

The Haringey Association of Neighbourhood Watches

MINUTES OF THE

QUARTERLY MEETING & AGM

Held at the Civic Centre, Wood Green

4th March 2013

Present:

Richard Gardner, Sarah Jones (Guest Speaker), Vincent Maher (Guest Speaker), Insp Maurice Huchinson (Guest Speaker), Elizabeth Adams, Jennifer Bell, Naomi Boxall, Joseph Boyle, Pat Bromley, Jim Cassins, Andrew Cheal, Anna Crow, Ron Dalliday, Mike Dark, Margaret Fowler, Harris Goreeba, Lauritz Hansen-Bay, May Healey, Wendy Hill, Ralph Hinton, Philip Horowitz, Martin Iles, Gillian Kirby, Ken Moore, Mark Munde, Sally Mustoe, Pat Peppos, Nicola Pogson, Catherine MacArthur, Mary Rawitzer, Vivien Rodgers, Cllr David Schmitz, Pauline Syddell, Ian Sygrave, Robert Towerzey, Chris Turpin, Julie Vanstone, Judith Varley-Evans, Reg White, Fred Williams, Cllr David Wiinskill.

Apologies received from:

Councillors: Weber, Khan, Waters, Whyte and Reece. Alan Whitehouse, Joan Lindiman, Alex Muzio, Susan Mears, Peter Thompson, Pam Beck, Joan Morrison, Jacqueline Servat, Christine Barnwell, Ryan King.

1. Introductions & Apologies:

The Chair welcomed all & introduced panel of guest speakers.

2. Approval of Last Minutes - 22th Nov 2012.

2.1 Apologies from Sally Mustoe should be added to the minutes of this meeting.

2.2 The minutes of the last Quarterly Association Meeting and AGM (25th Sep 2012) were accepted.

Proposed: Jennifer Bell. **Seconded:** Richard Gardner.

3. Guest Speaker: Vincent Maher: Team member from Planning Applications and Enforcement

3.1 **General** Planning breaches are generally unauthorised work which is not illegal, except for authorized work on listed buildings & demolitions in conservation areas.

National Planning Govt. guidelines asks for councils to act proportionately to breaches of planning control.

LBH Enforcement Policy 2006 Haringey adhere to the following standards; Clarity, Openness, Helpfulness, Complaints and Proportionality.

Building Principles of Planning Enforcement

i) Expediency (degree of harm that requires enforcement)

what harm is;

- a) Noise/disturbance from business operation
- b) Danger from traffic flows
- c) Loss of privacy or overshadowing
- d) Significant adverse visual impact
- e) Harm to trees, Pollution

f) Untidy land or derelict buildings.

What harm isn't: Competition caused by other businesses, Loss of an individual's view or trespass onto their land and loss of value to a neighbouring property.

ii) Proportionality, Proportionate to seriousness of harm caused.

iii) Consistency, Take similar approach in similar cases.

2012-13 First six months summary

a) Rise in cases – 100 more than same period 2011-12

b) Increased formal action with 64 served (more than for all of 2010-11)

d) Rise in proportion of cases closed through mediation.

Good News Stories:

1) Owner fined and full costs awarded to council for unauthorised conversion of 9 flats on Woodstock Road, N4.

2) Illegal conversion into 13 flats in Tottenham, confiscation order made for £141K, Police/Council share 37% of this.

3) Marks and Spencer N8, now adopt a more considerate delivery practice.

4) Satellite Dish Project, 35 properties identified. Enforcement on 4 properties & outcomes negotiated on others.

5) Beds in sheds closed down in Northumberland Park

In Summary

1) Planning Enforcement is discretionary.

2) Negotiation to clear disputes is favoured with formal action a last resort.

3) 2012-13 has seen significant rise in caseload

3.2 Question and answer session:

Concern was voiced regarding tunneling to create basement spaces. This comes under building control for compliance.

Concerns over buildings not being built to approved plans. Council should be told if suspicions of breach of compliance. E.g. buildings built larger than permission granted.

There are laws regarding where satellite dishes can or can't be placed.

For further information or for a copy of 'A Guide to Planning Enforcement' please contact Myles Joyce in the Planning Department: myles.joyce@haringey.gov.uk.

RG thanked speaker.

4. Sarah Jones from Haringey's Parks & Leisure Team: Grant Opportunities for community park events.

4.1 Friends and Stakeholder Groups opportunities to bid for grants up to £1000.00

4.2 3 Themes identified for match funding.

i) Projects and Events

ii) Growing your Group

iii) Make it happen

4.3 *Project 1 Projects and Events* – available £12K

Groups can apply for up to £500.

Bids could include paying for training provided by The Conservation Volunteers (TCV) or publicity/promotion to attract new members.

4.4 *Project 2 Growing your Group!* – available £6K

Groups can apply for up to £400.

Bids could include small physical improvements such as the installation of new play/fitness equipment, conservation work or outreach work.

4.5 Project 3 Make it Happen – available £6K (for groups who do not have formal constitutions but can prove they have a strong connection to the park)

Groups can apply for up to £200.

Bids can include money for activities, fitness/sport teams

4.6 Groups can apply from 1st April 2013 through to 31st January 2014. We expect groups to match with 50% of the funds granted.

Applications can be downloaded from www.haringey.gov.uk/parkssmallgrants

4.7 The grant must be spent within the awarding year. Further information from 8489 5699 parks@haringey.gov.uk

5. Inspector Maurice Hutchinson – Update on Safer Neighbourhoods

5.1 Personal, Residential and Car robbery reduced by 30% but domestic violence has seen a very large increase. Always call 999 if, as a resident, you are concerned.

5.2 Showed map of hot spots in the Borough. Extra police resources are targeting these areas.

5.3 New Borough Commander is Victor Olisa

5.4 Late night problems linked to drinking.

5.5 Police using Twitter. Linking through this is encouraged and comments are reviewed (@MPSHaringey). This must NOT be used to report crime.

5.6 RG Thanked MH for being such a good Ambassador for Neighbourhood Watch and wished him a long and happy retirement.

6 Chair's Report

6.1 Thanked Pauline for her hard work which has resulted in 30% increase in NW in the Borough. The figure is now 315.

6.2 Thanked the Council for their support and for allowing the use of the hall on a regular basis.

6.3 Report from Treasurer. Christine sent her apologies, but informed the group via the Chair that there was £155.06 in the bank, the income mainly achieved through donations for tea and coffee.

6.4 Thanked all the Friends of Parks for their attendance and work throughout the year.

6.5 Thanked everyone for suggestions of speakers. We will invite new Borough Commander at a future meeting.

6.4 **Elections:** All Committee members stood down. Re elected:

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| Richard Gardner: | Chair |
| Ian Sygrave | Vice Chair |
| Christine Barnwell | Treasurer |
| Catherine MacArthur | Minute taker |
| Jennifer Bell | Committee member |
| Nicola Pogson | Committee member |
| Arthur Leigh | Committee member |
| Lauritz Hansen-Bay | Committee member |
| Andrew Cheal | Committee member |

**Next meeting: Quarterly Meeting 11th June 2013
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