

SOUTH TWICKENHAM WARD
POLICE LIAISON GROUP MEETING
Monday 25.3.24 6.00pm
Via Zoom

MINUTES

ATTENDEES:

S Lloyd (Acting Chairman SL); P McMillen (PLG Secretary); PC R Sullivan (SNT);
J Mooney, D Scherer, M Seale

APOLOGIES: Cllr R Lee, S Stovell, J Collins

1. Welcome and apologies for absence

Stephen Lloyd, Acting Chairman, welcomed everyone to the meeting. This will be the last meeting SL Chairs. No Councillors present.

2. Minutes of the last Meeting (15.1.24)

The Minutes were agreed as being a true record.

3. Matters Arising from last minutes:

Resident reported bikes being stolen by the Anglers pub and taken off over the bridge, cctv is recording images but people cover their faces, and have easy escape over the bridge. It seems to be a hot spot. Police can deploy a bike there.

ACTION SNT

SNT Passed on to Teddington SNT

SNT to mention to Teddington SNT – suggestion police hold ‘coffee with a coppa’ there to deter bike thieves and possible drug dealers.

ACTION SNT

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Teddington SNT to liaise with office manager of company near Teddington Bridge, to establish contact link for suspicious activity.

ACTION SNT

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Concern re the new fencing along the railway platform, which has replaced wire fencing. This now makes the alleyway behind the Strawberry Hill platforms enclosed and secluded, could make people more vulnerable walking along it when it is dark.

Cllrs to look into lighting and if any security issues when it gets dark, autumn, winter months.

ACTION CLLRS

Update from PM / SNT: Fencing has been recently taken down and replaced by wire fencing, apparently due to dispute between Network Rail and another rail organisation.

4. Chairman Report

Chair is standing down from all PLG and SNB roles. Will be handing over to the new SNB Chair. Q asked re having a job description for the role to circulate. SL role of Chair is to know their ward, know the local groups, contacts, SNT.

Q asked who has oversight of the PLGs? SL – SNB oversee the PLGs, meet every quarter and discuss policing matters and take questions from the public.

Q how can the role be promoted and filled and more people engaged with? Can wards be combined?

Resident thanked Chair for the hard work on behalf of the ward.

5. General Report from the Police

(Please see attached police report)

Now have a full team of 2 Police Officers and 1 PCSO.

Current abstraction rates from the Ward are now 47% makes work very hard as always on the back foot. The abstractions are to upskill on a new IT system, backfill our colleagues on Emergency Response Team.

South Twickenham have a full Team of two Police Officers and one P.C.S.O. The Team are Kyle Mackenzie, Pc Greg Roberts Sgt Jason Hudson and Pc Raymond Sullivan. There has been an uplift in Sgt's and Sgt Jason Hudson will be replaced in the near future.

Re police report figures:

Majority of crimes have reduced since this time last year, apart from robbery up slightly.

Suspect in the Strawberry Hill murder will be going to court.

Q: no youth violence – is this because none reported or it's stopped? SNT if not reported don't record it, so police won't know about it. Please report crimes.

High crime figure for 'Rileys', on High Street, now a gym, there is a camera in the area. Many cameras are supplied by TFL. SNT to find a link to send to resident for them to share. SL just to note to the meeting there is no access to the council cctv network for the police. SL is there drop out on the cameras? SNT – in Wandsworth, no, could access cctv live or on a specific date, time.

SL – VAWG figures look quite high? SNT down to an increase in reporting.

SNT – drug offences now include canister gas. Sanctioned detection rate is low and being worked on.

Q: is the Whats App link up and running, tried to use it, but not much is on it. Can crime link be put on it, crime figs, PLG mins, and job spec for Chair? SL – all very good suggestions.

Resident mentioned a street party, trying to get a licence for the event, want to coincide it with 'car free day'. SL suggested contacting councillors. SNT to contact resident about this and how to fill out the forms.

6. Local issues and concerns

Re Greggs – resident spoke to the local councillor, re concerns re parking, extra construction traffic, has not got any further forward. ACTION CLLRS

Wellesley Rd passage, drug dealing has started up again. Off duty officer, saw activity last week, and the offenders escaped through the wire fence, are SNT aware of this?

Resident needs to contact RHP again, dealers hide in the overgrown foliage, it was cut a few years ago, is getting high again. ACTION CLLRS

Q: re dog fouling, who and how is it enforced, feel signs need to be updated? SNT – council enforce and issue fines, not a police matter to deal with. ACTION CLLRS

7. Setting Ward Priorities

This year the Police will set up 2 ward objectives with the ward panel setting one objective.

The Police Objectives will be;

High Harm - Violence against the person.

High Volume – Theft of/ from motor vehicles / pedal cycles

Ward – Burglary

Police happy to bike mark residents bikes – contact SNT

8. PLG Questions to report to the Safer Neighbourhood Board

Did the SNT address the concerns raised by the PLG and act on them? Yes

Did residents, visitors, and business people feel safe on the streets of the Ward? Yes

If a crime or other public safety concern occurred did the local police respond quickly and correctly? Yes

Thank you to Ray and the SNT team for all the hard work they do on the ward.

Thank you to Stephen for all the hard work he has done as Interim Chair on the ward.

9. AOB

Re Greggs – resident spoke to the local councillor, re concerns re parking, extra construction traffic, has not got any further forward. Looking to extend CPZ area. ACTION CLLRS

Hoping to increase the numbers of NHW in the Crane Rd area. ACTION SL

10. Dates / venues of next Meetings 2024:

10 June – time, venue tbc

Meeting closed at 7pm

Twitter address for South Twickenham SNT @MPSSTwickenham

South Twickenham SNT email address: southtwickenham.snt@met.police.uk

New ward contact enquiry line for South Twickenham; 027 175 9465

There is a Faraday protector which is an anti-theft device for car, see link:

<https://www.amazon.co.uk/Faraday-Blocking-Keyless-Antitheft-Protector/dp/B077XTMHZW>

You can report people who are homeless to Spear and they will go out and help them.

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Spear 0208 288 6506 - <https://www.spearlondon.org/>

Find below a link to the Street Safe online reporting APP.

<https://www.met.police.uk/notices/street-safe/street-safe/>

Also Richmond Safer Neighbourhood Board offer a free crime prevention visit to residential addresses. Email crimepreventionadvice@yahoo.com

www.bikeregister.com

Protect your bike from theft

Join the UK's national, Police approved, bicycle marking & registration scheme.

Please note residents can view crime figures on the Met website for their area:

<https://www.met.police.uk/a/your-area/met/richmond-upon-thames/south-twickenham/>

Here is a link to the crime statistics which are all available on the Met website, just put in your postcode: <https://www.met.police.uk/sd/stats-and-data/>