

Canonbury Ward Panel Meeting

Walter Sickert Community Centre, Wednesday 5th January 2011 19:00 hrs

1. Previous minutes

- All outstanding items covered by the agenda of this meeting.

2. Appendix A

- Everyone in attendance had signed.

3. Essex Road Project

- It was agreed that a road safety project in Canonbury could be a suitable SN task. It will comprise:
 1. A joint assignment with the Met's Transport Police and the Safer Transport Police targeting poor road safety behaviour in the Essex Road area. The focus will be, but not exclusively, cyclists. Two exercises will be undertaken prior to the next Panel meeting.
 2. A programme aimed at educated younger people about road safety, particularly when cycling. Again this will be in collaboration with other police road safety agencies.

Report next meeting.

Action: MR

4. Priorities

4.1 Youth Engagement

Sick leave in the SN Team continues to delay the re-start of the Wednesday evening boxing programme at the Walter Sickert Centre. The longer term aim of developing young role models through this programme is progressing - a meeting will be held on 15/01/2011 with the head boxing coach at the Met's Hendon training facility aimed at securing his personal involvement in establishing a Leaders' Course in Canonbury. Report next meeting.

Action: MR

Kikz

Still popular, attracting large numbers of young people, including some from Hackney. On-going programme.

Rose Bowl

Should re-open end March 2011. Hoxton Hall is service provider. Contact JS to establish link with relevant Hoxton Hall Personnel. Report next meeting.

Action: AP

4.2 Burglary

Classified burglaries for Canonbury in 2010 totaled 135, an increase of 30% over the previous year, mainly due to a spike in activity July-September. Suspects were identified and criminal proceedings are awaited. Subsequent burglary levels have declined to trend levels.

Smart water, used for marking objects, could be a valuable weapon for fighting burglary. Invisible except under UV light, it has a specific 'DNA' related to the object's owner. Hence stolen goods can be identified and potentially traced back to the owner. Can also be used for 'sting' operations. The SN Team will put up 20 notices in Canonbury advising that this is a 'Smart Water' area, thus deterring burglars.

Action: MR

Panel members representing communities will advise their residents that vulnerable people can access 'Smart Water' from the police, and that otherwise 'Smart Water' bottles can be bought at a discounted price of £15 each for orders of 10 or more from:

SmartWater Technology Limited
PO Box 136
Telford
Shropshire
United Kingdom
TF3 3WY
Telephone: 0870 242 8899
Helpline 0800 521 669

Report next meeting.

Action: Panel Members

4.3 Dogs

Problems with dogs still an issue in Cathy Walk. An initiative in this area will be undertaken together with Parks Wardens. Report next meeting.

Action: MR

5 Youth Panel

- There is a Youth Panel in one of the western wards. More information to be sought.

Action: JG

6 Panel Membership

- 6.1 Still seems not to be representative of various ethnic communities in Canonbury nor of geographical sub-divisions of the ward. To facilitate further analysis, the current membership will be defined according to area represented. Report next meeting.
- 6.2 The anti-social behaviour representative for 'Partners for Islington' [secretary's note: Partners is the name of the PFI contract management company for Islington Council's street properties, of which there are many in Canonbury] will be contacted regarding potentially joining the Panel.

Action: A-MG

7. AOB

- For information: dispersal orders in place in Laycock Street area

8. Date of next meeting

- Walter Sickert Community Centre at 19:00 hours on 9th March 2011.