**

- Visited the Nine Elms Area and carried out a survey with CCTV and the Senior Project Manager around Arch 42 (New pedestrianised and cycle route beneath the main train tracks from Ponton Road to the new Nine Elms Station / Covent Garden New Market Public Open Space. Quote for CCTV given and designing out crime options considered to ensure that this is safer route for all.
- Set up a meeting with the Prevent & Partnership Team and Housing to discuss options and partnership response to ASB at Thessaly House.
- Spoke to Chelsea Wharf Resident Association members regarding ASB and Car Meets on Chelsea Bridge and evidence shared with myself..
- Since then, had a meeting this week with Royal Borough of Kensington & Chelsea, the SNT's on both sides about this community concern. Another meeting has been pencilled to involve Westminster Council, TFL and the SNT from Westminster in 3 weeks' time. The reporting mechanisms being used in RBKC are also through Community Meetings and not to the Metropolitan Police. However, now this information is now been shared and the same message given on both sides of the bridge and that is to continue reporting ASB and vehicle nuisance to the Metropolitan Police. RBKC also have a new Noise camera going in place in a road leading up to the bridge.
- Had a follow up meeting with Wandsworth Parks & Events Police, Prevent & Partnership Team and the SNT around the streamlined information sharing, communication and joint working and heading in the right direction to mitigate risk and make the area safer; particularly around Anti-social Behaviour (ASB) Robberies, Sexual Offences and Violence Against Woman and Girls (VAWG)
- Office time: I have been assisting my colleagues across both Boroughs while they have been on leave, taking cases forward to the Community Multi-agency Risk Assessment Conference (CMARAC) and setting up a number of Community Trigger Review Meetings.

Parks Police. Laurie Black and Sunnee Arhagba.

Communications between Community Safety, the Met and the SNT were very good borough-wide. Information sharing was excellent.

At the moment there were reports of people using e-scooters in the Park. Susan Ekins (SE) asked about the cases of young black-clad robbers, usually masked. Sunnee said that the thieves were taking advantage of the current Covid mask situation. The police were urging people to report these cases immediately, if possible, borrowing a mobile from someone else in the Park. LA said she was trying to get a radio to the Parks Police. Now a Warrant Number had to be inserted, and since the PP did not have these they were looking for a way round it.

Cllr Walker (PW) said there had been many complaints of ASB around the Pear Tree Café. Were there any updates on this? Laurie Black (LB) said there were private events with DJs every night and the PP had also received lots of complaints. PW said this was a public space. Were they asking permission through the Events Team? Did the Events Team know what was going on? People were even going to the loo in the bushes. LB said he would check with Events.

Councillors' Reports.

PW Because of recent elections, Councillors had been out on the streets. There had been complaints about motor bikes cutting through the Savona playground. It seemed they were coming from the pizza place on Thessaly Road.

Aydin Dikerdem (AD) said that all his Case work had been to do with Housing and Housing Benefits. There was still speeding on Stewarts Road. One resident had asked him about the possibility of iron bell bollards, which were much more difficult to shift and damage. He would get back with the Council's answer.

Maurice Mcleod (MM) reported that most of his Casework was dealing with evictions and problems following the end of furlough.

FAST.

Kafui was unable to attend the meeting due to pressure of work. However, he had sent an update.

Community Youth work

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The Sessions we covered were:

Music sessions - young people learned how to write a song and use music to creatively journal about their current situations. This helps young people to get things off their chest and focus on what's ahead.

Dance - During our Girls Sessions we had a dancer come in to help the girls develop a dance based on a theme "Youth Violence" - The girls wanted to share their views on what's happening in London.

Please check out our Instagram (FAST London) to view the dance routine.

Football session - Working partnership with **Street Soccer London** and **Powerleague** we have restarted our football development

support sessions. There has been a greater focus on team work and resilience since the reopening, led by the great coaches from Street Soccer London.

Cooking - Funded by **The National Lottery** and in partnership with **Youth Battersea**, we ran 8 weeks of cooking workshops ;every week we would cook a new healthy dish. It was so well received by the young people; we received feedback such as “I love cooking, I want to do this every week”.

Mentoring - This term we increase our 1-2-1 mentoring sessions with young people with a total of 15 young people having 1-2-1 sessions this term. This is to address the extra support young people have needed to deal with the challenges the lockdown and Covid-19 have presented.

Easter Holiday Programme

During Easter holiday, FAST took part in the Holiday and Food programme in partnership with **Wandsworth Council** funded by the **Department of Education** to ensure the most vulnerable young people were offered activities and a nutritious meal. It was a great success as we ran several activities such as Football, Bike Riding around Hyde park, Movies night, Games Night, Get Active sports day. This meant we were about to support our regular young people as well as new young people in the wider community. We are planning to grow this offer for the summer holidays.

Kirsty Jeffrey. Youth Team

Kirsty said she was no longer working with the Yvonne Carr Centre, but as part of the Youth Team. The Centre was operating under united teams with a different management. Targeted invitations would be going out to certain families with regards to various activities. The philosophy was to be part of the community, being involved in festivals and other activities – Happy Streets, for example. She would be happy for people to contact her to get young people signed up to these events. Various age groups – 14-16 for example, but over 16s were also welcome. There were also some activities for adults and for families.

PW asked if there was an Yvonne Carr Centre contact? KJ said that although she had spoken to them, as yet she has had no reply.

Local Reports.

St Philip Street. Barbara Graham

The fly tipping was still a problem, with no improvement. Unlike Kensington and Chelsea, there were no deterrents. She had delivered 300

of her own leaflets locally with the request that people did not put out their rubbish for collection until the evening before collection. This had had some good effect, although she did have to leaflet some houses twice. However, 18 St Philip Square, managed by Peabody, was a big problem in this respect. SE called on James Sowden, from Peabody, for help, but unfortunately, he had had to leave the meeting. He would be sent an email.

London Concrete lorries were still idling while the drivers went to collect food.

PW said that she had reported the problems with fly tipping several times, and would not give up. AD asked where people would like the warning signs?

Warriner Watch.

SE said that all problems were regularly reported to the Police. A recent doorstep parcel theft had produced some very clear images of the thief.

Riverside (James Murray) had no problems to report. Likewise Savona Street and Doddington Estate. PW said she was supporting DWRA to put in a bid for a playground on the south side near the railway.

Rollo (James Furlong) said that fly tipping was still a problem. There were no regular meetings, due to Covid.

Ken Jordan (KJ) said that the communal garden in front of the blue block had become a litter trap. Would it be possible to have a couple of litter bins? PW said that there used to be a 'smart' bin nearby. She would make enquiries.

Any Other Business

- Prior to Happy Streets on 10th July, there would be a "Clean Up Session". A plan would be sent to Ken Jordan by Glen Burnell. Volunteers were needed. Glen Burnell adds: *"Should be a great day, also secured £1,000 worth of plants from CGMA, so going to bring some planting close to areas of activities including along Thessaly where the planters need some TLC"*
- The next Battersea Power Station Community Forum was scheduled for 16th June, at 5.30 via Zoom. **If you would like to attend**

the Community Forum or if you have any questions, please RSVP by replying to this email (engagingbattersea@cascadepr.co.uk) or by calling 0207 871 3565. There will be no need to email again if you have already registered

The Priorities remained the same.

The meeting closed at 7.35 p.m.

The next meeting will be on 11th August at 6 p.m. – probably by TEAMS.