



**MINUTES OF THE BARKING AND DAGENHAM NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH  
ASSOCIATION QUARTERLY CO-ORDINATORS MEETING**

**HELD ON THURSDAY 13 OCTOBER 2005**

**IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS CIVIC CENTRE**

<b>Present:</b>	Judith Russell	Chairperson Barking and Dagenham Neighbourhood Watch Association
	Jim Campe	Vice Chair Barking and Dagenham Neighbourhood Watch Association
	Suzanne Honeyman	Community Safety Administrator (LBBB) (Minutes)
	John Mack	Community Safety Advisor (Burglary) (LBBB)
	Teresa Munro	Deputy Community Safety Manager (LBBB)
	Rita and Steve Coombs	Lansbury Avenue Chadwell Heath
	Inspector Steve Manger PC Graham Mann	Metropolitan Police Metropolitan Police Safer Neighbourhood Team Marks Gate
	Mrs G Carter Jo Copp Mrs V Carter	Stamford Road Dagenham Pavet Close Dagenham 27 Millbrook Gardens Chadwell Heath
	Robert Ornoch Mr D J Parker Edna Handley Ron Nicholls Paul Bond Roy Newman Hardial Singh Rai Keith Gadenne Jean Flavin-Jones Nicola Edden A R Puddefoot Keith Gadenne Rita Summerfield Jean Golothel Chris Dingli	Billet Road Chadwell Heath 117 Upney Lane Barking Park Avenue Barking Park Avenue Barking 24 Sunningdale Avenue Barking 44 Sunningdale Avenue Barking 52 Sunningdale Avenue Barking 47 Stanley Avenue Dagenham 35 Springpond Road Dagenham 35 Springpond Road Dagenham Park Ward 47 Stanley Avenue Dagenham 15 Rose Glen Rush Green 21 Rose Glen Rush Green Metropolitan Police Safer Neighbourhood Team Marks Gate
	Ian Taylor	Metropolitan Police Safer Neighbourhood Team Goresbrook



Julie Pickering

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Dave Russell  
Len Aldis  
Joan Copsey  
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Richard Baxter

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2 Manor Road Barking  
18 Westrow Drive Barking  
12 Lee Avenue Chadwell Heath  
81 Geneva Gardens Chadwell  
Heath

110 Cavendish Gardens Barking  
Lyndhurst Gardens Barking

1. **Welcome to the meeting**

Chairperson welcomed those present to the meeting.

2. **Apologies for absence**

Apologies were received from Bernard Street, June Griffin, Sid DeMain, Carol Chapple, Beryl Selvage, Mrs Moylam and Linda Young.

3. **Minutes of the Meeting dated 14 July 2005**

Votes of thanks were extended to the individuals who had helped on the Neighbourhood Watch stand during the Dagenham Town Show weekend.

The minutes were then agreed by all to be an accurate record.

4. **Chairman's Report**

The Chairperson's report consisted of the following information: -

Inspector Manger has produced an updated Neighbourhood Watch List which included details of 88 watches. Votes of thanks were extended to Graham Mann for his efforts in increasing watches on the Marks Gate Estate.

The website is very close to being finished and is looking really good. This should be completed in the next week. An e-mail containing a link to the website will be forwarded to those co-ordinator's who have an e-mail address in order for them to comment on the content.

The Chairperson announced that as of this evening's meeting she would be resigning due to plans to relocate outside of the Borough. The Chairperson explained that during the course of her duties, she had been given an insight into the difficult job that the Police have and that this Borough was more fortunate than others. The Co-ordinators were informed that David Parker, an existing co-ordinator had been approached by the Committee concerning taking over the responsibilities of Chair, and had indicated that he was happy



to do so. An invitation was extended to David to give an outline of his career to date and his involvement in Neighbourhood Watch. The Chair then proposed that an election should take place to vote David onto the Committee and to agree him taking over as Chair. This proposal was unanimously agreed.

#### **5. Treasurer's Report**

The Treasurer reported that there had been various sums of money deducted from the accounts which had left funds extremely low, however funding of £1,000.00 has now been secured from Chief Inspector Stark.

#### **6. Police Report**

Inspector Manger's report contained the following information: -

An invitation was extended to the Safer Neighbourhood Team Officers present to introduce themselves.

There are now 8 Safer Neighbourhood Teams in existence. It is hoped that the 9 remaining teams will be in place at the latest by March 2007. Consultation will be undertaken with the Local Authority concerning identifying the next teams to role out.

Reference was made to the increase in the number of watches to 88. Ten new watches have been added to the list this quarter. Inspector Manger read out a list of the new watches which were mostly from the Marks Gate Estate. Concerns were raised that none of the new co-ordinators were in attendance. PC Mann explained that all of the new watches had been notified concerning the meeting but were not able to attend due to child care issues or prior arrangements.

Inspector Manger advised that the new Neighbourhood Watch Co-ordinator's list had been produced without full address details. It was noted that hard copies of this were available to take away.

There are proposals to put the Quarterly Neighbourhood Watch Newsletters on the new web site as well as the Safer Neighbourhood Team contact details.

The co-ordinators were reminded of the importance of forwarding their e-mail addresses as these are an ideal way to communicate information.

An overview was given for the statistics recorded for the month of August 2005, which were as follows: -

#### **Robberies**

73 robberies recorded borough wide  
32% up on the same period from last year  
9% monthly detection rate compared to an overall MPS Detection Rate of 5%

#### **Residential Burglaries**



89 burglaries recorded borough wide  
19.6% decrease on the same period last year (April – August 2004)  
MPS average 1.6% increase  
Monthly sanctioned detection rate 13.5%

**Theft of Motor Vehicles**

116 offences recorded  
4.6% decrease based on the same period last year  
MPS 3.5% reduction

Total number of urgent calls for August 1,634, which equates to 52 calls a day.

Number of these calls attended to within the allotted 12 minutes was 67% compared to the MPS average of 65%.

The Safer Neighbourhood Teams have been working in partnership on the following issues:-

Drug dealer issues in Millard Terrace have been resolved in partnership with the Residents Association.

Successful working Partnership with the Parks Police relating to targeting mini motorbikes / motorbike issues in the borough. The Parks Police have acquired 2 new motorbikes in order to tackle these sorts of issues..

The co-ordinators were informed that next week, (week beginning 17 October 2005) is Capital Standards Enforcement Week, a week long activity throughout London which utilises the services of the various agencies to 'clean up' local areas. In this borough, it will entail the Street Wardens Service and Safer Neighbourhood Teams working in partnership to issue fixed penalty notices to deal with fly tipping, graffiti etc. The emphasis of this week will be to try and curb this sort of activity, to report offenders and to use the week through the media to highlight the point that the environment belongs to us all and that every effort should be made to keep our borough cleaner, greener and safer for both residents and visitors to it.

Safer Neighbourhood Team officers are to take delivery of pedal bikes.

Any window sticker or signage requests are to be forwarded to the relevant Safer Neighbourhood Team or Inspector Manger. It was noted that a small number of stickers were available for collection.

Inspector Manger gave an update relating to the issues with the Neighbourhood Watch Street Signs and Yellow Pages sponsorship as advised at the last meeting. To produce the signs using the alternative source identified will be expensive, further funding is required in order to produce. It was agreed that Inspector Manger will liaise with Community Safety Team representative Teresa Munro and David Eaton of London Neighbourhood Watch. Jim Campe also advised that each Community Forum had a small amount of funding which Neighbourhood Watch could tap



into if required. Teresa Munro gave an overview of ways in which some of the Community Forums had spent their money.

The Problem Solving Boards Initiative presented at the last quarterly meeting is progressing well. David Parker, the newly elected Chairperson explained that Inspector Manger had given a presentation on the Problem Solving Boards at a meeting he had organised.

Details of a two week burglary reduction initiative on the Leftley Estate were highlighted. This initiative was undertaken as a result of a spate of burglaries. 3,000 homes on the estate have subsequently been leafleted to remind occupants to make sure that they have shut windows etc before going out.

## **7. Questions from the floor**

Mrs Carter of Millbrook Gardens, Chadwell Heath asked for clarification on why graffiti removal services were chargeable to owner occupiers and business owners, and why couldn't community forum funding be spent on removal. Teresa Munro responded that the Community Forums had control over the way in which their funding was spent. It was noted that as a general rule the Council will not remove graffiti from private buildings. Inspector Manger advised that if Mrs Carter was aware of a particular area requiring graffiti removal this could possibly be included as a removal under the Capital Standards Enforcement Week. Jim Campe advised that there were proposals being discussed for the 6 Community Forums to work in partnership next year to tackle clean up issues identified within the Borough.

Paul Bond, Co-ordinator for Sunningdale Avenue, Barking advised that his area was continually inundated with cold callers and asked for clarification on whether areas of the Borough could be restricted to these sorts of individuals. Inspector Manger advised that he had heard of similar sorts of initiatives elsewhere outside of the Borough and the Police would support the initiative if introduced. John Mack, Community Safety Advisor (Burglary), advised that Keith Jeffrey, Crime

Prevention Officer from Newham was looking into this sort of scheme that had been instigated in Luton and North Hants and considered it to be worth trying.

It was agreed that John Mack will liaise with Keith Jeffrey in order to arrange a presentation of the scheme at a future meeting.

## **8. Any other business**

Steve Coombs advised that the Committee could do with 3 or 4 extra new members preferably from each Community Forum. It was agreed that representatives would be identified at the next meeting.

Inspector Manger on behalf of the Police took the opportunity to thank Judith for all her good work in her capacity as Chairperson and presented her with a bouquet of flowers. Votes of thanks were also extended by Teresa Munro on behalf of the Council.



9. **Date of next meeting**

The next meeting is scheduled to take place on Thursday 12 January 2005 commencing at 7:00 p.m. in the Chambers at Dagenham Civic Centre.

Minutes prepared by Suzanne Honeyman, Senior Community Safety Administrator