



Bromley Community Engagement Forum

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MINUTES OF A PUBLIC MEETING HELD ON MONDAY 9 MAY 2011, 7PM BROMLEY FOOTBALL CLUB

BCEF MEMBERS PRESENT (SNP = Safer Neighbourhood Panel)

Judith Cross (BCEF Chair)

Mahmood (BCEF Executive; Multi Faith)

Brenda Thompson (BCEF Executive, Mental Health Forum, Cray Valley East SNP)

Michael Lever (BCEF Executive and Bromley Residents Federation)

Dave Freeborn (Co-opted BCEF Exec member)

Bruce Tompson (Co-opted BCEF Exec member & West Wickham SNP)

Nell Riehl (Honorary Member & Hayes/Coney Hall SNP)

Cora Green (Bromley Victim Support)

Roger Taylor (Honorary Member)

Peter Toy (ClockHouse SNP & Crystal Palace SNP)

Terry Belcher (Bromley Link)

David Ely (Chislehurst SNP)

Bernard Waine (Darwin SNP)

Ian Smith (Honorary Member & Plaistor & Sundridge SNP)

Ray Bell (Orpington SNP)

Ed Cobby (Chelsfield & Pratts Bottom SNP)

Sandie McGarey (Bromley Women's Aid)

John Bruce (Bickley SNP)

Steve Dilworth (Bromley Town SNP)

Derrick Palmer (Bromley Neighbourhood Watch Association)

Sarah Walker (MPA)

Amanda Evans (BCEF Operations Manager)

SAFER BROMLEY PARTNERSHIP STRATEGIC GROUP MEMBERS PRESENT:

Charles Griggs (Police, Borough Commander)

James Cleverly (Metropolitan Police Authority/London Assembly)

Nigel Davies (LBB Council)

Paula Morrison (Bromley PCT)

Colin Newman (Community Safety)

Elaine King (Affinity Sutton)

Also Present: Joy Lever, Paul Lehane (Public Protection LBB, Licensing), Rachel Evans, Monica Fowler (Beechwood RA), David House (St Mary Cray East NW), Chris Beckley (WCRA), J. Andrews, Jacqui Giles (Mountview & Perry Hall RA), Nerisa Henderson, Derrick Ditchman, Jennifer Guiver, John Verrinder (Bromley Link), Stephen Blann (Community Links), Jonathan Williams, Jennifer Gordon & Simon

Redfern (UKBA), Peter Buckland (Bickley SNP), Cllr Peter Fookes, Cllr Katherine Bance.

MEMBERS APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE: Lulu Pearce (Community Advisory Group), Val Harrison (Kelsey & Eden Park SNP), Norman Dix (Cray Valley West SNP), Margaret Gubbins (ICV), Alf Kennedy (Neighbourhood Watch), Mike Larking (Petts Wood SNP), Derek Holl (Bromley Common & Keston SNP), Laurie Bell (Mottingham & Chislehurst North SNP), Ali Hussain (Somalian Community), Julian Melfi (Copers Cope SNP)
Strategic Apologies: Peter Morgan (LBB Council), Andrew Holcombe (Fire), Howard Oldstein (Glades Management), Tracy Pidgeon (Ambulance), Rob Clark (Probation),

No apologies/representation for: Biggin Hill SNP, Farnborough & Crofton SNP, Penge/Anerley SNP, Shortlands SNP, LGBT, Penge Partners.

1. **CHAIRMAN'S WELCOME AND INTRODUCTION:** Judith Cross explained the purpose of the meeting and introduced the Partnership members.
2. **BROMLEY'S LICENSING TEAM:** Presented by Paul Lehane, Head of Food Safety, Occupational Safety and Licensing at Bromley. Paul explained the process and responsibilities of the Team, mentioned below. He added that in relation to public's objections, it is important for you to gather evidence and if no objections are received, then the Council must grant the license!

Democratic Control:

- The Licensing function is the responsibility of the General Purposes and Licensing Committee (15 Members)
- Licensing Sub Committees (3 Members) – hearings
- Licensing also impacts on the delivery of the Public Protection & Community Safety Portfolio Plan.

Basic Facts and Figures:

- Issue over 1800 licences each year.
- 3 Licensing Officers
- 4 Support / Admin
- Income of £300k
- 35 Sub Committee hearings last year

Much More than Alcohol:

- Alcohol / Entertainment / Late Night Refreshment - 800
- Personal Licences – 2500
- Temporary Event Notices - 750
- Gambling – 120
- Lotteries – 100
- Animal Welfare – 50
- Special Treatments – 120
- Occasional Sales (Boot Fairs) – 100

Licensing Act 2003 – Key Points:

What activities needs a licence?

- Retail sale of alcohol
- Provision of Regulated Entertainment
- Indoor Sports
- Late Night Refreshments between 23.00 & 05.00

Duty on Licence Holders & the Council to promote the Licensing Objectives:

- Prevent Crime and Disorder
- Prevention of public nuisance
- Public Safety
- Protection of Children from Harm
- Council has to Publish a Licensing Policy
- Premises Licences
- Club Premises Licences
- Personal Licence (Designated Premises Supervisor - DPS)
- Temporary Event Notices

Responsible Authorities:

- Police
- Public Health Team
- Trading Standards
- Health & Safety
- Planning
- Fire Brigade
- Children's Safeguarding Board

Key Points:

- Interested Parties
 - Local Residents
 - Local Businesses
 - Ward Councillors
 - Public Consultation by applicant and Council
- If no objections – Council must grant the licence

The Application Process:

- Application Received & Fee (copies to all Responsible Authorities)
- Applicant advertises (Newspaper and notices on premises)
- Council undertakes public consultation
- 28 Days consultation
- If no objections – Council MUST grant
- If objections Licensing Sub-Committee must hear the application within 28 days
- Grant or Refuse a licence
- Appeals

Review of a License:

- Council has the power to undertake a Review of a licence
- Anyone can apply for a Review
- Purpose – to ensure the Licensing Objectives are being promoted
- Council can
 - Do nothing
 - Remove licensable activities from the licence
 - Add or amend licence conditions
 - Remove the DPS (Designated Premises Supervisor)
 - Suspend a licence for up to 3 months
 - Revoke a licence
 - Appeals to the Magistrates Court

Licensing Policy 2011-2014:

- Key changes:
 - Strengthening of the Councils Commitment to the principle of 'deemed refusal' in areas subject to special policies of cumulative impact.
 - Endorsement of a 'Challenge 25 policy'
 - Added a section on underage sales
 - Added a section on Drugs
 - Expanded the Role of Ward Councillors to include the right to apply for a 'Review'
 - Takeaways with alcohol sale for consumption off the premises.

Police Reform and Social Responsibility Bill:

- Councils become 'Responsible Authorities'
- Primary Care Trusts become 'Responsible Authorities'
- Change to 'Interested Parties' - no 'vicinity' test
- Council duty to Promote licensing objectives reduced from 'necessary' to 'appropriate'
- TENs (Temporary Event Notices)
 - Adds Environmental Health as objectors
 - Counter notices can be used on all Licensing Objectives
 - Late applications can be made (between 9-5 days)
 - A single TEN will run for up to 7 days (was 4)
 - A single premises can use TEN's over 21 days in a year (was 15 days)
- Early Morning Alcohol Restriction Orders - Council can make an order prohibiting supply of alcohol between 12 midnight and 6am
- Failing to Pay Annual Fee – Council will have power to suspend a licence until fee is paid
- Licensing Policy – Review every 5 years
- Late night Levy
 - Can charge a levy on premises selling alcohol between midnight and 6am
 - 70% must go to the Police
 - Detail of scheme will be set out in Regulations

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3. **STREET PASTORS:** Presented by Ray Bell. Street Pastors are a group of volunteers from local churches who patrol the Town Centres on Friday nights offering a caring presence on the street, support/encouragement and practical help to young people, foster goodwill and a sense of community gain. In Bromley Borough, they concentrate on: Bromley Town Centre, Beckenham and Orpington. They do not get involved in any conflict and try to diffuse tension. They also supply flip flops as girls are inclined to remove their high heels and walk around bare feet which has caused injuries from glass etc.

Orpington Street Pastors began in September 2006, and volunteers have been out on the street every Friday night since February 2007. They issue the following contact card, with useful phone numbers on the reverse:



They wear blue visibility jackets/hats to assist recognition. Orpington Street Pastors Team (2006):



- Originally launched at Brixton Baptist Church 20th January 2003
- On the Street of Lambeth & Hackney in April 03
- Now have over 8,000 Street Pastors situated around the World: North/East/SE/SW of England, The Midlands, Scotland, Wales, Isle of Jersey, London Boroughs, Australia and many more Countries.

Benefits:

- Reduction in Street Crime – Police stats
- Church welcomed and expected on streets
- Church does what Police and LA can't do – engaging and changing hearts on the streets

Schools Pastors/Orpington College Pastors:

- Crime rate increases after school/College closes – their presence reassures High Street shoppers
- Individual Mentoring - Listening and building rapport – Opportunity for the Church to support Orpington College with approx 1400 students aged 16-19.
- School Bus Route Patrol
- School and Home Visits
- Bolts on to Street Pastors
- Orpington College Pilot Phase – in September 2011 launch a 2 day patrol each week 3-5.30pm with 11 volunteers.

Who can be a street pastor?

- Any person with passion for Jesus and the community
- Committed to their church for more than one year
- Personal reference from that church's pastor
- Attend the training programme
- Over 18
- Willing to learn, humble to change
- CRB Check

12 Saturdays of Training:

- Roles and responsibilities, Good news, Knowing your community, Drugs awareness, Education, Sociology, Probation, Youth provision, Police, Mentoring, Counselling, Child protection, Children's services, Mental health.

4. **SAFER BROMLEY PARTNERSHIP UPDATE:** Presented by Colin Newman, Head of Community Safety. Colin explained the following data and was pleased to announce that there has been a significant deduction in most types of crime (traffic light colour system is used: green for reductions, red for increase):

Performance Update 2010 – 2011

Most Serious Violence	-15.8%
Serious Youth Violence	-15.7%
Violence With Injury	-5.8%
Residential Burglary	-11.7%
Non Res Burglary	-24.1%
Gun Crime	-18.7%
Knife Crime	-1.4%
Robbery	+9.6%

End of Year Total Notifiable Offences -7.4%

Discussed the Portfolio Holder's drug campaign Enough is Enough – the message is that Bromley will not tolerate drug dealing on this Borough.

Enforcement:

- 31 Warrants Where Controlled Drugs Being Recovered
- 11 People Charged
- 12 People Remain on Pre-charge Bail for Drug and Other Offences
- 6 Drug Dog Operations in Public Houses
- Publicity and Communications Campaign

Prevention:

- 183 Talks by Schools Officers
- 66 Interventions by ByPass
- Junior Citizens Programme (School years 6-7)

Securing Priority Services:

- Domestic Abuse Advocates
- Mentoring Initiative
- Safer Bromley Van

5. ANY OTHER BUSINESS:

- a) BCEF Executive Committee nominations – Self nomination papers will be sent shortly to all members. Deadline Monday 6 June 2011. Voting will take place at the AGM on 6 July.
 - b) Bromley/Lewisham Immigration Team: Jennifer Gordon, Chief Immigration Officer, introduced herself and Simon Redfern who is based in Bromley. They welcome the opportunity to work closer with SNPs and discussed briefly their role on the Borough. They will also be available to talk to at our next meeting on 6 July.
 - c) BCEFs Community Outreach Day, 26 April: Another very successful day, based in the Glades Shopping Centre. We worked with the Safer Transport Team and Bromley's Immigration Team to discuss any concerns raised by the public, who also completed a survey on community safety. Our thanks to the volunteers for helping us man our stall. There was much praise for Police teams and the work that has been done to address anti social behaviour problems. The figures show that the public's perception that crime on buses has fallen and people generally feel safer travelling on buses in the borough. Passengers travelling on bus route 208 in particular, which was previously subject to much public concern, praised the Safer Transport Team and stated that they felt safe during the day. It is noted that this is the first Outreach Day where 'cold callers' has been identified as a public issue on this borough and will be raised at the next Partnership meeting. The Survey responses can be found on our Website: www.bcef.org.uk
- 6. DATE OF NEXT MEETING/AGM:** Wed 6 July, Bromley Football Club, Hayes Lane, Bromley BR2 9EF. Election of BCEF Executive Committee and delighted to announce our Guest Speaker will be Commander Bob Broadhurst. Main meeting starts at 7pm, but from 6.30pm free light buffet and information stands. If you would like to host an information stand from 6.30pm to showcase your organisation's work, please contact Amanda Evans in advance – amanda.evans@bcef.org.uk or telephone: 020 86587168.