

**MINUTES OF THE TOTTENHAM HALE AND SEVEN SISTERS AREA FORUM AND COMMITTEE
TUESDAY, 15 JANUARY 2013**

Present: Councillor Lorna Reith (Chair), Councillor Dhiren Basu, Councillor Isidoros Diakides, Councillor Joe Goldberg, Councillor Claire Kober, Councillor Reg Rice, Councillor Bernice Vanier, Councillor Richard Watson.

In Attendance: Xanthe Barker, Keith Elliott, Claire Kowalska, Pat O’Meachair, Julie Parker.

MINUTE NO.	SUBJECT/DECISION	ACTON BY
OBCB59.	<p>APOLOGIES</p> <p>There were no apologies for absence.</p>	
OBCB60.	<p>DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST</p> <p>There were no declarations of interest made.</p>	
OBCB61.	<p>URGENT BUSINESS</p> <p>There were no items of Urgent Business.</p>	
OBCB62.	<p>MINUTES</p> <p>The minutes of the meeting held on 4 September 2012 were confirmed as a correct record.</p>	
OBCB63.	<p>ISSUES RAISED AT THE AREA FORUM</p> <p>The Committee discussed the issues raised during the Area Forum and how actions arising from this should be taken forward.</p> <p>Crime and Policing Session</p> <p>High Road - cyclists on pavements dangerous to pedestrians <u>Police Response</u></p> <p>It was recognised that this was not only dangerous to pedestrians but that muggings by youths were often carried out on bicycles. The Borough Commander agreed to discuss how further targeted work to tackle this issue might be undertaken.</p> <p>High Road - dogs not on leads/dangerous dogs <u>Police Response</u></p> <p>Safer Neighbourhood Teams (SNTs) approached anyone who did not keep their dog on a lead in designated areas. The problems caused by the owners of</p>	

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dangerous dogs were recognised and the Police were currently looking at new ways of tackling this.

High Road - cash points – people loitering and watching people withdrawing cash/muggings

Police Response

The targeting of people using ATMs was an issue across London and residents were reminded that they should always be vigilant when withdrawing cash. The Police monitored 'hot spot' areas and patrols provided a visible Police presence where there were instances of muggings. Residents were asked to inform the Police if they felt people were acting suspiciously or loitering when they were withdrawing cash.

Betting shops – people loitering outside these and anti social behaviour

Police Response

In response to information regarding drug dealing and people urinating outside betting shops in Tottenham Green the Borough Commander agreed to discuss this issue with officers.

More generally the clustering of betting shops was recognised as an issue; however, once a license was granted the Police were limited in the action they were able to take. Local Councillors and the local MP were lobbying the Government to introduce new legislation to prevent the clustering of betting shops. The Police monitored activity outside betting shops carefully and would take action whenever a crime was committed.

Crime on buses

Police Response

It was noted that there had been an increase in pick pocketing on buses during and since the Olympic Games. As victims only generally became aware of the crime once they left the bus it often went un-reported. Residents were urged to report this type of crime as patterns of crime and prevalence on particular bus routes could be monitored.

Residents owning Smart phones were encouraged to download an application called 'Find my Phone', which enabled the owners of phones to remotely detect where their phone was. The Borough Commander noted that this had assisted the Police in recovering a stolen phone and other property in a recent case.

Confusion between responsibilities of Police and British Transport Police

It was clarified that the British Transport Police (BTP) were responsible for policing the inside of stations and the underground system. The MET Police were responsible for policing areas outside stations and in bus terminals.

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Match Day Parking – Spurs and Surrounding Area

Police Response

The Borough Commander requested that the local Ward Member wrote to her setting out his concerns so that she could escalate these with the Mayor's office.

At the end of the session residents were reminded that proposals to create one 'twenty-four/seven' Police Station in the Borough were being discussed at a public meeting on 22 January 2013 at the Civic Centre, High Road, Wood Green. This would provide an opportunity to lobby for a second 'twenty-four/seven' Police Station in Tottenham.

Budget Session

There was agreement that discussion on this item had been curtailed by the item on Crime and Policing; however, during the time that was available the following points had been made:

Public Toilets – residents expressed concern at the provision and quality of public toilets and had requested that money was allocated to improve this.

Provision of Youth Services – there had been agreement that additional youth services were needed in the area and that funding should be allocated for these.

RESOLVED:

That a report should be brought to the next meeting of the Area Committee providing an update this respect to the points raised above.

OBCB64. UPDATE ON ACTIONS ARISING FROM THE PREVIOUS MEETING

The Committee received a report that provided an update on issues raised at the Area Form held on 4 September 2012.

RESOLVED:

That the report be noted.

OBCB65. AREA PLAN UPDATE

The Committee received the latest version of the Area Plan and a verbal update was also provided.

RESOLVED:

That the Area Plan and verbal update received be noted.

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OBCB66.	NEW ITEMS OF URGENT BUSINESS There were no new items of Urgent Business.	
OBCB67.	ITEMS FOR FUTURE MEETINGS The Committee discussed items for future meetings and there was agreement that the next meeting, which was being held on 25 April, should focus on Older People. The Committee discussed the format of the next meeting and there was agreed that a single topic should be focussed on and that this should be followed by an opportunity for residents to ask questions of their local Ward Councillors. It was also noted that residents had questioned why there was a separate Committee meeting at the conclusion of the Forum part of the meeting and there was concern that this detracted from the time available for them to raise issues.	
OBCB68.	DATES OF FUTURE MEETINGS The date of the next meeting would be 25 April 2013 and it was provisionally agreed that the meeting should be held at CONEL. <i>Dates for meetings during 2013/14 would be circulated once the Council's Calendar of Meetings had been formally agreed by Council.</i>	

The meeting closed at 9.55pm.

COUNCILLOR LORNA REITH

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Chair