



POTTERS BAR COMMUNITY SAFETY PARTNERSHIP

Minutes of the meeting held on Thursday 20 May 2010 at the Wyllyotts Centre, Potters Bar

Attendees:	Loran Kingston (Minutes)	Hertsmere Borough Council
	Brenda Griffiths	Hertfordshire Police Authority
	Councillor John Donne (JD)	Hertsmere Borough Council
	PC Dean Edwards	Hertfordshire Constabulary
	Sergeant David Smith	Hertfordshire Constabulary
	PC Graham Hiscock (HC)	Hertfordshire Constabulary
	PC Joanna Windsor	Hertfordshire Constabulary
	Trevor Brown	Hertfordshire Fire and Rescue Service
	Mike Rowland	Neighbourhood Watch
	Nick Alexander	Neighbourhood Watch
	Bob Palmer	Neighbourhood Watch
	John Bland	Neighbourhood Watch
	Doreen and Les Fuller	Neighbourhood Watch
	Laurie Bental	Neighbourhood Watch
	Paul Sawyer	Hertsmere Borough Council
	Colin Ringham	Sixty Plus
	Myra Roberts	Sixty Plus
	Shirley Legate	Neighbourhood Watch
	Tom Shirley	Elm Court
	Sue Hardy (SH)	Hertsmere Borough Council
	Valerie Kane	Hertsmere Borough Council
	Katherine Fitzpatrick (KF)	Youth Connexions
	John Godfrey (Chair)	Rotary and Resident
	Tony Beach	Neighbourhood Watch

Apologies for absence:	Sharon West	Hertsmere Leisure
	Sergeant Roy Sloane	British Transport Police (BTP)
	Ed Sandham	Hertsmere Borough Council
	Derrick Sweeney	Hertfordshire Constabulary
	Jonathon Cummings	Affinity Sutton
	Phyllis Buck	Sixty Plus
	Amy Jeffrey	Hertfordshire constabulary

1. Welcome and apologies

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The Chair welcomed all those present to the meeting and gave a special welcome to Dave Smith, the new safer neighbourhood sergeant at Potters Bar.

All those present introduced themselves.

2. Actions and updates from previous minutes

The Chair told the group that he felt despondent after the last meeting as he felt that there was not enough information shared between members of the group and the agencies, regarding the issues on Baker Street and Barnet Road.

After the last meeting the Chair and Trevor Brown wrote to councillors and highways raising their concerns. A site meeting was held on 10 March and John Godfrey was present along with officers from the police, fire, highways and borough council.

Several issues were identified and will be re-visited at a later date. An evaluation of the site visit was sent to John Godfrey.

The Chair thanked officers from the police and fire services for their help and support.

The group were informed that the Crime Reduction Group has now changed to a Community Safety Partnership (CSP), which now allows for more agencies to get involved and deal with issues.

3. Minutes and matters arising from the previous meeting

The minutes of the previous meeting were agreed as a true record.

4. Hertfordshire Constabulary update

4.1 Local crime statistics

Sergeant David Smith explained to the group that he was based at Potters Bar police station and would be the dedicated sergeant for Potters Bar until at least September 2010.

The crime statistics were tabled and talked through. Please see attached.

There has been a reduction in all crime, except for robbery. Vehicle crime is the most committed crime, however this has reduced compared to the same period in 2008/2009. The PL8 SAF3 (plate safe) events that have been run may have contributed to the decrease in vehicle crime.

4.2 Ward reports

Furzefield Ward - PC Dean Edwards gave an update to the group.

Several robberies were committed by a group of people travelling in from London. All offenders were arrested and have been dealt with.

Surgeries have been held at the Furzefield Centre and at King Charles the Martyr Church, which have all been well attended.

Speed enforcement operations have been done outside the school on Baker Street and two fixed penalty notices were issued and one vehicle was seized for not having insurance.

A wanted man was arrested during a routine stop on Baker Street.

The ward priority is anti-social motoring, which includes inappropriate use of off road motorcycles.

All were invited to attend the police station open day, which will be held at Borehamwood police station on Saturday 26 June 2010 between 1 - 4pm.

The Chair informed the group that the speeding on Baker Street was raised as a concern at a recent Potters Bar in Focus meeting. The Chair wanted to know if these issues would be raised at County level.

Councillor John Donne told the group that he would raise this issue at the next Joint Highways Panel meeting on 27 July 2010.

PC Joanna Windsor advised the group that at a recent speed board operation over 100 vehicles were recorded and only three were travelling at 35, 36 and 39 miles per hour (mph).

JD

Shirley Legate felt the need for the signage to be improved as you enter Potters Bar to ensure that people are aware of the speed limit and that there is a school nearby.

Parkfield Ward – PC Graham Hiscock gave an update to the group.

Two successful PL8 SAF3 (plate safe) events were run during March and Lanterns fitted 160 vehicles with theft resistant screws free of charge. Valerie Kane and Loran Kingston were thanked for their help and support in arranging and running the events.

Members of the group were told to contact their neighbourhood officer if they wanted a set of theft resistant screws.

Police surgeries have continued to be held at Tesco and McDonalds and a crime prevention talk was given at the sixty plus club.

There will be a Spotlight event on Saturday 19 July 2010 in Tesco car park, Mutton Lane between 2-4pm.

Police Community Support Officers (PCSO's) have used the speed board in various locations across Potters Bar. Drivers that are caught driving over the speed limit are sent letters, advising them of their actions and the possible consequences should they be caught speeding by a police officer.

Please see below for recent arrests and fixed penalty notices:

- A young lady who stole items from the BP petrol station has been charged.
- Officers are currently assisting Gavin Burns with enquiries relating to litter offences.
- A fixed penalty notice for littering was issued at a recent Environmental Action Day (EAD) and a few individuals were

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- arrested on suspicion of being in the country illegally.
- One arrested for the possession of cocaine.
- People dealt with for being caught with cannabis in Parkfield Park.

Work is being done with the footpath agency to install kissing gates on the Line path.

PC Graham Hiscock to include Councillor John Donne in communications relating to the Line path.

GH

Tackling the anti-social behaviour in Darkes Lane is the agreed priority for the ward.

Oakmere Ward – PC Joanna Windsor gave an update to the group.

The ward priority is the regeneration of the Wayside area and tackling anti-social behaviour.

The whole team have been paying more attention to the area and one offender was charged with the possession of cannabis and one is on bail for possession with the intent to supply cannabis.

Contact has been made with Tesco and they have promised to collect any trolleys that have been taken off their premises.

A youth club is now being run in the Wayside community centre, with 26 young people signed up.

Ward surgeries have continued to be held and are well attended. Most people are fairly happy with the area in which they live, however anti-social behaviour and speeding is frequently mentioned.

More attention is being paid to the parking issues outside Oakmere School. To date there have been no tickets issued for obstruction.

PCSO Carl Rowson has completed 69 crime prevention surveys.

At a recent Environmental Action Day (EAD) officers from the police, fire and council identified flytips and graffiti sites. The following day a spotlight event was held in Oakmere Park, which was well attended.

Work is being done with local housing associations to deal with neighbourhood disputes.

Sergeant Dave Smith explained that he has been discussing future initiatives with the team and that he will be out and about in Potters Bar.

The priorities that members of the public are keen for the neighbourhood team to focus on are:

- Anti-social behaviour, including loitering

- Speeding
- Parking

Councillor John Donne asked for the officers to liaise with him regarding the parking issues and he will give updates on CPZ progress.

Shirley Legate told the group that she was no longer an elected member and wanted to thank Hertsmere's Police Authority lead and neighbourhood team, who are marvellous. The use of the OWL system and the mobile police station being out more has really transformed the Oakmere ward.

5. Police Authority update

Brenda Griffiths gave an update to the group and circulated copies of the Policing Plan leaflet.

The Policing Plan was launched at Hertsmere CSP meeting in April to an audience of some 80. The priorities contained in the Plan reflect local priorities, particularly anti-social behaviour and anti-social motoring.

The Constabulary is under going a major restructure. There is now one policing command and not three as before. Each of the ten CSPs in the county has a Chief Inspector who is now the local Commander, for Hertsmere this is Sue Jameson.

6. Hertfordshire Fire and Rescue Service update

Trevor Brown gave an update to the group. Please see attached.

7. Neighbourhood Watch update

Derrick Sweeney was not present at the meeting, however an update was provided. Please see below.

Ward	Number of roads	NHW schemes	% covered
Furzefield	51	37	73%
Parkfield	85	67	79%
Oakmere	79	67	85%

Laurie Bental reminded the group not to become complacent with the low levels of crime and to keep their properties secure.

A resident told the group that he had tried to get his neighbours involved with the OWL system, but no one seemed to be very interested.

Sue Hardy informed the group that the Off Watch scheme was launched in February and the first meeting was held on 20 April. Only eight retailers turned up, but this could be due to small family run businesses. The co-ordinator is a manager from Sainsbury's.

Licensing officers were in court regarding the Potters Bar Golf Club, who illegally sold alcohol after the DPS left last year. The Golf Club was fined £750 for each offence and had to pay £460 in counsel fees.

Sergeant Dave Smith suggested that the neighbourhood team could encourage retailers to attend the Off Watch meetings.

Sue Hardy to give the dates of future meetings to Sergeant Dave Smith.

SH

At present it is unknown what will be done with the premise that used to be Seamus's. It has been refurbished but has not yet re-opened. The Chair told the group that the amount of disorder had reduced since the premise has not been opened.

The Co-ordinator for Pub Watch is Matt from the Oakmere.

8. District Children's Trust Partnership (DCTP) update

Ed Sandham was not present to give an update. Please see the brief update attached.

Katherine Fitzpatrick explained that the partnership is currently reviewing the structure. She asked the group to let the DCTP know if there were any issues affecting children or young people. If gaps in provision are identified the partnership will try to fill those gaps with existing resources.

Shirley Legate told the group that the Wayside Centre, where the youth club is run needs more structure.

Katherine Fitzpatrick told the group that she would feed the comments back to Ed Sandham, Chair of the District Children's Trust Partnership. She also explained that Youth Connexions have priority areas that they have to support with partners.

KF

The Chair suggested that Youth Connexions go out with the police and speak to young people about what they would like to do. Katherine Fitzpatrick explained that they can do detached work, depending on staffing and availability.

9. Community Safety Partnership update

Valerie Kane gave an update to the group.

The partnership has now changed from a Crime and Disorder Reduction Partnership (CDRP), to a Community Safety Partnership (CSP), in line with the Home Office.

Copies of the Partnership Plan Review 2009/2010 were tabled. The review highlights the partnerships key successes during this period.

The CCTV is up and running and there will be a camera in the

Furzefield Centre in the near future. The partnership that host our CCTV system, Hertfordshire CCTV Partnership links with schools, including Dame Alice Owens who have recently joined the scheme. Councillor John Donne will represent Hertsmere on the Hertfordshire CCTV Partnership committee.

Hertsmere Volunteer Police Cadets (HVPC) has now been set up and there are 24 young people aged between 13-17 years old and 2 young leaders from across the borough. They have received their uniform and will be at community events in the near future. Councillor John Donne is the president of the cadets.

Horse Watch was launched in May 2010 across the borough.

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

10. Local issues

The Chair asked if the change in Government would affect the way in which the Police Authority works with the public.

Brenda Griffiths explained that at this stage it is difficult to say. At present it is unknown what the Police Authority's budget will be next year and any future merges are unknown.

Shirley Legate asked for 1,000 leaflets advertising the 'Take pride in Hertsmere' campaign.

Update: Enquiries have been made regarding the leaflets and 1,000 copies will not be provided due to the cost implications.

11. Any other business

Nick Alexander thanked Tom Shirley for the use of Elm Court and the police for sending out an OWL message with regards to the polling stations.

Paul Sawyer told the group that fixed penalty notices for littering have been available from 1 February 2010 as part of the 'Take Pride in Hertsmere' campaign. The next stage is to introduce fixed penalty notices for dog fouling, which will be advertised nearer the time.

Shirley Legate suggested that an article could be included in the Community News.

There is not a one way sign in the car park behind Barclay's Bank. Councillor John Donne to follow the above up.

JD

The Potters Bar families day will be held on Saturday 10 July 2010. The neighbourhood Team were asked to bring the speed board to the event.

12. Date of future meetings

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The date of the next meeting is Wednesday 29 September 2010 at 7pm at the Wyllotts Centre, Potters Bar.

The Chair thanked all those present for attending the meeting.

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