



BOREHAMWOOD COMMUNITY SAFETY PARTNERSHIP

Minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 4 May 2010 at Hertsmere Borough Council.

Attendees:	Loran Kingston (LK) (Minutes)	Hertsmere Borough Council
	Valerie Kane	Hertsmere Borough Council
	Ann Fort	Neighbourhood Watch
	Vivian Cooper	Neighbourhood Watch
	Angela Saunders (AS)	Borough Watch
	Brenda Griffiths	Hertfordshire Police Authority
	Sue Jameson	Hertfordshire Constabulary
	Monica and Michael Jones	Neighbourhood Watch
	Sean Scanlon	Resident
	Graham Tunstill	Neighbourhood Watch
	Hans Luckemeye	Resident
	Andrew Godleman	Resident
	Anita and Colin Bembridge	Neighbourhood Watch
	Jacqueline Townsend	Resident
	Mark Cheshire	Hertfordshire Fire and Rescue Service
	Sergeant Kate Chalmers	Hertfordshire Constabulary
	PC Tanya Bainbridge-Price	Hertfordshire Constabulary
	PC Paul Chalkley	Hertfordshire Constabulary
	Amy Jeffrey	Hertfordshire Constabulary
	Paul Sawyer	Hertsmere Borough Council
	Sue Hardy (SH)	Hertsmere Borough Council
	Councillor Pat Strack (PS) (Chair)	Hertsmere Borough Council

Apologies for absence:	Teresa Salmon	Victim Support
	Derrick Sweeney	Hertfordshire Constabulary
	Lisa Jones	Victim Support
	Councillor Ernie Butler	Hertsmere Borough Council
	Councillor Sandra Parnell	Hertsmere Borough Council

Action

1. Welcome and apologies

The Chair welcomed all those present to the meeting.

The Chair thanked colleagues, residents and partners for their help in making the partnership work really well.

All those present introduced themselves.

2. Actions and updates from the previous minutes

The group were updated with the following actions:

- Councillor Pat Strack has forwarded issues regarding cyclists cycling on the pavement to Councillor John Donne.
- Councillor Pat Strack raised the speeding issues in both Eldon Ave and Tempsford Ave to Councillor John Donne.
- Councillor Pat Strack informed the group that Hertfordshire Highways will be dealing with the lighting issues in Eldon Ave. This needs to be on the next agenda.

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3. Minutes and matters arising from the previous meeting

The minutes were agreed as a true record.

4. Hertfordshire Constabulary updates

4.1 Local crime statistics

Kate Chalmers gave an update to the group.

As mentioned at the last meeting the number of robberies has increased due to the spike in the last quarter. However the offender who committed these offences has been caught and is currently being dealt with.

Sergeant Kate Chalmers talked through the crime statistics. Please see attached.

The reductions can be attributed to both officers and police staff working hard. They will continue to work to reduce crime and have been actively engaging and consulting with the community to establish local concerns.

Free purse bells have been handed out to residents, especially the elderly and there has been a decrease in the number of purse dipping offences.

PCSO Chris Messetter is planning a bike safety event, which will be held at the Borehamwood and Elstree Families Day in Meadow Park on Saturday 3 July 2010.

4.2 Ward co-ordinator updates

PC Tanya Bainbridge-Price gave an update to the group.

Speed enforcement operations have been done in several roads, including Brook Road, Beech Ave and Theobald Street.

A cannabis factory has been identified and removed from a property in Grove Road. The offender(s) has been charged.

The number of calls received reporting inconsiderate motoring (mini moto's and speeding) has increased and a section 59 warning has been issued and one vehicle has been seized. More operations have been planned for the future.

Action

PCSO's have given safety talks in elderly peoples homes and several roads have launched new neighbourhood watches.

Hertsmere Volunteer Police Cadets will be meeting on Wednesday 5 May 2010 for the first time at Meryfield School and then every other Wednesday after that. The cadets will also be attending local community events across the borough.

PC Paul Chalkey gave an update to the group.

Since the last meeting there have been five public engagement events; two at Tesco, one at Mc Donalds, one at Elstree and Borehamwood train station and one at a local school. A large number of people from across the borough were spoken to. Please see brakedown below:

Ward	Number of people spoken to	% of people without any local concerns
Cowley Hill Ward	91	86%
Borehamwood North	237	79%
Borehamwood South	253	77%

On Thursday 29 April there was an Environmental Action Day (EAD), which covered Paxton Court, Stirling House, Conway House and Arundel House. Agencies from the partnership were present, including officers form the council, Hertfordshire Fire and Rescue Service and Hertfordshire Constabulary. The partnership identified graffiti, damaged fencing, broken gas metres and fire hazards.

There are future neighbourhood watch launches planned in two roads.

Meetings have been held with Affinity Sutton, regarding the community centre in Farriers Way and making it a 'hub ' for local residents and there is ongoing consultation with regards to improving the play equipment in the park.

There have been several speed enforcement operations in Borehamwood, including Rowley Lane, Hillside Ave and Furzefield Road.

A resident informed the group that the speeding issue in Tempsford Ave had not improved. PC Paul Chalkey noted this and informed the resident that they would plan more early morning speeding enforcement operations in Tempsford Ave.

Action

The Chair told the group that Mark Goodyear from Hertfordshire Highways would be visiting the local area and talking to residents from Eldon Ave and Tempsford Ave regarding the speeding issues and what could be done to slow the traffic down.

Angela Saunders requested that Well End Road be looked at on the visit.

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Include Well End Road in the visit.

Due to the reports of anti-social behaviour and nuisance youths a meeting has been arranged to discuss these issues on Wednesday 19 May 2010 at 7.30pm at the Three Ways Community Centre. This will also be an opportunity to meet your local officers and ward councillor, Pat Strack and discuss any local concerns you may have.

4.3 Anti-social behaviour (ASB) update

Amy Jeffrey gave an update to the group for the period 01/02/2010 and 30/04/2010.

Ward	Increase/decrease in ASB incidents, compared to the period 01/02/2009 and 30/04/2009
Elstree	Decrease of 32 incidents
Brookmeadow	Decrease of 77 incidents
Cowley Hill	Decrease of 98 incidents
Hillside	Decrease of 50 incidents
Kenilworth	Decrease of 26 incidents

During 01/02/2010 and 30/04/2010 there were 568 reported incidents of ASB. This is a reduction of 243 incidents compared to the same period in 2009. All wards in Borehamwood have experienced a reduction in the levels of ASB.

Hillside was the hot ward for ASB with 164 incidents reported between February and April 2010. However this was a reduction of 50 incidents when compared to the previous year. Many of these incidents were related to inappropriate use of motor vehicles, neighbourhood disputes and parking issues.

4.4 Neighbourhood Watch update

Angela Saunders gave an update in Derrick Sweeney's absence.

Ward	Number of roads	NHW schemes	% covered
Elstree	73	33	45%
Brook Meadow	74	35	47%
Cowley Hill	77	45	58%
Hillside	80	35	44%
Kenilworth	79	35	44%

Action

Since the last meeting the following roads have been launched:

- Catterick Way
- Croxdale Road
- Linton Ave
- Thrift Farm Lane
- Oberon Close
- Robeson Way
- Watling Terrace

Horse Watch will be Launched on Thursday 13th May at the Civic Offices at 7.30pm.

Sue Hardy informed the group that the Off Watch was launched in February. Since the launch members from the Borehamwood and Radlett Off Watch have had their first meeting. It is envisaged that the watches will meet every three to four months and will be held at Hertsmere Borough Council. Trading Standards have offered free seminars and Hertfordshire Fire and Rescue Service have offered to visit the premises and give advice on fire safety.

The Off Watches may have the opportunity to have radio's, like the shop watch scheme, which would be linked to a local police officer or PCSO and the CCTV control room.

The group agreed they would like an update at the next meeting.

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A resident suggested that there could be a text messaging service available to communicate and contact the police.

4.5 Neighbourhood priority setting

It was agreed that this would be discussed further down the agenda, after the local issues item. This format will be adopted at future meetings.

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5. Police Authority update

Brenda Griffiths informed the group that the Policing Plan was launched in Hertsmere on Monday 26 April 2010 as part of Hertsmere Community Safety Partnerships meeting. Copies of the Policing Plan 2010/2013 were tabled.

6. Hertfordshire Fire and Rescue Service update

Mark Cheshire gave an update to the group.

Hertsmere is the safest district in relation to fires across the county. Arson is down by 15%, primary fires are down by 20% and secondary fires have reduced by 11.5%. Road Traffic Collisions (RTC's) have increased by 11.5%. This is due to the major roads that surround Hertsmere, including the M25 and A1.

On Monday 17 May the youth offending project 'Crash Bang' will be held at Borehamwood fire station. This project is for young people who have been involved in taking vehicles without consent and highlights the potential dangers of doing so.

7. Local issues

A resident in Beech Drive raised parking issues, especially during school hours and evenings.

PC Tanya Bainbridge-Price said she would have to establish if the vehicles are causing an obstruction, if so tickets could be issued. It is important to find a long term solution to this issue.

Angela Saunders raised the speeding issues in Well End Road.

Angela Saunders asked how many people have been caught using their mobile phone, whilst driving a motor vehicle.

Sue Jameson informed the group that during a recent operation 26 (£60) fixed penalty notices and three points were issued to drivers on Elstree Way.

A resident raised concerns about the service road behind the shops on Shenley Road. Young people gather in the road and terrorise residents, also rubbish is also being dumped there.

The service roads surface needs to be improved.

PC Tanya Bainbridge-Price informed the group that there would be an Environmental Action Day (EAD) on 15 July 2010 and the service road would be covered.

The Chair offered to organise a meeting with local residents and representatives from Hertsmere Borough Council and Hertfordshire Constabulary to discuss the issues the residents are having and try to find a way to resolve them. **PS**

Paul Sawyer told the group that an Enviro Crime Officer was appointed in November 2009 and they are tasked with patrolling the service roads in Shenley Road and talking to shop owners about storage and informing waste of any flytips, so that they can be cleared. Several Fixed Penalty Notices (FPN) for littering have been issued and this has improved the situation.

The Chair encouraged members of the group to report waste/flytipping to Hertsmere Borough Council, councillors and housing associations.

Sue Jameson invited the resident to a meeting with Inspector Neil Morehen and Sergeant Kate Chalmers to discuss the issues with the service road.

Residents from Shenley Road complained about the inappropriate use of mopeds and speeding vehicles. Young people from Hertswood School are having turns on the mopeds without helmets and are using the pavements.

PC Tanya Bainbridge-Price asked the resident to discuss these issues after the meeting.

Jacqueline Townsend asked when the fixed penalty notice for dog fouling would be included in the littering FPN as its really bad. She also raised concerns about people cycling on the pavement.

Paul Sawyer informed the group that dog fouling is being considered as an addition to the littering FPN. The legal department are currently drafting the order and then the public will be consulted.

10 FPN's have been issued for littering across the borough and environmental health officers will be doing joint patrols with the Police Community Support Officers (PCSO's) to encourage the issuing of FPN's.

Kate Chalmers advised the group that people who have been caught cycling on the pavement have been spoken to and advised to use the road and cycle paths provided.

4.5 Neighbourhood priority setting

The group were informed that the main policing priorities on the following wards are:

Cowley Hill

- Inconsiderate motoring (mini motos/speeding)
- Anti-social behaviour
- Dogs off the lead
- Young people hanging around

Brookmeadow:

- Inconsiderate motoring (mini motos/speeding/parking/abandoned vehicles)
- Anti-social behaviour

Sue Jameson informed the group that there was legislation, which puts restrictions on dogs that are illegal and dogs that are dangerously out of control.

Brenda Griffiths informed the group that the OWL system is used to communicate with residents. There is also a facility to report issues via the 'fix my street' section of the OWL system.

Sue Jameson advised the group that the Policing Pledge is very effective and reflects what the communities want. The community needs to lead and let the police and partners know what priorities they want dealt with.

The group agreed to let the police decide on the priorities based on the outcomes of the community surveys. When the priorities have been dealt with the neighbourhood team will start dealing

with another priority.

All updates on the priorities will be on the website, given at these meetings and community events/surgeries.

A resident suggested that the OWL system could be used to send surveys to residents to establish what local concerns people have.

Angela Saunders to share this suggestion with Derrick Sweeney.

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8. Community Safety Partnership update

Valerie Kane tabled copies of the Partnership Plan Review 2009/2010. The review highlights the partnerships key successes during this period.

The group were reminded that there is a £1000 budget to spend on community safety initiatives. Please forward all ideas and suggestions to Valerie Kane on 020 8207 7801 or email Valerie.kane@hertsmere.gov.uk

9. Any other business

Jacqueline Townsend asked who was responsible for the recycle bins that are put in flats.

The Chair asked for the residents address and said she would find out when the recycle bins will be provided in the flats.

Ed Sandham, Chair of the Districts Childrens Trust Partnership was not present to give an update at the meeting. Please see attached.

10. Dates of the next meeting

Tuesday 14 September 2010 at 6.30pm at the Civic Offices

The Chair thanked all those present for attending the meeting.