

**St. Helier, The Wrythe and Wandle Valley Local Committee****2 May 2019****ST. HELIER, THE WRYTHE AND WANDLE VALLEY LOCAL COMMITTEE****2 May 2019 at 7.00 pm**

**MEMBERS:** Councillor Annie Moral (Chair), Councillor Ben Andrew (Vice-Chair) and Councillors Jean Crossby, Martin Gonzalez, Nali Patel, Colin Stears, Sam Weatherlake and Hanna Zuchowska

**ABSENT** Councillor Vincent Galligan

**81. WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS**

The Chair, Councillor Annie Moral welcomed those present. Councillor Andrew advised that following this meeting there would be a separate meeting for residents to have an informal chat, with their Councillors, and an opportunity for a conversation regarding parking in the ward areas.

**82. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies for absence were given by Councillor Vincent Galligan.

**83. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

There were no declarations of interest.

**84. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING**

**RESOLVED** that: the minutes of the meeting held on 24 January 2019 be agreed and signed as an accurate record, subject to an addition to minute 78, regarding the Recommendation tracker. To add that "The Locality Lead Officer confirmed that the bollards on London Road Hackbridge would be looked at by the highways team."

**85. PUBLIC QUESTIONS**

A local resident asked a question about abandoned vehicles on Green Wrythe Lane Roy Douglas, Lead Officer Environmental Enforcement responded accordingly and pointed out that he would cover this fully within his presentation, and that he will take the details for this specific case for investigation

A local resident Nikki Sutton raised a concern regarding fallen trees and branches on Hackbridge Green. She pointed out that notices had also be attached to the trees which should be removed. Councillor Moral advised that this would be looked into.

A local resident David Tchillirian asked if Councillors were aware of a discussion between Sutton and Croydon Councils regarding HGV use of local Roads, and if they agreed with the view that the greatest air pollution threat is from traffic rather than from the output from the incinerator. Councillor Andrew advised he is not a pollution expert but that he had been assured that the incinerator is not a threat.

A local resident Mr Ken Fish asked if the Council are aware that Sutton had been chosen

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to trial new Smart Busses. He asked if this was a concern regarding air pollution as there would be more busses on the roads. Councillor Andrew commented that in his view this is good news as public transport will reduce the number of individual car journeys. Simon Latham, Assistant Director, Housing, Planning and Regeneration, advised that an officer in the strategic planning team will provide a response regarding what type of fuel will be used by these new smart bus service.

**86. UPDATE FROM THE SAFER NEIGHBOURHOOD TEAMS**

PC Mark Harper and Sgt Dan Ellen presented an update on the three wards.

The Committee were advised that in February this year Sutton, Croydon and Bromley teams were merged into a new South Eastern Cluster team. He confirmed that the merger had gone smoothly and there had been no reduction in the number of calls that the team had responded to nor any detrimental impact on response times.

The officer advised that In Wandle Valley there had been an increase in theft from Motor vehicles, and confirmed that three people had now been arrested for these crimes. He further confirmed that In St Helier a number of warrants had been conducted in relation to drugs offences.

Dan Ellen the new Ward Sergeant for all three wards and took questions from residents. He confirmed that his team are aware of issues with mopeds speeding outside St Helier hospital and that the traffic team were patrolling that area to deter that behaviour.

A local resident asked what the police could do to help with the issue of cyclists riding without lights in Green Wrythe Road and Middleton Road. The Officer confirmed that police are setting up patrols in the area to tackle that.

Members asked for clarification regarding if police ask victims of crime to provide CCTV to the police where that is available. The Officer advised that as an example, for low level retail crime, shopkeepers may be asked to review their CCTV.

A local resident advised the Officers of drug related issues in the Pocket Park in Hackbridge. The officer advised that they are aware of this and are taking action to visit that site as often as possible.

Members asked about re-establishing ward panel meetings between the Police local Resident Representatives and Councillors. The Officer responded that this is under review as previously there had been very few attendees. He advised that the new Chief Inspector had suggested this could be set up as an online meeting as a trial.

Feedback from the Committee was that if meetings were online only that would exclude some residents, and therefore face to face meetings should continue. Residents also commented that Ward panel meetings need to be better advertised so that people know about them. Residents suggested using the borough notice boards to advertise the meetings in addition to them being advertised online. The Locality Lead Officer suggested dates for Panel Meetings could be advised to Community Reps via the Localities team newsletter. The Officer advised he would take back these suggestions.

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Roy Douglas, Lead Officer Environmental Enforcement provided a presentation on the abandoned vehicle policy. He confirmed if a vehicle is untaxed it will be inspected and checks undertaken to establish if it is abandoned, and if action can be taken.

Residents were asked to report abandoned vehicles via the Council contact centre by phone or online. A local resident asked what to do where a vehicle has no number plates or is burnt out. The Lead Officer Environmental Enforcement advised a number one priority is burnt out vehicles so residents should please report them even if there is no registration number available.

**88. SAFEGUARDING IN THE COMMUNITY**

Patrick Hopkinson, Head of Initial Contact, Adult Safeguarding and Service Transformation, provided a presentation on how to recognise safeguarding concerns in the community and how to report this. He provided a hand out to attendees for information.

**89. PUBLIC REALM PROJECTS AND NEIGHBOURHOOD GRANTS**

Claire Smith, Locality Lead Officer presented the report and presentation.

The Locality Lead Officer outlined the completed projects since the last meeting. The Committee were advised that there is budget remaining for more projects to improve the look and feel of the local area. She asked that if any residents had ideas for new projects to please make their local Ward Councillors aware.

The Committee were advised that the aim of Neighbourhood Grants is to promote community and voluntary activity in the local area. Residents were asked to contact [neighbourhoodgrants@sutton.gov.uk](mailto:neighbourhoodgrants@sutton.gov.uk) or to make contact by letter or phone to apply for these grants.

A local resident provided feedback that she felt the application forms were difficult to complete and asked if they could be simplified. The Locality Lead Officer confirmed that would be looked into.

Members asked for the size of the grant to be clarified. The Locality Lead Officer confirmed that the grant amount can be between £50 to £1000 at the discretion of Councillors.

Members pointed out that they had tried to reduce individual grant amounts to up to £500 so that funds could be shared around more Community groups.

**90. HIGHWAYS UPDATES**

Hitesh Wadher, Senior Highways Engineer gave a verbal update on Highways projects in the ward areas, and confirmed the two completed schemes that had been undertaken in the last year and two other schemes which would continue into the current year.

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The officer also outlined two new schemes for 2019/20 that were being considered to reduce speeding. One scheme in Stavordale Road and the second which will review speeds and accidents in the area bounded by Winchcombe Road, Wrythe Lane and Tweeddale Road.

A local resident raised an issue regarding the junction at the bottom of St John Road. The committee were advised that where a cycle path had been added and the pavement had been extended that this is now causing difficulties for traffic wishing to turn left. The resident advised this causes congestion. The Senior Highways Engineer advised that he will look into this issue.

Tracey Collins a local resident reported that reflectors on the staggered barriers at Eindhoven Close had been ripped off. The Senior Highways Engineer advised that the reflectors can be replaced and he will look at and investigate alternative solutions to improve this.

A local resident asked if a yellow box junction can go outside Hackbridge station to reduce accidents and improve the crossing for pedestrians. She asked if the phasing of the traffic lights could also be investigated to give people more time to cross the road. The Senior Highways Engineer advised that traffic signals are managed by TFL and he will raise that with them and also that he would look into the suggestion of a yellow box junction.

Residents also queried the benefit of the nearby courtesy crossings and the officer responded accordingly.

**91. RECOMMENDATIONS TRACKER**

Claire Smith, Locality Lead Officer presented the report. There were no questions.

**92. ANY URGENT BUSINESS BROUGHT FORWARD AT THE DIRECTION OF THE CHAIR**

There was no urgent business.

**93. DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

The next meeting will take place on 11 July 2019 at a location to be confirmed.

The meeting ended at 9pm. This meeting was followed by an informal session for further questions with Ward Councillors.

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The meeting ended at 9.00 pm

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