



QUEENSTOWN WARD SAFER NEIGHBOURHOOD PANEL

10th February 2021

6 p.m.

TEAMS MEETING

Present: Ken Jordan (Co-Chair/Chair Savona Street); Roger Lyddon (Community Safety); Michael Blair (Community Safety Officer, Nine Elms); Graham Harris (Co-Chair & Doddington) Susan Ekins (Secretary); Sgt Tom Chamberlain; Sgt Leah Arbuckle; PC Connor Landymore; PC Melissa Ewin (SNT); Cllrs. Maurice Mcleod and Paula Walker; Laura Gavin (Housing); Doreen Boulding (York Mansions) John Gallagher (Doddington) Kathryn Geels, (Riverlight) Barbara Graham (St Philip St.); Lisa Martin (Animal Welfare) James Murray (Riverside Court); Patrick Scott, Cyril Mansions

Apologies: Cllr. Aydin Dikerdem Harry Goonewardene (Savona) Natasha Green (Peabody) Paul Houghton (Park Court); Debbie Bunn (Warriner Watch)

Minutes of December Meeting were accepted following the correction below:

Graham Harris's name had been omitted from those attending.

Matters arising from Previous Minutes were covered in the SN Team Report, the Community Safety Report or the Housing Report.

Safer Neighbourhood Team Report.

PC Melissa Ewin

Melissa Ewin (ME) was delighted to introduce the new Acting Sergeant, Leah Arbuckle, who told the meeting how much she was looking forward to working with the team and with the Panel.

A new SNT officer would join the Team shortly.

Crime Statistics:

- **Motor Vehicle Thefts. 9**, spread out over the ward.
- **Theft from Motor Vehicles. 10**
- **Catalytic Converter theft** was on the rise over the borough. Two had been stolen very recently from Warriner Gardens, Although the police had arrived very quickly, the thieves had made off. They were being stolen borough-wide, due to the recent rise in the price of platinum. Queenstown was not a hot-spot for such theft but Furzedown Ward was. The main targets were Hondas. Enquiries were being made as to whether funding would be available for marking cards.
- **Burglaries 9**

- **Robberies 8** (3 in Battersea Park – focused around the all-weather sports ground. People were advised to carry a torch after dark.
- **21st January** there had been a **stabbing in a hostel** in Queenstown Road. This was an isolated incident, and an arrest had been made. The victim is fine.
- **Battersea Exchange** area – reports of ASB. The Team had been liaising with the concierge of one particular block. Tailgating was continuing. A few ASB warnings had been issued, so the area would be made a hotspot control.
- **Stewarts Road.** Speeding continued. There was liaison on this with other sections.
- **Bank Court** still has **issues with dealing in the porch area.** Park Court had suggested that WBC install CCTV in the rear (Park Court side) of Bank Court.

PC Connor Landymore

Elmwood Court, a secure block, does not have drop key access. However, the gate is currently broken. **Drug use/supply** has been reported. The Team is applying for an access key in order to get a conclusion.

The **problems at the rear of Kennard Court** went away, but on 27th January, the anniversary of the murder of Louis Johnson) the ASB problems, including drug dealing, returned.

There are still some **long-term neighbour disputes on the Doddington**, which are being investigated. It involves one person.

There have been **4 ASB cases, linked to mental health**, and more work is needed.

Parcel thefts at Battersea Exchange have increased. There is CCTV footage of some of the suspects.

Riverside Court has produced CCTV footage of a spate of bike thefts. Bike marking is being arranged for the residents.

Covid breaches – parties, gatherings etc - along the riverside. When challenged, they then move further towards the Chelsea Bridge end. Although the Team do attend and explain the rules, such breaches needed to be reported at the time they occurred.

John Gallagher (JG) (Doddington) asked whether the pen behind **Kennard House** could not be locked up by the Council?

Laura Gavin (LG) (Housing) said that it was normally opened in the morning, and closed at sunset. With staff shortages due to Covid, this was not always possible, but in any case, the issues were outside. **JG** said that people were actually inside. **LG** suggested that people could ring the Council Emergency Control. JG said he was talking about groups of people who should not be meeting here. The Meetings was told that people should take care when approaching groups, since the legislation was not the easiest legislation to enforce.

Kathryn Geels **KG** (Riverlight) asked 1) whether there had been any cases of **poisoning dogs in the Park** and 2) which was the **best number for reporting Covid breaches**.

Connor Landymore **CL**) said he was not personally aware of any cases of poisoning, so would have to check. The **number to ring for Covid breaches was 101** which would contact the Covid car rounds, or **reports could be made on-line**.

KG asked about what appeared to be a **24-hour police presence at Riverlight**. **CL** said there had been a robbery, and since this was still under ongoing investigation, he could not go into details.

Lisa Martin (Animal Welfare) said that the dog poisoning was all hearsay. Anything of that nature would fall on the Parks Police, since it had supposedly happened near the Rosery Car Park. It might be just whispers, as there had been no further reports.

NB For information about matters in the Park go to:

parkspolice@wandsworth.gov.uk

020 871 7532 or 07500 959 442

Community Safety. Roger Lyddon and Michael Blair.

Catalytic Converters – marking.

These are broken up by the thieves to get at the metal. The problem would be how to access them to add a sticker. The car would need jacking up, so there would be the matter of Health and Safety. It was noticed that when bike marking kits were given to bike owners, they were often never used. He knows that there is a device that can be welded over the CCs.

Cllr. Mcleod (MM) asked if there were something special about Hondas, that they seemed to be a common target. **RL** that said different types of Honda were targeted.

Secretary says: Hybrids often have a higher concentration of metals; it may also be due to certain models of cars sitting higher above the ground: See this link: <https://www.thisismoney.co.uk/money/cars/article-8935001/The-cars-targeted-catalytic-converter-thieves.html>

**Lockdown Enforcement Statistics Battersea Park -
24th March 2020 – 21st January 2021 – total 20790**

Total number of enforcement warnings for non-compliance with Byelaws and Government rules (Social Distancing etc). 9161

Total number of enforcement warnings for dogs off leads. 3473

Total number of enforcement warnings for cycling in Unauthorised areas. 8054

Total number of Fixed Penalty Notices (FPNs) for all offences 202

The Secretary said that she also ran a newsletter for Park supporters, and it was useful to have these figures, since it showed just how much the PP were doing, even when they had such a small staff to cover 32 green spaces.

Cllr. Walker wished to draw members' attention to the **Rollo Roof Garden**. There was a need to widen the number of people involved in this. Those interested should get in touch. 51% of residents need to show an interest, and the numbers were below that, partially due to lockdown.

Feedback on report received from Doreen Boulding and Jan Springer (York Mansions) regarding speeding in Prince of Wales Drive.

Speeds had only been observed as between 17 mph and 24 mph, and no evidence of anything faster. This needed to go to the police. Doreen Boulding (DB) said that she had been on a speed watch with the police, and found it difficult that no-one had been caught, since speeding was frequent. RL said they had to be caught in the act. This might need extra CCTV. Local people could do speed checks, but if it wasn't happening in front of the police nothing could be done.

Cllr Walker suggested that she and **DB** should discuss this outside the meeting. **A petition could be set up.**

Michael Blair (Nine Elms Community Safety) said that a Community Road Watch could be requested. He had been looking at the number of reports. For example, newspapers reported cars racing up and down. He had asked if all these reports were being sent to the Met. The last CRW had been on 8th October.

There had been complaints from **Wenham House** on the Savona Estate, where people were congregating at lunchtime. Please would anyone affected send in reports, so that action could be taken. **Connor Landymore** said that it had involved 3 workers **smoking drugs** during their lunch-break, but this had not happened for a while.

The **Car Washing business** was a matter for **Licensing or Thames Water**. **Cllr. Walker** said that reports should be sent to **Adam Westwood of Tideway**. It was not just a question of the car washing but of **blocking access to emergency vehicles**. **Kathryn Geels** added that it was also a **parking issue**.

She went on to raise the matter of **ASB and gatherings on Friday nights in the Riverlight area**. Companies had been asked to check that their workers were not gathering near Sainsbury's. When spoken to, people just moved further along, and it seemed residents could not get any help. **Michael Blair** said the police should be able to deal with it. Please would people keep the reports coming in. But it would take time. **KG** said it would only worsen with warmer and lighter days. It is not just around Riverlight, but also on the footpaths. Tom Chamberlain said he would speak to the new Sergeant. They could move them on, they could hand out tickets, but the most he could muster was 4 officers who had to cover other areas.

Referring to the **supposed dog poisoning**, the Parks Police knew nothing of it. It might have been a young dog which ate some rubbish.

Roger Lyddon told the meeting that he would now be covering 5 wards and not 6, and so he would be saying goodbye to Queenstown. Understandably, people were sad to see him go after so many years, and said they would miss him.

Councillors' Reports.

Cllr. Walker was very sad to report that the brother of Tina Penfold (a long-term Panel member) had recently died.

Scams.

- People were pretending to be Council workmen and gaining access to flats, working a distraction technique to carry out a robbery.
- There was a telephone scam regarding supposed deliveries and access to banking details.

There had been anti-Polish graffiti elsewhere in the Borough. In Queenstown they had seen only Proud Boy stickers by the Embassy.

Flytipping. They had reached the conclusion that the only way forward was **CCTV**. **WBC** will **also** be charging **very high fines**. At her request, **leaflets would go out with the Council Tax bills**.

Turpin House. Current problems were drug taking, and a rough sleeper

Dog Poisoning? She had heard that it was in the Winter Garden.

Vaccination Clinic. Both **she and John Gallagher had been working at Clapham Junction as Covid Wardens**. It had been a pleasure to see so many local residents coming for their injections.

Housing Report. Laura Gavin.

There had been a few reports of **rough sleepers**, but it was not as big a problem as previously. **Cllr. Walker** said that they usually left at 8 a.m. so an early patrol would be required. **Laura Gavin (LG)** said it was best to report it to Streetlink.

MB said there were 19 rough sleepers on the streets, and 144 under cover.

https://www.streetlink.london/Streetlink_London_HomePage

Cllr. Mcleod (MM) asked if people were now back in the same difficult situation? **LG** said it was no more than would be expected in the winter months. They had had only a handful of reports. **MB** said it was important that residents themselves did Streetlink referrals.

Doddington Square was finished, with a noticeboard to be installed. **Cllr. Walker** asked whether some pictures of the **Rollo Garden in bloom** could be attached? **LG said new estate signage** would go up shortly.

Savona Estate Proposed upgrade of CCTV.

Animal Welfare. Lisa Martin.

In general things had been quiet, giving the section a chance to catch up on odd jobs and updating microchip records. She had visited Savona Street. It looked fairly free of dog fouling.

JG reported **dog faeces left unbagged – for example, Macduff Road**

LM said that it was better not to approach owners. But details should be taken – breed of dog description of owner, time of day, address. People could leave a message and they would be rung back. Graham Harris said he had contacted Lisa Martin, and had put relevant information on the Doddington Facebook page. **Cllr. Walker** said that her approach was to offer the owner a bag and say something like: “Oh, dear, you appear to have run out. Have this. It often happens. “

MM reported an increase in **puppy thefts**. **LM** said that thankfully it was not too common in WBC, but owners should keep an especial eye on popular breeds. Dogs should always be microchipped. **Kenneth Jordan (KJ)** asked about **dog training schools**. **LM** would find out.

The latest report from Animal Welfare is being sent with these minutes.

Local Reps.

Riverlight. **KG** said that **people were still not wearing masks** in Sainsbury's, who said it was not their problem. **KJ** agreed with her point. Nobody was allowed in his flat without a mask.

York Mansions. **ME** confirmed she would meet DB to ascertain times of speeding, and to arrange a CRW.

Any Other Business

ME would also arrange to find **information on catalytic converters for MM**.

Laura Gavin said that **Edward Foster Court** was now fully tenanted. Three other new blocks would shortly be fully tenanted.

KJ asked whether **Connor Landymore** had ever received an answer from **L & Q** about the **Embassy Gardens** key issue? Answer: No. **ME** said she would inspect new blocks in case there were similar issues.

The Priorities remain the same.

The meeting closed at 7.35 p.m.

The next meeting will be on 14th April at 6 p.m. – probably by TEAMS.

