

WARD PANEL CATFORD SOUTH [SNT]

MINUTES

Meeting held on 19th November 2019, 7pm
At Catford Police Station, Bromley Road

Present:

| PC Andrew Reading | PCSO Guleser Cater |
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| Janet Gainey | Alan Marsh |
| Paul Glover | Kate Richardson |
| Graham Halcrow | Margaret Wilken [Chair] |
| Barry Leaf | |

1. Apologies were received from Sergeant Ian Langley, Kate Fearnley, Denzil Freeman, Rita Hooks

Margaret Wilken (MW) welcomed everyone to the meeting and saying that this was the last meeting to be attended by PC Reading. The attendees introduced themselves.

2. The minutes from the previous meeting were agreed and signed as a true record.

3. Matters Arising

Signage near McDonald's – MW reported this action was still outstanding. KR advised Chair that the best contact at LBL was Ralph Wilkinson. Department. MW said she needed to contact him about another unrelated matter and would now contact him about both issues. **Action MW**

Begging in Catford/Rushey Green – discussed later under AOB.

4. Extra Agenda item – collisions junction Sandhurst Road/Inchmery Road

KR reported that in the recent past 2 collisions had occurred at this junction and on the previous Friday a child had been knocked down and taken to hospital as a result. Discussion concerning this junction, which had become narrow as a result of pavement improvement works. Cars speeding down Sandhurst Road in spite of 20 mph restriction, and taking turn at Inchmery too quickly. The ongoing road works were exacerbating the problem. PC Reading to inform transport police to monitor the situation and the PCSOs on mopeds to frequent area to report on situation. KR had already spoken to Ralph Watkinson who has passed issue to Jahn Wallace at LBL who is responsible for road schemes. Reply awaited.

5. New/Extra Officer for Catford South

MW reported that she had attended the Lewisham SNT Board meeting which centred on public health issue towards knife crime. It was not a meeting of representatives from all Ward SNT Boards as she had expected. MW had a chance to voice concerns about policing in Catford South with Inspector Pollard. Since that meeting Inspector Pollard had written to all SNT Ward Chairs with a view to rekindling the previously good network. Catford South will be getting an extra new officer under the new *Police Now* scheme. General discussion around requirement to have 2 dedicated WDO's, cuts in resources etc. Concern expressed that new officer will be young and inexperienced and has to be accompanied. Agreed that experienced officers are required. The new officer should be an addition not a replacement. MW said she would write to Inspector Pollard to voice Catford South concerns. **Action MW**

6. Unlawful parking shop parade [Daneby Road/Bellingham Road]

This continues to be an issue. Long discussion on right to park, unlawful crossing over pavement. MW and Alan Marsh said The Ravensbourne Residents Association were making this one of their top priorities. Difficulty in co-ordinating communication between responsible parties [freeholder, LBL and TfL who are

responsible for the part of the pavement being driven over. Paul Glover said that the Next-Door app. showed a response from TfL saying it was not their problem. Issue to be taken up by Ravensbourne RA. AR and MW will be attending a meeting with London Living Streets on Friday 22nd November as part of the plan of action.

Action RRA

7. Ward Crime Figures [since last meeting 2 July]

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| 20 residential burglaries | 10 Theft of motor vehicles |
| 8 attempted burglaries and 1 distraction. | 31 Theft from motor vehicles |
| 4 non-residential burglaries – 1 attempted | 2 TDA |
| 8 robberies of persons – 1 commercial | 4 Vehicle interference |

Concern expressed that these were higher than expected even allowing for the longer than usual time frame.

KR reported that the bench on Culverley Green had been stolen in August.

No crime figures available for drug related issues.

Discussion around use of nitrous oxide and cannisters which were frequently found during the Ravensbourne RA litter picking sessions.

KR reported that criminals were targeting commuter parked vehicles in Penerley road and using bricks to break windows. They were also intimidating street cleaners who had observed them.

9. AOB

Begging in Rushey Green. KR expressed concern that this was still continuing despite Rushey Green Police and LBL being informed. Discussion around trafficking of women and what could be done to protect them. MW and KR agreed to meet to discuss plan of action on this matter. **Action KR/MW**

Barry Leaf paid tribute to the officers and thanked them for their assistance in providing extra security at the Synagogue during the Holy Days in October. It is customary during that time to honour people in the community so he presented them with a small token gift of a police whistle.

The meeting drew to a close with thanks from PC Andy Reading to the group and thanks from the Chair for his time with us.

10. Date of Next Meeting – agreed to be sometime in mid-February depending on availability/work roster of officers. MW to keep in touch with PSCO Cater to arrange a suitable date.

The meeting closed at 8.15 pm

These minutes were approved on.....

.....CHAIR