

Lewisham Safer Neighbourhood Board Minutes

Tuesday 1st December 2020 - 7.00pm

via Microsoft Teams

Tayo Prince- Chair	The Tabernacle	
James Mitchell- Vice Chair	Independent Customer Visitor	
Royston John	NCBI	
Roz Hardie	Chair of Ward Panel Forum	
Joe Burchell	Bromley and Lewisham Synagogue	
Chief Inspector Mick Chattenton	Lewisham Police	
Inspector Benn Pollard	Lewisham Police	
PC Tara Duffy	Lewisham Police	
Chief Inspector Richard White	Lewisham Police	
Detective Inspector Nick Bewsey	Lewisham Police	

15 members of the public were also in attendance, including those speaking during the meeting.

	Item	Actions
1.	Chair's Welcome Tayo Prince welcomed everyone to the online meeting, and thanked everyone for attending. She outlined that a number of councillors and officers were unable to attend because of another	
2.	Apologies Saxon Hailes, Trinity Ashon, Gary Connors, James Lee, Cllr Juliet Campbell, Cllr Brenda Dacres, Cllr Sakina Sheikh, Superintendent Andrew Ricketts, Chief Superintendent Rob Atkins, John Newing (London Fire Brigade)	Information

3. Minutes of last meeting – September 2020

The minutes were agreed with no issues.

4. A Time Like This

Tayo introduced three groups of speakers, who spoke about their experiences during the COVID pandemic.

1) Domestic violence and the services available- Charlene Noel and Isabella Rossi

Charlene spoke about the campaigns that are taking place across Lewisham. She also spoke about the White Ribbon campaign.

Isabella then spoke about how the Athena service has been dealing with cases during the COVID pandemic. She said there was a drop in referrals at the start of the lockdown, and then a big increase in referrals as restricted were lifted.

Roz Hardie asked if there could be some publicity around the White Ribbon campaign next year. Charlene said that the work this year has meant that they have had less time to promote the campaign, but asked anyone interested to get in touch with her using the following contact details:

Phone: 0208 314 6488

Email: Charlene.Noel@lewisham.gov.uk

James asked about an individual case, and Isabella asked him to contact her directly.

Royston asked a question about what was happening about repeat offenders, and Charlene provided an update on the support that was available.

Joe Burchell gave an idea of where Charlene could apply for additional funding.

Detective Inspector Nick Bewsey then spoke about the work being done as a local police force relating to domestic violence. He also spoke about the delay to the court system, because of the COVID disruption.

A resident asked about what services might be available for people with mental health.

Isabella asked for the resident to contact her directly.

She asked that her email address be shared, so that anyone can contact her if needed:

Isabella Rossi@refuge.org.uk

2) Interfaith Relations-LIF

Joe Burchell spoke about what the Lewisham Interfaith Forum does and the work they have been doing during the COVID pandemic.

3) Neighbourhood Policing, Hate Crime and Neighbourhood Watch- Inspector Benn Pollard

Inspector Pollard said that the crime figures would be shared, alongside these minutes.

He then provided an update regarding the local Neighbourhood Watch network, and the 'Community Champion' campaign being undertaken.

Inspector Pollard showed a PDF that is being shared with local residents. He said that he would share that PDF with Ben, so that it could be shared along with the minutes.

James asked Chief Inspector White about the pressure on ICU, and Chief Inspector White provided an update on these pressures, and what is being done to reduce them.

One resident asked Chief Inspector White some follow up questions, including a request for some data relating to the use of the ICU. Chief Inspector White said he would share the data with Inspector Pollard, so that Ben could share this alongside the minutes.

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Inspector Pollard showed a PDF relating to the 'Community Champion' campaign, and said that he would share that PDF with Ben, so that it could be shared along with the minutes.

Chief Inspector White said he would share the data relating to the use of the ICU with Inspector Pollard, so that Ben could share this alongside the minutes. James invited any residents to get involved with being an Independent Custody Visitor, and shared his email address in the chat, along with the following information about the role of an ICV so that anyone interested could get in touch with him:

jmitchnet@gmail.com

https://www.london.gov.uk/what-we-do/mayors-office-policing-and-crime-mopac/community-safet y/independent-custody-visitors

PC Tara Duffy then provided an update following the recent National Hate Crime Awareness Week (NHCAW), which was promoted during the previous meeting.

PC Duffy outlined the work taking place relating to Hate Crime in Lewisham, including work she is looking to do with Millwall Football Club.

She then spoke about the Hate Crime data for Lewisham, and said that the information explaining the NHCAW work would be shared with Ben so that it could be shared alongside the minutes of this meeting.

Inspector Pollard then provided an update on the work taking place locally, including the recent 'Autumn Nights' project and local weapons sweeps.

He then took questions from local residents, including what is happening on Stop and Search. Both Inspector Pollard and Chief Inspector Chattenton provided an update on this.

4) 'Better With Age'- intergenerational card games- Paul Olaiya

Paul introduced himself and explained about the card game and related journals.

Tayo said that the link for these products would be shared, and this is outlined below: https://www.betterwithage.shop/

PC Duffy said she would share the information, relating to National Hate Crime Awareness Week, with Ben so that it could be shared alongside the minutes of this meeting.

5. Ward Panels Update

Tayo introduced Roz, who was recently elected as the Chair of the Ward Panel Forum. Roz then provided an update on what the ward panel chairs have been doing recently. She said that while things seem quiet within the wards, all the chairs are concerned about what might be happening behind closed doors. She also spoke about the importance of ward panel chairs working with the local police, as well as holding them to account. Roz said that she was happy for her email to be shared in the minutes, for people to get in touch with her if they would like to: hardierosalind@vahoo.co.uk 6. **AOB** Tayo thanked everyone for attending. One resident raised a number of questions, in the chat, but left the meeting before they could be answered. Tayo and Ben agreed to ensure these were answered. 7. **Date of Next Meeting** To ensure there was no clash of future meetings, which has meant a lot of apologies for this meeting, Tayo asked Board Members if they would prefer the next Public Meeting to be on 9th or 16th March. The next meeting was subsequently confirmed as 16th March. (Please note: due to the social distancing rules, we will be holding public meetings online until further notice. Details of how to 'attend' these online meetings will be sent to the Lewisham SNB email distribution list, which you can sign up to at https://tinyurl.com/LSNBoard)