



Bromley Community Engagement Forum

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MINUTES OF A PUBLIC MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY 27 JANUARY 2011, 7PM BROMLEY FOOTBALL CLUB

BCEF MEMBERS PRESENT (SNP = Safer Neighbourhood Panel)

Judith Cross (BCEF Chair)

Peter Toy (BCEF Deputy Chair and ClockHouse SNP)

Mahmood (BCEF Executive; Multi Faith; Penge & Cator SNP)

Brenda Thompson (BCEF Executive and Mental Health Forum)

Michael Lever (BCEF Executive and Bromley Residents Federation)

Nell Riehl (Honorary Member)

Lorraine Leon (Bromley Victim Support)

Julian Melfi (Copers Cope SNP)

Ed Cobby (Chelsfield & Pratts Bottom SNP)

Margaret Gubbins (Bromley Independent Custody Visitors Panel)

Geoff Newton (West Wickham SNP),

Laurie Bell (Mottingham & Chislehurst North SNP)

Mark Lapper (Plaistow & Sundridge Park SNP)

Clifford Longley (Bromley Neighbourhood Watch Association Chairman)

John Bruce (Bickley SNP)

Harold Barker (Cray Valley East SNP)

Barbara Jarvis (Hayes & Coney Hall SNP)

Ian Smith (Honorary Member)

Jackie Griffiths (Penge Partners)

David Freeborn (Bromley Town SNP)

Norman Dix (Cray Valley West SNP)

Frank Levitt (Orpington Business Forum)

Christopher Hillier (Farnborough & Crofton SNP)

Jenny Coleman (Penge & Cator SNP)

Neil Miller (Orpington SNP)

Mark Diplock (Bromley Common & Keston SNP)

Bernard Waine (Darwin SNP)

*Sam Paice (Bromley Link)

Amanda Evans (BCEF Operations Manager)

*New member application

SAFER BROMLEY PARTNERSHIP STRATEGIC GROUP MEMBERS PRESENT:

Charles Griggs (Police, Borough Commander)
James Cleverly (Metropolitan Police Authority/London Assembly)
Eithne Rynne (Community Links Bromley)
Peter Morgan (Portfolio Holder, Community Safety)
Paula Morrison (Bromley PCT)
Terry Gooding (Fire Brigade)
Colin Newman (Community Safety)
Tracy Pidgeon (Ambulance),
Charmaine Dennis (Affinity Sutton)

Also Present: Joy Lever, Cheryl Mulryne, John Love, Brenda Rayson (BICVP), Terry Belcher, Eileen Toy, Trevor Irwin, John Leach, Graham Chamberlain, Cllr Graham Arthur, J. Guiver, Sophie Freeborn, Inder Sharma, Mike Duke, Colin Righin, Mr Cummings, Sue Turner, Margaret Jackson, Susie Clark, John Verrinder, Jenny King, Bruce Tompson, P.Singh, Ruth Jewal, Steve Jewell, Cllr Peter Fookes, Elaine Hayfield, Cllr Katherine Bance, Victoria Rees (Affinity Sutton), Peter Hodges, Helen Jaggee, Catherine Gandola, Terry & Jacqui Giles, Griff Williams, Pat Hogan, Sian Harrhy, D.Patel, R Armstrong, Grace Bullman, Brian Davies, Hewell Evans.

Sector Inspectors Present:

Insp Martin Hills (Cray Valley East and West, Petts Wood & Knoll, Farnborough & Crofton, Orpington, Chelsfield & Pratts Bottom)
Insp Kevin Smith (Darwin, Biggin Hill)
Insp Tony Nicholls (Crystal Palace, Penge & Cator, Clock House, Copers Cope, Kelsey & Eden Park, Shortlands)
Insp Darren Murphy (Bromley Town, Plaistow & Sundridge, Bickley, Chislehurst, Mottingham & Chislehurst North, Plus Safer Transport Team)

MEMBERS APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE: Lulu Pearce (Community Advisory Group), Annabel Langley/David Ely (Chislehurst SNP), Roger Taylor (Honorary Member), Val Harrison (Kelsey & Eden Park SNP), **Strategic Apologies:** Nigel Davies (LBB Council), Lisa Brown (CPS), Howard Oldstein (Glades Management)

No apologies/representation for: Biggin Hill SNP, Petts Wood & Knoll SNP, LGBT.

1. **CHAIR'S OPENING REMARKS:** Judith Cross welcomed everyone and explained the two main presentations for tonight's meeting – the latest results of Safer Neighborhoods Review consultation & on-line survey; and the changes to the NHS. The information stands before/after this meeting are: Anti social Behavior Coordinator for LBB (Peter Sibley); Food Safety/Occupational Safety and Licensing (Paul Lehane); Victim Support (Lorraine Leon); Fire Brigade (Terry Gooding).

2. **NEW MEMBER APPLICATION:** Bromley Links (Richard Lane will be the co-opted member) – Sam Paice explained the role of Bromley Links and members voted unanimously in favour.
3. **SAFER NEIGHBOURHOODS REVIEW** – latest results of the consultation and on-line survey: Presented by Chief Inspector Carron Schusler (Précis below, full power point presentation attached.)

170 written responses received; 105 responses were supportive; 102 like the structure to remain as is; 3 to increase the structure; 1 no opinion.

- SNT structure of Bromley reflects the complexities of the Borough.
- This model for policing has attracted overwhelming political, partner and community support.
- It has been the vehicle for delivering consistent and sustainable crime and disorder reduction.
- Bromley is the only borough in the MPS with its total estate fit for purpose.
- Bromley's preferred option, to retain 22 ward teams, geographically located within the current bases.

Is your neighbourhood policing team based where they need to be to deal with local issues? Bromley said Yes – 80.62%; London said yes – 68.41%.

Most local safer neighbourhood teams are based on each ward. Does this meet your needs and the need of local people?
Bromley said yes – 78.35%; London said yes – 72.39%.

Are there any changes to existing boundaries that would enable your SNTs to provide a better service to you?
Bromley said No – 47.84%; London said No – 39.55%

Do you know what your local SNT has done in your neighbourhood?
Bromley said yes 70.52%; London said Yes – 62.33%

What do you want SNTs to deal with?
Tackling crime; tackling ASB; tackling local priorities.

What next: Review Bromley's Options Paper; Resubmit Option Paper.

Chief Superintendent Griggs added that the plan is to keep ward based policing in their bases to deal with local issues. We know what is important to the public. The proposals are based on working with you and your responses to the survey were exactly as envisaged. The rest of London seem to be in agreement with Bromley. Mr Griggs went on to say that the proposal for Bromley is to retain 22 sergeants on our 22 wards. That position has not changed.

Since the meeting, the following statement was issued by Chief Superintendent Charles Griggs on 28 January in relation to a news report:

“I am sure that the comments made by the Acting Commissioner on the BBC sound alarming and at variance to what James Cleverly and I said last night at the BCEF.

The Acting Commissioner was giving his estimate of the impact of spending cuts, London-wide over the next three years. Last night I said that my proposal for Bromley is to retain 22 sergeants on our 22 wards. That position has not changed. I also said that I would expect the impact of the cuts to be cushioned by the Olympics. The Acting Commissioner's comments are a planning assumption, to be implemented over three years, and will be directed by final analysis, and must reflect operational delivery.

Mr Cleverly emphasised the difference in approach to the Safer Neighbourhood Review across London. One borough has hit the headlines today because within it's options is the proposal to lose 11 sergeants. That is their choice, not Bromley's.

I am now submitting our final proposal to TPHQ. Our extensive public consultation in Bromley supports our preferred option. It is expected that the MPS review will be concluded and its recommendations discussed in the course of March / April 2011. No change will occur before the conclusion of the review process and any changes that do occur will be in line with the recommendations agreed by MPS Management Board and the MPA.

I hope this clarifies the position.”

4. **PCT UPDATE:** Presented by Paula Morrison, Associate Director, Public Health.

- Coalition Agreement:
 - o Guarantee health spend increases each year
 - o Cut NHS administration by 1/3
 - o Strengthen CQC
 - o Establish independent NHS Board
 - o Cut health quangos

- Policy 1:
 - Make the NHS work better
 - More day cases
 - Better discharge
 - More treatment in community
 - Rating of hospitals & doctors

- Policy 2:
 - Support creation of:
 - Co-operative
 - Social enterprises
 - Public sector workers & employee owned co-operatives

- Primary Care & Commissioning 1
 - Strengthen power of GPs to commission
 - Stronger voice for patients on PCT Boards
 - PCT commissioning “residual services”
 - Choice of GP

- Primary Care & Commissioning 2
 - 24/7 Urgent Care
 - New GP contract and new dentistry contract
 - More public health delivery in primary care
 - Local communities will have greater control over public health budgets

- Public Health
 - Control over PH budgets for local community (payment by outcomes)
 - Improve access to prevention (tackle health inequalities)
 - ↑ access to talking therapies
 - Ban sale of alcohol below cost price & review alcohol taxation

- Drug Funding
 - New Cancer Drugs Funds
 - Reform N I C E

- Healthcare Professionals
 - Language & competence test for foreign healthcare professionals
 - Control of working environment for front line staff

- Health Information
 - Outcome measures e.g survival rates
 - Healthcare provider performance online
 - ↑ patient control (health records)

- Children's Services
 - Sure Start → early intervention
 - Extra Sure Start Health Visitors
 - More resource for children's hospices

- Social Care
 - Commission on long term care
 - More prevention
 - Personal budgets
 - Increase independence

- What is expected in next few months
 - Budget – emergency & October
 - White Paper on organisation of NHS end July
 - White Paper on Public Health (Oct – Dec 10)

- UK Faculty of Public Health Annual Conference
 - Andrew Lansley Speech:**
 - New deal between Government and business – shared responsibility
 - Ring fenced PH budget
 - “Health Premium” to target PH resources to areas with poorest health
 - Clear outcomes and measures to fudge progress
 - Enhanced role for Public Health
 - New Cabinet sub-committee on Public Health

- Concerns
 - Job Security; Pensions; Re-organisation; Changing culture; Change in focus; Resources

- Positives
 - ↑ focus in Public health & new levers; Commitment to maintain NHS funding; Opportunity to address long-standing gaps; Commitment to reducing inequalities in health; Ring fenced public health budget; Outcome based approach.

5. PARTNERSHIP UPDATE Presented by Colin Newman

2010-11 Performance Update:

Crime Type	Last year	This Year	% change
Most Serious Violence	247	175	-29.10%
Assault with Injury	1563	1497	-4.20%
Business Robbery	60	61	1.70%
Personal Robbery	441	441	-
Residential Burglary	1796	1584	-11.80%
Theft/Taking of MV	649	622	-4.20%
Theft from MV	1782	1749	-1.90%
Serious Acquisitive Crime	4728	4457	-5.70%

Total Notifiable Offences **8.70%** and CN stressed that they need to maintain this.

Discussed the success of the Partnership's Enough is Enough campaign – tackling the issue of illegal drug supply within the LBB. Targeting night time economy with high visibility patrols in licensed premises and the use of sniffer dogs. Looking at rolling this out to railway stations. The message is that drugs will not be tolerated on this borough.

6. QUESTIONS:

- a) For convicted drug dealers, what happens to their assets, ie do they stay on the borough? Unfortunately not. The borough used to get a proportion but not now and all goes to the Treasury.
- b) Asked for a NW update. LBB now have 3 SN development officers with 7 wards each who oversee concerns, training and the first point of contact: Sue McVicker, Amanda Davis, Peter Warn. All SNPs should have 1 NW Coordinator for each panel to cascade information to other co-ordinators across the Ward. Judith Cross urged Panel Chairs to contact NW to discuss further: info@BromleyNWA.org.uk and Clifford Longley (Chair of NWA) was available at this meeting to take further questions after the meeting.
- c) During a drug operation in Penge area, high visibility policing and sniffer dogs were used but not many people were in there. Are you looking at grittier places and busier times? CN replied yes but consideration had to be given to the use and appropriateness of dogs in close confinement and gradually improve the dogs' confidence.

- d) A discussion ensued about SNTs and no change in the situation of losing sergeants –but is this a possibility? James Cleverly replied that the MPA are in the process of submitting their reports to Assistant Commissioner Ian McPherson and structure of SNTs should reflect its own borough – Bromley is well defined and he’s confident the model is what we need. Other boroughs/wards are very small in comparison and there’s not one model fits all approach and needs to be logical.
- e) 20% budget cuts for Met – what implication on Bromley? Charles Griggs explained that looking to make the cuts to the back office staff to make sufficient savings. This is a 4 year plan – will receive notification of the budget soon but 2011/12 shouldn’t be too bad until September 2012. But a lot can happen in this time! Every year there are worries about funding and we always cope. James Cleverly added that being in the midst of counter terrorism threat and Olympics, we have been listened to and we have not been as affected as other public bodies. Also, as senior officers retire, they can be replaced with younger/cheaper officers. Need to manage this to ensure no knowledge gaps, but stressed that safer neighbourhood policing is fully supported.

7. ANY OTHER BUSINESS:

- The BCEF will host a Community Outreach Day on Saturday 16 April in the Glades. If anyone is interested in assisting us and/or to promote your organisation, please contact Amanda: Amanda.evans@bcef.org.uk

8. DATE OF NEXT MEETING: Monday 9 May, 2011, 7pm, Bromley Football Club.