

**MINUTES OF THE COUNTIES NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH MEETING
HELD ON THURSDAY 2 MAY 2013 IN 27 GLOUCESTER ROAD**

Present: Helen Zammett Chairman CRA **HZ**
Janet Berger Secretary **JB**
Malcolm Dowers Webmaster CRA **MD**
Gill Bramham Membership CRA **GB**
Ron Berger **RB**
Cliff Gazeley **CG**

Also present PCSO Simon Jones

1. Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence received from Steve De'Ath.

2. Minutes of the Last Meeting

Minutes of the meeting held on 28 January 2013 were AGREED.

3. Police Report

PCSO Simon Jones reported:

- (a) Crime figures - crime was down in the Wanstead area by 10% in January, 11% in February, 5% in March and 19% in April. Simon handed out the crime figures for the Counties Estate. He noted that Nutter Lane was a concern with High Cedars attracting burglars. There had been attempted breakins and theft of bicycles from outbuildings. The police are keeping a close eye on the area. Other reports:
 - attempt to dismantle a car bumper in Buckingham Road,
 - a large amount of money stolen in Rutland Road under investigation (not on crime list).
- (b) PCSOs - there are two PCSOs on Wanstead Ward. PCSO Alan Winston covers the south and Simon covers from Redbridge Lane West.
- (c) Drug dealing – as police are now present, the drug dealers in Marino Close and the A406 underpass have moved on.
- (d) Operation Bumblebee – the police are checking houses without lights etc at night and putting notes through the doors giving advice on security.
- (e) Street briefings – street briefings are given each week. The next briefing will be on the corner of Buckingham and Hereford on 3 May at 10.50am.
- (f) 101 calls – non emergency 101 calls are going reasonably well. The operator makes a decision if the call needs to be an emergency and passes it through to 999.
- (g) Car theft – there are not many car thefts on the Counties Estate. Most are to the south, especially for number plates.

- (h) Aldersbrook garage – still a problem and incidents go on the crime records.
- (i) Burglary – members of the committee were advised to inform Simon when going on holiday and he will keep an eye on their premises during his patrols.
- (j) Card scams – there is an increase in card scams. Card fraud is not a police matter and must go through the bank. (Information to go in newsletter.)
- (k) Cold calling – it was noted that permission is needed for cold calling. (Simon will investigate.)
- (l) Photographs – new photographs of the PCSOs for the notice board will be supplied.
- (m) Police Station – the PCSOs were supposed to be going to Barkingside Police Station but they should now be going to Woodford.
- (n) Local Policing Model – the shifts will change and will incorporate more late nights. HZ noted that Chief Superintendent Sue Williams had advised that the North West Neighbourhood which includes Wanstead currently has 18 constables and there are plans to increase this to 34.

4. Report on a Meeting with PCSO Simon Jones

No report as PCSO Simon Jones was present at the meeting.

5. Wanstead Police Station

Wanstead Police Station will close.

6. Issues Arising from the Closure –see attached

- (a) 101 – Simon reported that there no major issues with calling 101.
- (b) Ilford Police Station – HZ said that extra provision is needed at Ilford Police Station. At present there is a long waiting time. Also the opening hours at Woodford Police Station are not known.
- (c) Ringmaster – HZ reported that Ringmaster broke down six years ago and nothing has happened to replace it. At present there is no means of contacting the elderly with alerts and the elderly are often targeted.

7. Crime Monitoring

Crime mapping – it was noted that each ward has six sub-groups. The crime figures for Wanstead and Snaresbrook will be monitored to see what effect the closure of Wanstead Police Station has on crime.

8. Any Other Business

No other business.

9. Date of Next Meeting - To be advised

