

POLICE LIAISON GROUP MEETING
Minutes for the Meeting on Tuesday 1st October 2024

Attending: Sally Durant, Lindsey Cape, PS James Adgey, PC Jonny Rees, PCSO Lorraine Childs, Michael Fletcher, Chris Royle, Sylvia Lei, Colin Lusk, Cheryl Wong Rogers, Nick Hutchings, Nick Worrall, Janet Deboo, Andrew Brown, Darren Smith

Apologies: Chris Morley-Smith, Clare Vollum, Tony Martin, Loraine Martin, Andrea Samuelson, Cecile Ruhe, Dianna Dunrossil, Terry Smith, Richard Hurford, Carol Webster, David Noakes, Catherine Flintoff, Ben Pethick, Chris Denington, Martin Gealer

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1. Welcome and apologies

Sally Durant (chair) welcomed everyone to the meeting and said that the apologies would be noted in the Minutes. Quite a few apologies due to the council meeting tonight. The attendees all introduced themselves.

2. Approval of the minutes of the last meeting held on 12 March 2024

One correction to the Minutes, on page 2 PC Louise Desousa was incorrectly referred to as a PCSO. Subject to that, the Minutes were approved.

3. Matters arising from the last minutes

Proposed mural – no information at this time. There has been new graffiti in the last week but it's not as bad as it usually is in the last few months. A mural is a good idea, but low interest in creating it.

Action - chase Kew Society.

New team means they were up to strength for 6 weeks but are now recruiting to replace PC Louise. By the end of the year, we are due to have another PC.

4. Reports

Police

No questions on the figures circulated but discussion took place.

Assaults seem to be high, a review / explanation of what is considered an assault. Many domestic violence. One category for so many different types. Violent assault category is not a worry.

Safeguarding / vulnerability issues for some repeat callers to the police, some calling 2X a day. Must be reported even if it might not have happened / no evidence. Only way not recorded as assault / crime is if a 3rd party can evidence that it didn't happen.

Drug related / theft / shoplifting in the retail park. -15% year on year. Putting a lot of work into the retail park and known repeat offenders have been targeted. Still a big problem and it was surprising at the last meeting to hear the stats and value of items stolen.

Less than 2 crimes a day in the Ward – stats are low.

North Sheen Rec gates being left unlocked, concerns raised and the most important thing is to report anything. Council decision. From 1 Sept to 1 Oct, 4 reports (one on 29th Aug). One was anti-social behaviour, adults intoxicated. 21 Sept incident with dog in the daytime. 9 Sept children throwing stones at 8:40pm. In summary there were 2 incidents in September during the time the gates would be locked.

Drug dealing was reported in the evening, but some neighbours are looking out for it more than they used to, due to the change in gates being left open. Café owner has not seen more, so is it just that people are looking out? Police are still patrolling the park regularly. Nothing reported in relation to Westerly Ware.

Neighbourhood Watch

Andrea Samuelson from Cumberland Road has raised the issue of hawkers in the road and we would like more stickers which say 'no cold callers.' Waiting to hear if there is a budget to produce it, could we use our stationary budget? Roger Metcalfe could maybe authorise it.

Action – SD to email Roger to see if he will agree to the budget.

Andrea also reported concerns about illegal parking across driveways during school drop off time. Team of police from the Roads & Transport Red Route Team came and it improved but then reverted. The Red Route Team said that they will come back and give out tickets this time which may have more impact.

Leyborne Park also requested stickers due to aggressive hawkers. Who to call if someone is aggressive / intimidating / threatening at the door? Call 999 if they swear, kick the door. If they keep coming back call 101. Send Ring doorbell footage for anyone aggressive. If an ongoing issue feel free to email the team. Footage works if we send it in, an example of 2 people on probation and the probation officer was notified due to footage caught of them on Ring.

Michael Fletcher said that Popham Gardens would like to join the Marksbury Ave NW. He doesn't mind but Lorraine will contact them first to ask if they would like their own NW.

5. Questions and Discussions:

Andrew Brown raised traffic and speeding around Kew Green. Unlikely to get a unit with a speed gun out as only one in the Borough. Backing up of traffic and lack of access on the roads leading up to Kew Bridge. Lorraine will email Transport PCSO re speed watch around Gloucester Road during rush hour/school times.

Electric bikes going very fast in the area, often times with a rider with a hoodie up. If Lime Bikes are clicking, they might be stolen. Police can pursue them, but it goes wrong often and quickly, so they usually don't pursue. If pursued, then it's a high level of intervention and needs a clear reason. Delivery drivers also going through lights, on pavements. If it's Lime Bikes, it is worth raising with the council. They could be banned by council, and raising concerns with the bike rental company can work.

Forest Bikes are not allowed in this Borough and have been notified. Lime is the only licensed company allowed in Richmond.

6. Priorities (next three months)

Drugs and related violence.

Theft from cars, motor vehicle crime.

[Further discussion about shoplifting, one individual has been responsible for much of the high value. It is the same people and the police have focused on the arrests. Boots has improved security and location of high value items.]

Drug related crime such as theft offences/shoplifting set as the third priority.

AOB

Lighting in Atwood alley has improved but still not quite enough. Discussion about deterrents like cameras, spikes, lighting.

PLG chairs handbook – role of chair reviewed as it suggests going to the quarterly SNB meetings. SD said that she didn't have time to go to these meetings regularly but she was happy for someone to go in her place. Agreed by vote that all are happy the chair is not attending the SNB quarterly meetings.

Next meeting – Tuesday 14th January at 7pm