

**MINUTES OF THE NORTHUMBERLAND PARK & WHITE HART LANE AREA FORUM
AND COMMITTEE
MONDAY, 4 FEBRUARY 2013**

Councillors Adje, Amin (Chair), Bevan, Bull, Peacock and Stennett

Also Present: Kevin Bartle (AD, Finance), Felicity Parker (Clerk), Helen Barran (Credit Union), Ahmed Yaxye (Credit Union), Dave Clements (Co-ordinator, Neighbourhoods Connect), Scott Allen (NHS North Central London), Claire Kowalska (Community Safety Strategic Manager), Sergeant Jim Macpherson (Northumberland Park Safer Neighbourhood Team) and Sergeant Graham Brazier (White Hart Lane Safer Neighbourhood Team)

MINUTE NO.	SUBJECT/DECISION
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NPWHL49	<p>APOLOGIES</p> <p>There were no apologies for absence.</p>
NPWHL50	<p>DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST</p> <p>None.</p>
NPWHL51	<p>MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING</p> <p>The minutes of the meeting held on 24 September 2012 were approved as a correct record of the proceedings.</p>
NPWHL52	<p>AREA PLAN</p> <p>The following areas were identified for updates / further detail required:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>'Support activity that encourages residents to engage in community life'</u> Further information required on which Residents Associations were involved and the areas covered by these. • <u>'Veolia and Council to adopt a local recruitment policy'</u> Update required on how many local people had been employed and information on the target. • <u>'Commitment from Haringey Council for Selby Centre community development'</u> Update required on the briefing on the future of the centre. • <u>'Investigate feasibility of a recycle bank pilot in Haringey'</u> Briefing note requested on the detail of the decision taken, including a breakdown of the £350k per annum costs and details of when this work was carried out. <p>ACTION: That these updated be provided by the next meeting.</p>

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NPWHL53 ISSUES RAISED DURING THE FORUM

Credit Union

Helen Barran & Ahmed Yaxye provided an overview of the services provided by the Credit Union. NOTED:

- Credit Unions were financial co-operatives owned and controlled by their members. CUs offered saving and value for money loans.
- Anyone who lived or worked in Haringey could become a member – there was a £5 joining fee and forms were made available to attendees.
- The main loan offered to members was the 'saver loan', where the interest was roughly 12.7% - compared to 1000-2000% for a pay day loan or up to 4000% for a 'Wonga' loan.
- Credit Union loans were granted mainly on the basis of a person's ability to pay, and the payment schedule was structured to suit the individual.
- Credit Union members were not paid a monthly interest on savings as they would with a bank – instead a dividend was paid yearly.

Warm & Well

Dave Clements – Co-ordinator, Neighbourhoods Connect – presented the Warm & Well campaign, and provided information on Neighbourhoods Connect.

NOTED:

- Neighbourhoods Connect was a project to look at the 'loneliness epidemic' – over 10% of people over the age of 65 were chronically lonely. Work was being carried to map loneliness in the borough and to find places where people in the community meet.
- People were encouraged to contact Dave with any suggestions where people in the community were meeting.
- The Warm & Well campaign was being run in connection with Age UK for people over the age of 60.
- The campaign covered a number of areas – help for people to stay independent at home; care and repair / winter handyperson offer; pop-up drop-ins including advice on keeping warm, benefits and using the internet.
- Drop-in sessions were publicised on the internet, on local buses and at libraries.
- A resident suggested that it may be useful to use the empty space on tenant / leaseholder statements to advertise any outreach schemes.
- Councillor Peacock suggested that Dave Clements contact her with a view to working with her pensioners group.

Health Issues in Haringey

Scott Allen – NHS North Central London – provided information on the Health Trainer Service in Haringey. NOTED:

- Health Trainers were based around the borough and provided free support

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and guidance to people over the age of 18 who want to make a lifestyle change.

- The scheme acted as a gateway to other services – for example, referral to a Weight Watchers or Slimming World club for someone who wanted to lose weight.
- A previous scheme – ‘Active for life’ – was a partnership between North Central London NHS and Haringey Council and was designed to help inactive people to become more physically active.
- The service could be contacted on 020 8344 3169.
- Suggestions were provided from the floor:
 - Exercise and activity were only part of the issue, people needed to be educated on healthy eating as well.
 - Although the scheme was a good idea, it could be useful to have liaison with young people under the age of 18 in order to educate them on healthy lifestyles.
 - It would be helpful to provide translated materials in order to reach out to communities where English was not their first language.
 - Links should be made with Homes for Haringey and other housing providers so that other people can be targeted.

Crime and Policing

Claire Kowalska – Community Safety Strategic Manager – provided a brief overview on the changes to the policing structure. NOTED:

- The main master plan was to get policing out of buildings and into the community. A meeting was taking place on 25 February 2013 - http://www.haringey.gov.uk/index/news_and_events/latest_news/having_your_say_on_policing.htm - members of the public were welcomed to attend.
- A new Borough Commander would be in post from March.
- The new Community Safety plan would be available in May.

Sergeant Jim Macpherson – Northumberland Park Safer Neighbourhood Team – and Sergeant Graham Brazier – White Hart Lane Safer Neighbourhood Team – provided an update on local policing issues. NOTED

White Hart Lane

- A successful drugs warrant was executed in January at a property in the Somerset Gardens estate. The knock on effect was that the tenant had been sub-letting the property and would now be moved out.
- ANPR operations had been carried out in Lordship Lane / White Hart Lane and vehicles had been seized.
- Tower Gardens Estate – a resident reported a car which had been left on the estate with the keys still inside and the numberplates had been changed – enquiries had been sent out by the SNT.
- Squatting in Lordship Lane / the Roundway – SNT referred the issue to the landlord (Circle 33), letters had been sent to the squatters to direct them to Apex House. However it was up to the landlords to take legal action.

Northumberland Park

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A drugs warrant had been carried out at Stellar House following the discovery of a cannabis factory. • Work was being carried out in conjunction with Homes for Haringey at Moselle House, Love Lane. • Over the past 10 months, robbery had dropped 30%, burglary 11.6% and theft from motor vehicles 19%. <p><u>Local Issues</u></p> <p>Residents asked why there had not been any progression with regards to including them at planning meetings for Tottenham Regeneration work. Councillor Amin and Kevin Bartle agreed to take up this issue with the Director of Place and Sustainability.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">ACTION: Chair / Kevin Bartle</p>
<p>NPWHL54</p>	<p>SOMERSET GARDENS</p> <p>Councillor Amin informed the Committee that following the meeting held at Somerset Gardens with the Practice Manager, the Pharmacy and Members, the Practice Manager had engaged with the Healthcare authority and would be working with a practice of a similar size in Islington.</p> <p>Councillor Amin added that the application for a pharmacy at Somerset Gardens would follow the usual planning application route and that people would be able to submit their objections with the planning authority.</p> <p>ACTION Local residents and Members to make representations to the Planning Committee.</p>
<p>NPWHL55</p>	<p>FUTURE MEETINGS, VENUES AND AGENDA ITEMS</p> <p>Members suggested that the next meeting be based around a 'youth theme'.</p> <p>Haringey 6th form centre was suggested as a venue.</p>
<p>NPWHL56</p>	<p>ANY OTHER URGENT BUSINESS</p> <p>There were no such items.</p>

COUNCILLOR KAUSHIKA AMIN

Chair