



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

HELD ON THURSDAY 14 JULY 2005

IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS BARKING TOWN HALL

Present:	Jim Campe	Vice Chair Barking and Dagenham Neighbourhood Watch Association
	Suzanne Honeyman	Community Safety Administrator (LBBB) (Minutes)
	John Mack	Community Safety Advisor (Burglary)
	Rita and Steve Coombs	Lansbury Avenue Chadwell Heath
	Inspector Steve Manger	Metropolitan Police
	PC Graham Mann	Metropolitan Police
	Mrs G Carter	Stamford Road Dagenham
	Jo Copp	Pavet Close Dagenham
	Dave Torr	66 Millard Terrace Dagenham
	Robert Ornoch	Billet Road Chadwell Heath
	Mr D J Parker	117 Upney Lane Barking
	Edna Handley	Park Avenue Barking
	Ron Nicholls	Park Avenue Barking
	Sid DeMain	Goresway Rush Green
	Carol Chapple	Westbury Road Barking
	Paul Bond	24 Sunningdale Avenue Barking
	Roy Newman	44 Sunningdale Avenue Barking
	Surjit Singhrao	7 Sunningdale Avenue Barking
	Keith Gadenne	47 Stanley Avenue Dagenham
	S Higgins	107 Third Avenue Dagenham
	M Moylan	109 Third Avenue Dagenham
	Dev Matharu	Sutton Tenants and Residents Association

1. Welcome to the meeting

The Vice Chairperson welcomed those present to the meeting.

2. Apologies for absence

Apologies were received from Judith Russell, Keith Jeffrey, Vera Carter, Bernard Street, Michelle Crickmar, Cathy Laine, Morris Phillips, Rita Venturini, PC Bob McGookin, June Griffin, Mr A Puddefoot and Linda Young.



3. Minutes of the Annual General Meeting dated 21 April 2005

The minutes from the last meeting were amended to reflect that Jean Flavin-Jones had given her apologies.

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

4. Chairman's Report

The Vice Chairperson, gave an update on behalf of Judith Russell which contained the following information: -

The Neighbourhood Watch website updating should be complete by the end of the Summer.

The Summer Newsletter has been completed and is available for collection along with the Neighbourhood Watch magazine.

5. Treasurer's Report

The Treasurer was pleased to report that there had been very little expenditure on the association account, the balance stands at £980.05. An invoice of £150.00 is expected soon for the printing of the newsletter.

6. Police Report

Inspector Manger's report consisted of the following information: -

The Police are continuing to work closely with the Neighbourhood Watch Association.

As a result of attendance at the Eastbrook End Country Park event and Pondfield fete a further 20 people have indicated an interest in starting a watch.

Votes of thanks were extended to co-ordinators concerning the regular submission of monthly CAD Reports.

There are now eight Safer Neighbourhood Teams implemented in the Borough. Another five teams will be introduced in 2006. By 2007 it is envisaged that all wards will be covered by a Safer Neighbourhood Team.

Safer Neighbourhood Teams do not cover areas outside of their ward boundaries unless there are special circumstances.

The Goresbrook and Mayesbrook Safer Neighbourhood Team have organised a meeting at Hatfield Hall tomorrow to meet the local residents.



Inspector Manger is happy for Safer Neighbourhood Teams to attend individual meetings held by watches. Reference was made to the Problem Solving Boards which had been used at previous watch meetings.

A request was put to the co-ordinators to forward their e-mail addresses to Inspector Manger so that he could update his details.

Inspector Manger informed the co-ordinators of the patrol coverage at local bus depots and tube stations the Police were undertaking as a result of the London bombings and asked for patience during this time.

Inspector Manger gave an update relating to the query raised concerning the Neighbourhood Watch signs at the last meeting in April. Judith Russell has

subsequently spoken to David Eaton of London Neighbourhood Watch who has indicated that there is a problem with yellow pages sponsorship regarding the production of the signs. Inspector Manger reported that there was a proposal to go out to an alternative source in order to produce the signs.

7. Guest Speakers

a) PC Graham Mann – Development in Marks Gate.

PC Mann gave a detailed report on the developments on the Marks Gate Estate which included an update on the 'Give Um a Chance' Youth Club which he had helped to implement.

Through engagement with the perpetrators of anti-social behaviour and the youths on the estate PC Mann identified that a youth facility such as a club was required.

A series of discos were organised to identify who would be interested in attending a youth club. The first event was attended by 130 youths.

Funding, equipment and volunteers including Councillor Nadine Smith were secured and the club was officially opened by Boxer Colin MacMillan on 17 November 2004

An appeal was made for parental and adult assistance to enhance these events. All adult volunteers are Police vetted before acceptance.

The youth club meets every Wednesday evening between 6:00 p.m. and 9:00 p.m. and is now attended by in excess of 200 members.

Workshops and drama groups are organised on a regular basis as part of the youth club.

There is a 'Chill Out' Area for the older youths who do not wish to mingle with the younger members



Detached Youth Workers engage with the youths at the club on a regular basis.

Drug Workers have also attended sessions to put the message out about drug awareness

Through involvement with the club some members are now realising that anti-social behaviour is not acceptable.

The youth club facilities are offered to those youths who have been issued with Anti-Social Behaviour Orders and Acceptable Behaviour Contracts

Stubbers have donated two activity days to the youth club. PC Mann explained that the youths who have positively contributed to the club and are behaving themselves will be those who are offered spaces.

PC Mann will be organising a disco to celebrate the Youth Club's first year at the end of the year and will be publicising this event.

Goresbrook ward Safer Neighbourhood Team Sergeant Ian Lane is keen to start up a youth club in his area as a result of the success at Marks Gate.

Work is continuing to secure more Anti-Social Behaviour Orders and Acceptable Behaviour Contracts.

Robert Ornoch co-ordinator for Billet Road was asked whether he had seen any improvements concerning behaviour of the youths on the estate to which his response was yes.

A decrease has been noted in monthly crime figures reported.

PC Mann has organised a meeting for the Marks Gate co-ordinators on 18 July 2005 and will be looking to schedule these every quarter

b) Inspector Steve Manger – Problem Solving Boards

Inspector Manger gave a very informative and interesting verbal presentation on the subject of the new Police Problem Solving Boards which were being utilised at meetings organised by the co-ordinators in order to identify issues of concern to the Police. A step by step guide was given on the uses of the four individual information collating boards which were headed up 'All Issues', 'Priorities', 'Our Problem' and our 'Plan'.

The main aim of using the boards is to glean information from local residents and then identify ways in which the Police can help them resolve their issues.

A number of successes achieved as a result of using the boards were highlighted.



For further information or if you would like to organise a meeting to include the use of the Problem Solving Boards please contact Inspector Manger on 020 8217 5506.

8. Questions from the floor

Robert Ornoch highlighted difficulties he was having relating to communicating effectively with his watch, and the difficulties in getting everybody together and asked whether a Neighbourhood Watch leaflet including co-ordinator details could be produced. In response to Mr Ornoch's request Rita Coombs outlined the newsletter initiative that she had adopted. Mr Paul Bond responded that he had the assistance of helpers within his watch area. The local Area Housing Office and relevant Safer Neighbourhood Team should also be able to offer assistance. PC Mann explained that the co-ordinators meeting he had arranged on 18 July 2005 would be an ideal forum to raise and discuss these issues.

Dave Parker co-ordinator for Cavendish Gardens and Faircross Parade enquired as to how universally used the Problem Solving Boards could be. Inspector Manger responded that he was happy to attend a meeting organised by any of the co-ordinators who were not covered by Safer Neighbourhood Teams in order to advise them of how the Problem Solving Boards could be used.

Roy Newman member of the Sunningdale Avenue watch required clarification on the duties that the Street Wardens Service covered. John Mack outlined the many areas of the service's responsibilities.

Ron Newman of Sunningdale Avenue Neighbourhood Watch asked whether the Police could lower the speed limit of his road to 20mph as it was treated as a rat run for speeding vehicles. Inspector Manger responded that this was the responsibility of the Council's Highways Department to organise.

9. Any other business

A request was put to the co-ordinators present by the Vice Chair to volunteer to help out at the Dagenham Town Show this weekend. The Neighbourhood Watch Association will be located in the Police Marquee. The following people were noted as those happy to volunteer: -

John Mack
Vice Chairperson
Rita and Steve Coombs
Jon and Hilary Gurden (possibles)
Dev Matharu
Jim Campe (Sunday session)

John Mack took the opportunity to promote the following initiatives he would like the Neighbourhood Watch Association's assistance with

The distribution of vehicle steering wheel locks.
Good Neighbour Scheme targeted to assist vulnerable and elderly residents.



For further details please contact John Mack.

PC Graham Mann advised the co-ordinators of an incident in progress that Cathy Laine had reported to him recently concerning representatives from Southern Electricity aggressively attempting to sign her neighbours up to products and services. John Mack advised those present that he had checked with staff from Trading Standards and had been informed that the company had four cases against them for mis-selling products and services. A request was put to the co-ordinators to advise the Police and Council of any further incidents concerning this company along with a description of the uniform.

Keith Gadenne informed those present that he had heard a broadcast on a Romford Radio Station targeted at residents who had UPVC front doors. A burglary trend has been identified where perpetrators are gaining access easily because the doors are not secured properly

10. Date of next meeting

The next meeting is scheduled to take place on Thursday 13 October 2005 commencing at 7:00 p.m. in the Chambers at Dagenham Civic Centre.

Minutes prepared by Suzanne Honeyman, Senior Community Safety Administrator