

FURZEDOWN WARD POLICING MEETING/ SAFER NEIGHBOURHOOD TEAM  
MEETING 19 JULY

Present

Marilyn Roche-Smith *Vice chair*

Sgt Paul O'Herlihy

PC Keeley Webb

PCSO Orla Conlan

Cllr J Farebrother

Cllr S McDermott [in the absence of Cllr Clay]

C Mason *secretary*

10 residents

Apologies from Cllr J Gasser [who would be late], D Broad, E Cory, Cllr C Clay.

Introduction

Marilyn Roche-Smith chaired the meeting in the absence of Chair Mark Thomas

Minutes of last Meeting

Item 8 second sentence should read 'SNT will move to a new shift pattern up to 11pm 7 days a week; later times possible if there was a need.'

Minutes then agreed.

Samuel Johnson

Trevor David new manager had replaced Gareth. Reported that some of the problem tenants had moved on. Not always planned to rely exclusively on Wandsworth homeless persons housing needs. Resident commented that pub customers collected junction of Thrale and Penwortham Roads after closing time and visiting Flames.

Manager stated that Friday night was their busiest and to encourage better behaviour he could post notices and take his own action to calm behaviour.

Sgt Paul O'Herlihy said that the accommodation residents were the main concern and that that had been reasonably managed.

Resident caretaker will be appointed.

Other incidents in that area

Regular [weekly] noisy parties. A resident was concerned that WBC Street noise line can only intervene if they are given access to the complainant's premises at 3 am, this was difficult and could be prejudicial to intimidatory follow up by perpetrators. Sgt Paul O'Herlihy suggested Noise Line could be invited in during normal hours and collect the recorded measurements the following week. Resident had noted that J Farebrother had acted on their behalf before Christmas. Short-term police reaction if manpower available would not fix persistent offenders. A couple of weeks of quietness had in fact ensued.

Resident thought that there was suspicious activity going on at nights in that area

Blegborough Road/Mitcham Lane

Mark Wiltshire at WBC is pursuing trading/licensing issues. Reminder that if there were noise problems the more residents that reported it the more action could be taken.

Corsehill Street

2 brothers now under a 6 condition ASBO . The brothers no longer live there or live together. 3 yr order from 12 July 06. Thanks from J Farebrother on behalf of all to Keeley for her work.

Crime report from 16 March - 16 July [17 weeks 3 days]

Car 67

Burg 43

Rob 30

Theft 37

Assault 28

Domestic 79

Other Notifiable Offences 83

*Figures for 10 weeks prior to last meeting for comparison*

13 from vehicle *up* 8

18 abh *up* 7 14 were domestic violence

16 common assaults

15 residential burglaries *down* 3

16 thefts of motor vehicles

12 robberies *down* by 4 – No school aged victims

2 thefts snatches

3 public order offences

Compared to 12 months ago the crime was down generally. Sat Navs were particular hot spot for taking from vehicles. They should not be left in cars unattended. Corsehill crime reports had gone down. The high assault levels are often associated with bank holidays and football events.

Other business

Rubbish dumping problem for Park Food & Wine. Trader's and resident's dumping. Could be a question of the right to put it on private land. Another Resident thinks the council should take responsibility and the anti social behaviour of residents should be targeted. Councillor Farebrother to follow up

Traffic wardens are being vindictive in issuing tickets on traders' suppliers. Cllr Farebrother has been following this up with the director of Technical Services Mr Myers.

Leverson street resident - low level anti social behaviour that has got worse over the past month. Anvil close/Besley St/Leverson. Residents are reluctant to report, it was felt. Another resident said there was another one at the centre of the street that has comings and goings every day. A problem household near the cafe was now the subject of an eviction. The other problem resident was a private tenant.. Police leaflets have been distributed to neighbours but so far little reaction. Long term solutions maybe to designed out by street changes. Keeley's intervention could well see an improvement. Question about whether the community could work on the situation. Cllr Farebrother said churches were hoping to have an outreach worker from Jan 2007 and the Youth Centre would cater for the better-integrated ones as well as the disaffected ones.

Sgt Paul O'Herlihy said residents should not be shy about contacting SNT and escalating up the police level to superintendent if they didn't get the response they felt appropriate.

Cyclists on pavement - resident asked for larger notices. PCSO Orla Conlan said that their intervention had been active in decreasing offences. Resident suggested all pavements should be marked 'no cycling' as per tooting common. Under 16's while not liable to a fine can still be stopped and told that pavements are for pedestrians.

Volunteers for Ward Panel

Looking for volunteers The SNT was up to full strength 1 Sgt 2 Pcs and 3 PCSO's. Sgt Paul O'Herlihy wanted surgeries for extended hours to gather resident concerns. The top 10 would go joint action team.

SNT are doing surveys in the ward. Youth and Older persons panels [ maybe across the borough] were being considered.

To move forward M Roche Smith asked for more volunteers.

Neighbourhood watch coordinators are being revitalised. Keeley would be working with NWC's at the end of the year. Al Busa at Tooting police station was still the Met co-ordinator.

#### Other Business

Rough sleepers at the garages in Thrale rd but until security was increased on the garages the problem was likely to continue.

Thanks also from resident for 7 year sentence for armed robbery before Christmas at Williams. PCSO Gary's intervention has solved problem of nuisance shoplifter.

Karsans PO had volunteered to carry SNT publicity.

Date of next meeting 20 September 7:30pm