

# Safer Neighbourhoods Board (Closed SNB)

## AGENDA

**Date:** Thursday 8 March                      **Time:** 5.00pm-7.30pm

**Venue:** Dagenham and Redbridge Football Club

**Chair:** Steve Thompson MBE, Chair of SNB

**Contact officer:** Abdul Chowdhury, Personal Assistant to Director of Enforcement

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### AGENDA ITEMS

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<b>1</b>	<b>Introductions and apologies</b>	Chair	5 mins	<b>Verbal</b>
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<b>3</b>	<b>Safer Neighbourhood Board Chair's report</b>	Chair	5 mins <b>Verbal</b>	<b>Verbal</b>
<b>4</b>	<b>Performance Summary</b>	Jane Scotchbrook /Sean Wilson	15 mins	<b>Verbal</b>
<b>5</b>	<b>Update reports from</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Community Payback</li><li>• Independent Advisory Group</li><li>• Stop and Search</li><li>• Victim Support</li><li>• Neighbourhood watch</li><li>• Ward Panels</li></ul>	Cheryl Deane Keith Hutton Steve Thompson Louise Choppy Inspector Barfoot Ward Panel Rep	20 mins	Page
<b>6</b>	<b>Priority Review</b>	Matthew Cole	20 mins	<b>Document sent separately</b>
<b>7</b>	<b>Any other business</b>	All Attendees	10 mins	<b>Verbal</b>

**Details of next meeting**  
Safer Neighbourhood Board (Closed Meeting)  
Thursday 31 May 2018, 5.00-7.30pm  
Dagenham and Redbridge Football Club

## MEMBERSHIP LIST

<b>Name</b>	<b>Post Title</b>	<b>Agency</b>
Steve Thompson	SNB Chair	D&R FC
Rita Giles MBE	Deputy Chair	Community
Cllr. Laila Butt	Portfolio Holder	LBBB
Matthew Cole	Director of Public Health	LBBB
Katherine Gilcreest	Anti Social Behaviour Manager	LBBB
Tim Barfoot	Inspector	MET Police
Cheryl Deane	Community Payback	London CRC
Dan Neville	Whalebone Neighbourhood	Whalebone Neighbourhood
N/A	Forum for the Elderly	Elderly Forum
Jane Scotchbrook	Detective Superintendent	MET Police
Keith Hutton	Chair of IAG	Independent Advisory Group
Louise Choppy	Victim Support	Victim Support
Prince Kumar	Barking Neighbourhood	Barking Neighbourhood
Diane Worby	Neighbourhood Watch	Neighbourhood Watch
Rita Chadha		
<b>Abdul Chowdhury</b>		LBBB
<b>Minute taker</b>		

# Safer Neighbourhood Board – Closed Meeting

**Date:** Thursday 23 November 2017 **Time:** 5.00-7.30pm

**Location:** Dagenham and Redbridge FC

**Chair:** Steve Thompson, MBE

**Contact Officer:** Abdul Chowdhury, PA to Director Jonathan Toy  
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**Present:** Steve Thompson (Chair), Rita Giles MBE, Jonathan Toy Director of Enforcement, Dan Neville, Cheryl Deane, Spt.Int. Jane Scotchbrook, **John Cooze Partnership Inspector for B&D Area – Stepping in for Insp. Tim Barfoot**, R. Zacky Diane Worby (arrived late)

**Apologies:** Councillor Butt, Katherine Gilcrest, Louise Choppy, Rita Chadha Matthew Cole, Insp. Tim Barfoot, Prince Kumar, Keith Hutton, Rita Chadha.

## Minutes

<b>1</b>	<p><b>Introductions and apologies - Chair</b></p> <p>Steve Thompson (ST) welcomed everyone to the meeting and introductions and apologies were noted. Jim Campe will no longer be acting as a member of the board and a new representation will be looked at for the Forum for the Elderly.</p>	<b>ACTIONS</b>
<b>2</b>	<p><b>Minutes from last meeting and matters arising - Chair</b></p> <p>ST - Since last meeting a murder had taken place at Gascoigne estate with the tragic loss of a 19-year-old. Suggestion that this was gang related. A public meeting had taken place thereafter at the community centre in Gascoigne attended by residents organised by Council and police. There have been 3 arrests but no further update.</p> <p>We should note that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Gascoigne ward was to have the first Street Watch patrols and would that have been wise.</li> <li>• The resulting police activity in the Gascoigne Ward has led to an increase in gang activities in all neighbouring wards.</li> <li>• A follow up meeting is to be organised and an LBBB news letter to go out to all residents of Gascoigne Ward.</li> </ul> <p>ST had requested notes from the public meeting that had taken place and yet has not received them. Tim Barfoot had taken the notes and the intention was to bring to this meeting to share.</p> <p>Members will be aware that the Basic Command Unit – is now to be rolled out to all areas of London. However it should be noted that the Evaluation process was really little more than a tick boxing exercise.</p>	<b>ACTIONS</b>

In November 17 ST was asked, along with others from the Boroughs making up the Pathfinder Boroughs to attend an evaluation meeting. The invites went out very late and many people couldn't attend. Subsequently many one to one meetings were arranged and I know the Leader and CEO of LBBD had input. ST met with Mr Gwillimn and Mr Wilson on the 17<sup>th</sup> December 2017.

On the 12<sup>th</sup> February the Met Commissioner announced the roll out of the BCU model across London. That day Sean Wilson was desperately trying to contact ST prior to him hearing the announcement. As far as ST could ascertain the roll out was made without any on the contributors to the report seeing it first and without any further input. ST felt that this was not really the way a consultation should be conducted.

ST reported that the ward panel chair Linda Jennings has resigned. In the last SNB open meeting LJ had expressed her concern on an incident and Tim Barfoot insisted that he would follow up with direct discussions. He asked if the police present could follow this up.

ST acknowledged a lot of changes have taken place with the introduction of the BCU but that resident input was vital.

ST was concerned at the postponement of the Ward Panel Chairs meeting although recognising that it was unavoidable. A new meeting needed to be arranged ASAP so that clarity could be provided on representation and support by both the police and local authority at ward panel meetings.

Rita Giles added to this by saying that lack of representation from police in the meetings would make her consider her position as ward chair. No hesitation on giving her resignation as she sees this as non-co-operation with residents.

Dan Neville – redirecting of ward officers without communication is poor management and communication. The chairs have no leg to stand on when residents make enquiries on presence of DWO'. What is exactly happening and no consultation when decisions are made.

The meeting reminded that Tim Barfoot had previously promised he would not pull ward officers and of the wider commitment by the Mayor of London and Met Commissioner that DWO's would be ring fenced.

Jane Scotchbrook explained that when a situation occurs in another ward often officers are required to be moved for Operational Reasons.

Jane Scotchbrook accepted the communication overall was poor and needs improving. However other priorities mean that sometimes there isn't enough time to communicate this over. Rita Giles informed that a simple call would suffice and can provide a

**JS to update  
Chair to inform  
all.**

<p>wider perspective on situation if asked by residents. The movements of DWO's are important to each ward ensuring a sense of safety and security.</p> <p>Diane Worby asked about police vehicles and availability. Jane Scotchbrook informed that as announced in the SNB public meeting that cycles would be provided to ward officers with a 20-minute travel to hubs. Rita Giles informed that 1-hour surgery sessions are taking place in her ward. This is where her residents can meet officer in one place initiative taken by chair and residents.</p> <p>ST mentioned that these are going to be introduced but what is the current situation an update is required.</p> <p>Jonathan Toy – Community Safety Report is an old version dates back from September. Therefore, suggestion is that this is taken back by each ward panel member and feedback to JT. Areas of feedback:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Residents don't feel safe particularly evening</li> <li>• 6 drivers to look at</li> <li>• Communication and visibility</li> <li>• Community development</li> </ul> <p>JT is very keen to hear feedback outside of this meeting and would be happy to come along to ward panel meeting. However, if he is not able to attend then he is happy to send a representative from the council.</p> <p>Dan Neville would like to see actual representation in the ward meetings and in the wider SNB open/closed meetings.</p> <p>Diane Worby informed Public Meeting has been organised in her ward for the 19<sup>th</sup> March 7pm.</p> <p>Update on Broad Street: JT delighted to inform signage is going up either this weekend or Monday 12/03/18. Operation Plan to be pulled together.</p> <p>Public space order signage to go up for Barking town centre 19/03/18. Consultation on Dagenham Heathway signage yet to be confirmed.</p> <p>ST asked that resident to be encouraged to engage in consultation. CSP testimonies will capitulate a true reality of resident lives.</p> <p>JT – Academy Central – feedback from police and ASB team is that activities have quieten down. L&amp;Q funded officers this has helped with presence.</p> <p>Street Watch – Jane Scotchbrook informed that Havering have had success and shared some data and timeline. ST – can this be shared with this Board.</p>	<p><b>Next Meeting agenda to include Council representation at meetings. Key perception.</b></p> <p><b>JS to see the report and feedback to board.</b></p>
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	<p>Cheryl Dean acknowledged this was positive, but B&amp;D was a different demographic and less affluent. ST - Havering would be seen a leafier suburb much bigger in size and the wards are very different to B&amp;D.</p> <p>Diane Worby had concerns that with resident participation and wearing of high vis jackets makes them targets. Is there assurance from police if things went wrong and questions around insurance.</p> <p>JT – explained the benefits of street walks with residents and ward officers would be very positive and more activity based. One of the now additional 16 estate officers to join the patrols makes the presence even more apparent to residents.</p> <p>RZ – Street Watch would work for some but not for all wards. A positive way forward would create presence and give assurance to residents. Identifying hotspots is positive in a group but find if police is informed then they tend to disperse.</p> <p>Diane Worby mentioned that publicity is an issue how would this be done and who is responsible. Also concerns that whilst residents go on street patrols who would protect their homes. Rita Giles explained there are different strategies to ensure residents are made to feel safe whilst on patrols and no doubt information sharing is very good intel.</p>	
3	<p><b>Safer Neighbourhood Board Chair’s report</b> Included in Above.</p>	<p><b>ACTIONS</b></p>
4	<p><b>Performance Summary</b> Jane Scotchbrook /Sean Wilson</p> <p>MOPAC summary report data not supplied. There was some discussion on who produces this and it was agreed that Abdul Chowdhury would liaise with MOPAC and JS to ensure that a full report was provided for the next meeting. It is noted that the up to date report could be presented to the next SNB meeting and displayed on screen for all to see and comment.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Tim Barfoot is stepping down to be replaced by John Goodwin.</li> <li>• Chief inspector Lisa Butterfield is joining the BCU as of 02/04/2018.</li> </ul> <p>ST wanted to know updated figures on Burglaries and Dwellings which seems to have a 32% increase. JS discussed the periods of increase and improvement but agreed that it would be clearer from the next reporting report the exact increases.</p> <p>ST commented that the dynamics of the borough means that concerns from one ward may not be a pressing issue in the case of burglaries which is a major concern in another. Concerns were raised in the SNB public meetings. However, DWO’s were moved</p>	<p><b>ACTIONS</b></p> <p>Jane Scotchbrook/Tim Barfoot to present.</p>

	<p>considering recent events from the wards not because of the incident in Gascoigne but for terrorism case.</p> <p>Dan Neville agreed that in exceptional circumstances this is understood that pulling of resources can happen. Once again asked that there is communication. Also, to note that lessons have not been learnt by police from Marks Gate incident that a preference to share information with DWO's rather than police shows there is distrust.</p> <p>Jane Scotchbrook commented in relation to cover and movement of DWO's it is always managed with good practice this includes leave and sickness. Acknowledgement of communications needs to be improved.</p> <p>Burglary:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Arrests have been made of key people who are now in custody.</li> <li>• Advice of self-awareness and ensure locking of property doors and windows.</li> <li>• Next Door neighbourhood watch system – looking into the effectiveness of the system.</li> <li>• Mayesbrook and Leafy Estate is seen as a gateway.</li> </ul> <p>Dan Neville mentioned that Peter Harris informed about the Domestic Violence stats revealed reporting was poor. Jane Scotchbrook informed that as of 26/2/18 70.3% was reported improvement still need to be made. A zero-tolerance approach to domestic violence is taken with positive police action. ST new initiative has been launched by central government Jane Scotchbrook to circulate report.</p>	<p>Jane Scotchbrook to circulate report related to Domestic Violence.</p>
<p><b>5</b></p>	<p><b>Update reports</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Community Payback - <b>Cheryl Deane</b>; ST complemented Cheryl on her comprehensive reporting. Although CD felt with higher numbers it could be more comprehensive. A lot of the projects can hold 10 people per day however turn out has been double that. Disappointed by the lack of commitment shown by local authority in supporting by the way of equipment, transport etc. there appears to be no lead in communication with a constant change no one wanting to take responsibility. Risk assessments are carried out with safeguarding in mind to ensure participants are vetted.</li> <li>• Independent Advisory Group - <b>Steve Thompson</b>; report from Keith Hutton. Is the BCU using the IAG in a way that best suites its capabilities. Jane Scotchbrook addressed this by saying to that at present that changes need to take effect and communications need improving. R. Zacky pointed out that sharing of information across the board helps with communication. This has been the case with partnership meetings and an agreement to share.</li> </ul>	<p><b>ACTIONS</b></p> <p>Cabinet member, Cllr Laila Butt to take this to CSP.</p>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Stop and Search – ST stated that the number of section 60 by police has risen from 2 in the previous five years to 3 in a week as a response to the problems in Gascoigne. The last section 60 had covered 7 wards. ST has tried to get the latest data for stop and search but cannot get access to the portal. John Cooze informed recent events had led to the issuing of section 60 with intelligence led activity. Jane Scotchbrook said that the decision is always decided at a higher level (Borough Commander).</li> <li>• Neighbourhood watch – Diane Worby informed that there are very high costs associated with signages and the funds available would not be enough given high costs. ST advised that an application had been submitted to the SNB for a grant of £4,500 towards the setting up on the “Owl” system in the Borough. It was noted that the police now favour a different system. ST suggested a way forward would be for the NW committee to meet with Tim Barfoot and Jonathan Toy to look at potential support provided.</li> <li>• Ward Panels – It was noted that the Ward Panel Chair’s meeting has not taken place yet due to previous and cancellations. Abdul will be emailing round to look for available dates. It was also noted that Police would provide a minute taker for meeting and administer follow up. Dan Neville also requested that representation from Police is essential as all chairs would be present. ST informed the JT to confirm council commitment for posting of invites via letters and organising of the meetings.</li> </ul> <p>ST informed all that the next community meeting to be held in Gascoigne Community Centre is 26<sup>th</sup> March 2018. It was thought a meeting on Harts Lane would also be held for public address.</p> <p>Another area of concern is the Gangs Unit who are currently situated at Harold Hill. It was thought that bringing this unit back to Barking would provide a more central role. This was raised by the public at the Gascoigne Community meeting and was also feedback received by ST from members of the Gangs Unit. A discussion was had regarding the practicalities of relocating the unit back into Barking and JS said she would raise this with the Inspector in charge.</p>	Abdul to organising the Stop & Search meeting.
<b>6</b>	<b>Priority Review</b> - Moved from item 6	
<b>7</b>	<b>Any other business</b>	All Attendees