

Canonbury Ward Panel Meeting

Held at the Walter Sickert Community Centre, Wednesday 18th July 2012, 19:00

1. Apologies/Previous minutes

- ◆ Apologies received from LR, LN, NLB, JC, PN.

2. Previous minutes

- ◆ Items covered in this meeting's agenda.

3. Appendix A

- ◆ Not needed at this meeting.

4. Election of Officers

- ◆ Postponed to next meeting; as yet, no clear successor to AP has been identified.

5. Public Meeting

- ◆ Deferred to next meeting: a date still needs to be fixed for the annual public meeting. SNT resources will be very stretched during the summer period (extra duties surrounding the Olympics), so Autumn may be the earliest time.

6. Agreed Priorities

Unexpectedly, Sgt Redrup was unable to attend this meeting; he supplied papers in advance by email, but it was not possible to print these in advance of the meeting. Below are the notes sent by Sgt Redrup:-

I have attached the crime pattern analysis which shows good reductions in Burglary and ASB CAD calls across our Ward.

I would have been asking the panel to keep the priorities as Robbery and Youth ASB on the Marquis Estate.

A lot of time and effort and Police resource has been put in to the robbery/ASB problem and yet more is planned with the coming weeks.

I would have talked about the impact of the Olympics and confirmed that our resources will be severely stretched over the period. However, our PCSOs will be here to maintain continuity and I will be here as and when my duties allow as will PC Gould.

The panel duly agreed Sgt Redrup's proposal to maintain Robbery, along with Youth Anti-Social Behaviour, as priorities for Canonbury ward over the summer period.

The panel then talked generally (and more informally than usual) around policing matters. Below is a summary of this discussion:

- There has been some trouble around the Southern Housing Group (SHG) estate; if there were a group of kids and only one belonged to the estate, would SHG act? JG – confirmed yes, and it is important to keep SHG informed if all relevant incidents.
- Police are soon to call in a number of individuals and families about problems. VH commented that several families are known to be problematic, and simply keep being moved around.
 - Activity is afoot to address the entrenched ASB of around 7 individuals – stop, or risk prosecution and imprisonment.
 - 5 or more additional families may be supported through this process – they risk eviction but their ASB may change.
- JG assured that CSOs are authorised to – and do – call to account and accompany home kids who are out too late on school nights. However, the individuals concerned often know their rights and may refuse to give their name – so accompanying them home is not always possible.
- The FIP (Family Intervention Programme) was discussed; this initiative aims to engage the hard-to-reach families who are otherwise socially isolated and where children risk drifting into crime almost by default.
- Locally, VH is starting a girl's night at the WS Community Centre; the Rosebowl has changed in nature and is no longer a drop-in centre as it used to be – and not all the local youth can belong / want to belong to it. Also locally there is a 'Good Neighbour' scheme and there has been a cooking day at The Bridge.
- New River Green (NRG) – NH reported that there has been a lot of activity recently regarding thefts and burglaries. JG and LR have been conducting walk-arounds. Burglaries appear to be reducing, but snatch theft is showing a significant increase – and is up 30%. A lot of snatch theft is of iPhones. UK police are liaising with Apple trying to get the company to enable phone usage blocking beyond Europe (currently stolen phones are only blocked within Europe). Police are circulating a flier in high-risk areas advising iPhone owners how to reduce the risk of snatch theft and also what to do if their phone is stolen. AMG will scan a copy of such a flier and add it to the Canonbury SNT panel website.
- Some discussion about other crime prevention (prosecution?) measures: AMG mentioned a site called Facewatch, an online crime reporting system for businesses to report crime. It displays images of suspects – typically young males - caught in criminal acts, with the aim of making it harder for them to commit further crimes / assisting in their being prosecuted for crimes. The link to the website is copied below, and has been included on the Canonbury SNT Panel links page. The aim is expressed as follows: *Facewatch is the only online ACPO approved crime reporting system that allows businesses to instantly upload low level crime reports together with the full CCTV evidential package required by the police.*

<http://facewatch.co.uk/cms/>
- Some discussion about the ASB Response team (tel 020 7527 7272); this is a number for the reporting of ASB out of hours (after 4pm). Reports are anonymous unless those reporting ASB want direct feedback. Where wanted, responses may not be immediate; also, where feedback is given it is done so with discretion (no doorstep visits, etc). The response team keep people informed by phone about

progress. Duties include witnessing of ASB (e.g. noise nuisance), for verification that there is a genuine ongoing issue and to avoid denial on the part of those perpetrating the ASB. Their shifts Sunday through Thursday are 4pm – 2am, and Friday and Saturday 4pm – 4am.

- NH reported that Nightingale House should be joining Western Isles Tenants & Residents Association very soon.
- Promotion of the new Canonbury SNT Panel website; both NH and AP have circulated details to their groups. Check that the number of visits to the site are being logged (AMG).
- Volunteer to take on chairing the panel? VH mentioned that she has a colleague who may be interested.

7. Next Meetings

- ◆ Weds 7th October 2012, Walter Sickert Community Centre
- ◆ Further dates (into 2013) yet to be determined