

Canonbury Ward Panel Meeting

Held at the Walter Sicket Community Centre on Tuesday 19th January 2010 at 19:00 hours

Minutes from the Previous Meeting and Matters Arising

Operation "Bark"

Contact Islington Park Guard who managed and organised operation "bark" requesting any stats they had regarding the issuing of FPN for failing to put your dog on a lead when asked to by an authorized officer, allowing your dog to enter an area from which they are excluded and failing to pick up your dog fouling.

Operation "Blunt"

Representatives of the RPG had been invited to attend a future ward panel meeting to discuss the issues and impact of Operation "Blunt" on the local Canonbury youth.

Communications

Website

Redevelop the website in two states, the first is a redesign to include branding, logo and contents listing the Who, Why, When, Where, and What with regards to the ward panel and SNT. The website would also link into all things relating to Canonbury, with touch links to other websites such as the Met Police and Islington Council. The website could be linked into the One Canonbury Group formerly Canonbury Community Development but that this depends on how the group develops.

The website will be a two way site with information provided to us from the community and the community able to receive information from the ward panel and SNT

Survey

The Communications team have produced a draft survey for inclusion on the website and distribution to target group directories. The survey is asking for the opinion of residents regarding crime and fear of crime.

The MET Police and Islington Council believe that it is very important that the panel advertise the work they are doing and it was important to receive youth feed back as well.

Priorities

Youth Engagement

Discussions have started about ways in which the boxing programme could be incorporated into recognised programmes such as the Contender - Ambox run by TPCC of GB. There could be taster sessions at local community events. Boxing should be extended to a wider community in sessions where lifestyle, nutrition and general well being are also advised. Local women and pupils at the St Paul Steiner School use the New River Gym to learn about the above topics.

A number of children who reside in Canonbury Ward do not engage with the Rose Bowl and using a different location (such as the Walter Sickert) to run the boxing session may help to encourage young people from other parts of the ward to engage in the sessions. A plan for the boxing programme stating its longer term objectives, defining how achievement of these would be measured and showing how the financial award would be spent will be presented at the next meeting.

Youth engagement is to remain a ward priority.

Road Safety

It is felt that all the objectives have been achieved with this priority and Road Safety will be removed from the priority list in line.

Burglary

Even though burglary/ fear of burglary still remains a major issue for Canonbury ward, profiles stats shows burglary in Canonbury to be the 4th lowest in the whole of Islington. Burglary has its own department within the Met which investigates, solves and reduces burglary. Victim visits the SNT do would not be affected if burglary was no longer a priority.

Parts of the Marquess Estate had scaffolding and the council hadn't contacted the SNT to make them aware of this. The residents hadn't been visited and advised on how to prevent burglary while they are vulnerable. The establishment of strong Neighbourhood Watch schemes in Canonbury including the Marquess Estate was important. The SNT are contacting Canonbury TRA's to see how keen they are to participate in a new Neighbourhood Watch scheme.

Burglary is to remain a priority until the next meeting where it will be discussed further.

Drugs and Dogs

SNT to be asked to research and prepare crime stats regarding drugs and dogs within Canonbury and to assess how these crimes are impacting the area. This will enable the panel to assess whether one or both of these issues should become a new priority.

Knife Bin

Since its introduction a number of knives have been deposited, some looking like domestic knives and a few big hunter style knives. The bins are designed to help those who wouldn't want to dispose of knives in a police station for fear of reprimand and also removes the danger of disposing domestic knives in general waste where it may hurt refuse workers. NW commented that there were no knife bins in the East Islington area which should be considered.

Meeting Frequency

It was felt that meetings should remain at 8 week intervals.

Any Other Business

No other business discussed.

Date of next meeting

To be held in the Walter Sickert Community Centre at 19:00 hours on 3rd March 2010.
Meeting closed at 21:00 hours