

MINIUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE UPPER EDMONTON WARD FORUM HELD ON THURSDAY, 22ND JANUARY, 2015

MEMBERS: Cllr. Savva (Chair), Cllr. Human, Cllr. During, Cllr. Abdullahi, Cllr.

Apologies: Cllr. Bond, Cllr. Stafford, Cllr. Bakir and Cllr. Ekechi

Also Attending: Sgt. Jamie Moggridge and PCSO Danielle Allen (Safer Neighbourhoods), and 18 members of the public

9. WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS

Cllr. Savva welcomed all to the meeting.

10. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Cllr. Bond, Cllr. Stafford, Cllr. Bakir and Cllr. Ekechi

11. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

The minutes of the last meeting were agreed apart from the fact that it had not been noted that Cllr. Stafford had stated that the Tamil Temple in Church Street was in the wrong location. As Cllr. Stafford was not at the meeting, clarification would be sought at the April forum.

12. MATTERS ARISING

Victoria Road - CPZ - meeting had taken place with Officers but complainants did not attend the meeting.

13. POLICE UPDATE

Sgt. Moggridge - Neighbourhood Watch take up is not great over the whole borough. People are interested in belonging but not willing to run it and/or be a co-ordinator. Sgt. Moggridge suggested that people talked to their neighbours about it.

It would be a good idea to follow the Met Police on twitter @MPSEnfield. This will be the way forward for contact in the future. 999 calls show two tweets per shift - cars seized, cannabis detected etc.

Cllr. Savva commented on the lack of police numbers, but Sgt. Moggridge advised that since September there had been an increase in team numbers

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by 2 - now 1 Sergeant, 6 Pcs per ward. And 2 PCSO's per ward. They would be out and about more, particularly in Haselbury ward. Officers were also less likely to be being taken off the ward for other duties and some responsibilities to be given back to other departments. From April 2015 there would be new shift patterns with more police working during daytime hours when people were about.

The new Inspector for the South Cluster - Andrew Port had started 2 weeks ago. Priorities were burglary and violence with injury. There has been a London wide increase in violence with injury, other areas being worse than Enfield. No obvious reason for this. It could be drug related but incidents are not normally at random but neighbour disputes etc

The Romanian camp has been removed. There are now some rough sleepers around Mothercare and by A406 under the bridge, but less than before.

Uniform and plain clothes patrols have been targeting the prostitution problem in Upper Edmonton in weekly operations and a large operation once a month. There have been a number of arrests.

Crime statistics from January 2014 to January 2015

Burglary

Edmonton Green down by 22.5% - 51 less

Haselbury - down by 7.6% - 11 less

Upper Edmonton - up by 23% - 41 extra

The increase in Upper Edmonton could be the result of burglars coming over from the Tottenham border, but the figure does include non residential burglaries. Upper Edmonton has a transient community.

Theft from motor vehicles

There has been a big reduction - borough wide a reduction of 1100 crimes

Edmonton Green down by 33.8% - 63 less

Haselbury down by 44.1% - 67 less

Upper Edmonton down by 55.6% - 252 less

Theft from person

Edmonton Green down by 28.2% - 20 less

Haselbury - increase of 33.3%

Upper Edmonton - down by 24.1% - 21 less

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Robbery

Edmonton Green - increase of 17% - 20 extra

Haselbury increase of 33.3%

Upper Edmonton - 31 more incidents

Haselbury Road had been a problem with school pupils using alleyways and then having I-phones taken. - children using alleyways. The situation has now improved.

A resident asked about the number of residents in the Tamil temple. Sgt. Moggridge said that was not within his remit.

It was reported that a man was regularly seen walking along the Hertford Road from Edmonton Green onwards, openly drug dealing.

Re the Haselbury Road murder Sgt. Moggridge explained that a party had spilled out on to the street and the victim had gone to help. Arrests had been made and those responsible charged. Advice had been given out to local residents re party invitees.

A resident referred to people drinking or smoking cannabis in the street, this being a regular occurrence in Silver Street. Sgt. Moggridge stated that anyone under 18 smoking cannabis would be arrested, over 18 if for personal use, they would be given a caution. He advised that, should a strong smell of cannabis be noted coming a house, this should be reported to the Police.

A resident asked if there had been any change in police strategy due to situation in Europe - any contingency plans for Edmonton? Sgt. Moggridge was not aware of any specific changes, but that there were more mobile armed officers in the borough. Cllr. Savva urged residents to report any suspicious or unusual activity

14. CPZ

To be deferred to April Forum

15. UPDATE ON ANGEL CORNER TRAFFIC PROBLEMS

This is used as a short cut. There had been 3 accidents in the last 3 years. Cllr. Abdullahi mentioned that traffic calming would take place from April. Residents felt that humps were not effective

16. UPDATE ON PARK ROAD TRAFFIC PROBLEMS

Cllr. Savva advised that Cllr. Stafford was trying to acquire the spare land in Park Road for use as a car park. Residents stated that it would not hold many

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cars and that double yellow lines were needed on the North side. These have already been proposed.

A resident pointed out that there were parking problems on the corner of Bulwer Road. Cllr. Savva said that a mobile CCTV camera could be put back there.

A resident complained that people with disabled badges were parking on the double yellow lines on corners around the temple. The residents had been trying for two years to get no loading/unloading restrictions. They had received a letter last August, but so far nothing had happened.

A resident stated that lorries cannot access Latymer Road because of cars parked on the corners. Enforcement needs to be informed.

17. ERPF UPDATE

Haselbury ward has some funding left and the Councillors will look at outstanding applications. Upper Edmonton has allocated all its funds. Advice was awaited whether an application had been approved which covered 6 wards as part of the Edmonton celebrations.

A resident remarked on the bad state of the pavements in Upper Edmonton, particularly by Brettenham School.

18. CHURCH STREET UPDATE

Enfield Council has prepared a prosecution file. A summons will be sent on confirmation of who to prosecute. There are a number of interested parties. Another restaurant is opening in Enfield Town.

A resident referred to retrospective planning applications. Cllr. Savva confirmed that the Council was now taking a strong line on such applications, but that the restaurant had never applied for planning permission. Another resident pointed out that he had watched an over-sized extension being built and had reported it, but that no action had been taken.

19. CHARITY HALL

No further information available as to when it will be taken over.

20. AOB

It was suggested that residents look on the Food Standard Agency website for the rating of restaurants and take-aways. Many in Fore Street had a 0 or 1 star rating.

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A resident stated that in the past Enfield Council used to acknowledge letters, but that for the last 10 years there had been no acknowledgement. Roof tiles were still hanging off a building. There was a Grade II listed wall with cracks. The only result was through the Local Government Ombudsman about 3 months ago.

A resident asked whose responsibility it was to remove rave notices from traffic lights around the Cambridge Roundabout.

A resident complained that the pavement in Church Lane had been replaced by asphalt and not like for like. It was generally thought that this would not happen in all parts of borough. Cllr. Savva said that it was due to the cuts.

A resident stated that the traffic light by Pymmes Park has been on an oil drum for the past 20 years.

Cllr. Abdullahi talked about Meridien Way, where new homes would be built and the rail network improved.

Attendees felt that Edmonton needed well known shops such as M & S as it had in the past before the amalgamation with Enfield, such as Marks and Spencer and referred to the fact that there were 5 x pound shops in Edmonton Green. Cllr. Savva said that, if a business was not profitable within one year, it left the area.

Cllr. Abdullahi reported that the lifts at Edmonton Green would be operating from the following Wednesday. Users hoped that the gap between the train and the platform had been improved.

A resident mentioned that there were five steps from the car park to the entrance to the Green Shopping Centre and another resident stated that there was hardly any pavement for pedestrians as was the case in many shopping areas.

The meeting ended at Time Not Specified.