



Lewisham Safer Neighbourhood Board (SNB) Public Meeting Minutes

16th July 7pm – 9pm, Civic Suite, Lewisham. Hybrid joining option via MS Teams available

Agenda	
Attendance	
Rosemarie Ramsay	SNB (Safer Neighbourhood Board) Chair
Collet Hunter	SNB Vice Chair
Bhavna Tejpal	Safer Communities Lewisham Council
Cherelle Reid	Safer Communities Lewisham Council
James Lee	Director of Communities, Partnerships and Leisure, Lewisham Council
Janet Hall	Head of Safer Communities Service Lewisham Council
Desmond Zephyr	Safer Communities Service Lewisham Council
James Mitchell	SNB
Royston John	SNB
Ken Thomas	SNB
Alice Simpson	SNB
Tayo Disu	SNB
Sharon Kilbourne	SNB
Super Intendant Charlene Pavitt	Metropolitan Police Service
Inspector Adrian Hanna	Metropolitan Police Service
Chief Inspector Duncan Jackson	Metropolitan Police Service

Sergeant Andy Didsbury	Metropolitan Police Service
Cllr Sophie Davies	Forest Hill Ward
Cllr Rudy Schmidt	Evelyn Ward
Cllr Liam Shrivastava	New Cross Ward

Cllr Bill Brown	Ladywell Ward
Cllr Dawn Atkinson	Deptford Ward
Alice Bird	MOPAC
Mo	Community Member
Nairie Brodie	Community Member
Clifford Astwood	Community Member
Keith Walton	Community Member
Jen D	Community Member
Julius Sobotie	Safer Communities Violence Reduction Team (VRT)
Ricard Charles	Community Member
Lou-Neville-Ball	Lewisham Family Hubs
Arjun Medhi	Community Member
Joyce Jacca	NHS
Andrew Grant	Crime Enforcement & Regulations Officer
Carol-Webley-Brown	Community Member
Laura Saunders	Community Member
Isabella Rossi	Refuge
Stevanna Francis	Hawkeye Empire
Sharon Sibble	Community Member
Joanne Thomas	Community Member
Funmi Ademilua	
Douglas Bousqet	Community Member
Delia Edwards-Julien	Community Member
Thomas Joseph	Community Member
Laura Price	Power The Fight
Natasha R	Community Member
Colin Jarrett	Community Member
Apologies:	

Welcome and Introductions The chair welcomed the group and minutes of the last meeting were agreed. Updates on actions from the last meeting	

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- It has been noted that additional meetings outside of the public/board meeting needs to be had to ensure the work continues.
- Joint communications need improvement so that the SNB are kept in the loop and not finding out information late.
- SNB is an independent organisation that can be advised but final decisions are made by the SNB.
- Regarding Live Facial Recognition (LFR) in LBL, Police confirm there have been 4 deployments to date across 2 sights. A total of 12 arrests. 2 for rape, 2 for breach of a Sexual Harm Prevention Order, 1 for blackmail, 1 for false imprisonment, 2 for robbery and 4 for domestic assault. Demographic data is not being collected. LFR will continue over the summer. Data from LFR will be included in the community impact assessment going forward.
- Re the LFR Community Quality Impact Assessment request. Police have requested it but have not yet received it.
- Data from LA regarding secure accommodation remains outstanding

2. Evelyn and Deptford Concerns

Natasha, former Mayoress of Lewisham stated that in the last 6 months there has been a large congregation of youths loitering around in the basketball cage and the children's play area. These young people are drug dealing and there have been 3 serious stabbings, 1 fatal stabbing in Evelyn. Natasha has been collaborating with local police who have been going out daily, talking to the young people and patrolling. Unfortunately, parents are now too scared to take their children to the park as young people are graffiting, smoking cannabis, dealing drugs, and vaping there. They also use this area to hide weapons and weapons have been found by the Police. Children have been robbed, roughed up and asked if they want to buy cannabis or sell it. Some children are scared to go to school due to this. Drug dealers have been seen skating around the blue cage.

Members of the community who reside in these areas echoed Natasha's concerns.

Rosemarie asked the room what can be done to address this issue.

Suggestions:

- Meeting with the community in the community to establish what they feel is needed.
- Ward panels could be a space to continue these discussions.

- Outreach/detached youth work to continue. The Violence Reduction Unit (VRU) from Lewisham Council have conducted outreach at these locations.
- VRU have funding opportunities which can be used for preventative work and an application has already been submitted for this.
- MPS need to build better relationships with the community and be more visible.
- Men need to be more present in the Community.
- There is a lack of services for young people in the borough.
- Call to action 10 male volunteers from the community to patrol on a rota so that these spaces can be used as intended.
- Money needs to be available now not later.
- Being more visible in the community and letting the community know what is being done.

It is agreed that a meeting is needed for people to express concerns. Additionally, it needs to be a space to bring expertise and be outcome focused.

Police and detached youth workers need to work together in these spaces. In some cases, Police have mistaken Youth Workers for drug dealers when there is no partnership.

Natasha invited all to the SNT meetings that take place at the Evelyn Community Centre, the next meeting is scheduled for 18th July at 6.30. This is a space the community and partners can use to discuss and address concerns.

Deptford Police have launched a community fun day on 14th August. This event can be used to promote future community meetings.

Adrian suggested a local community meeting where the Police can attend as guests and a parallel meeting with professionals to see what can be done to deal with the presenting concerns.

Laura from Power the Fight stated that they have received VRU funding to tackle crime and violence in the North of the borough. They have made an appeal to the VRU to see if they can extend this offer and work in the Blue Cage in Deptford. They are looking for community members to join their steering panel and grant making panel. As well as delivering their own detached youth work and intensive mentoring for young people most at risk of violence and exploitation, they have a pot of money to give to grass root organisations and they are looking for community members and young people to help with the decisions on where the money goes. Laura is happy to

	<p>attend SNT meetings and will share contact details with interested parties at the end of the meeting.</p>
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3. **Family Hubs - Lou Neville-Ball, Family Hubs Manager, Lewisham Council**



Family Hubs and
Start for Life - Safer N

Lou Neville-Ball shared the above presentation.

There is a youth review currently happening with Lewisham Council and Family Hubs are working with the consultant of that review to ensure their offer is inclusive of young people. Family Hubs are also developing a curriculum for life with the Young Mayors team.

Family Hubs have access to interpreters (Language line) to assist with families who need this support. However, some families do not find this service helpful and would prefer staff who spoke their language.

Keith requested literature from Lou and invited Natasha to visit the Evelyn Community Centre where a lot of children and families attend.

There are a number of different organisations working on the Honour Oak Estate. Organisations should be working together to prevent a duplication of work and to share intel.

Organisations in the room did not know until now that there is a youth review and feel the current youth offer is inadequate.

MPS updates (Ward priorities/ new communications strategy/ funding received for Operation Nightingale/London Race Action Plan)- Metropolitan Police Service

Funding has been received from the Home Office for Operation Nightingale. This Operation will take place in Rushey Green, Newcross and Lewisham Town Centre where Police will provide an overt Police presence 14 hours a week over 3 days. The process is being monitored.

In relation to ward Priorities, all Wards by July 31st need to ensure their priorities are aligned with Borough crime fighting priorities. Priorities will be monitored and reviewed by weekly.

Ward Panels historically have been prescriptive with low membership and the same Chair and Secretaries for years. The vision needs to be expanded with a flexible approach and more people need to be encouraged to attend.

The new communications strategy has been to reach out to young people to see what they want to see from Police in relation to how they communicate. They have reached out to Lewisham College, Goldsmiths University and Lewisham Youth Theatre with mixed results. They are looking for young volunteers to act as consultants and work on projects. They can bring funding and IT to the table. Please refer young people who are interested.

The London Race Action Plan is a Metropolitan Police programme that encompasses how Police should interact with the Black community. There has been a consultation in Lewisham and there will be another next week at the 2000 Community Action Centre from 12 to 2pm. If you wish to attend please inform the SNB Chair, Rosemarie.

James suggested that a Ward Panel Chair meeting be held to ensure panels are aware of what changes need to take place by 31st July.

Adrian stated that Data regarding Operation Nightingale will be shared when it is available.

Ward Panels in many cases have been over promising. Now the focus will be on community Policing and targeting crimes such as Theft. Hot spots have been identified and Officers will be patrolling. Lewisham focused tasking group chaired by SI Pavitt which looks at Lewisham Hots spots and where resources should go so ward priorities will change in line with this.

Cllr Bill stated that there are no venues to hold the meetings for the Ladywell Ward and speeding is an issue for residents.

Although guidance states that the meetings should take place in the community, Lewisham Police Station can be used if access to venues is a barrier. Lewisham have 1 handheld speed monitoring device for speed monitoring. Volunteers can receive training for this.

Liam stated that is inconsistency and too many stumbling blocks when setting up Ward Panels. He asked if a Police representative can attend a LFR meeting happening on Monday.

4. Safer Neighbourhood Board updates on activities and meetings

There are no reports from the Ward Panel Chair, IAG and Neighbourhood Watch.

Hate Crime Working Group (HCWG)

HCWG met on June 21st. Membership has increased. Stop Hate were unable to attend the last meeting. The second week in October is Hate Crime Awareness Week (HCAW) so they will be promoting events and will provide updates on events taking place that week in Lewisham.

Met Command Centre 999/101 calls


The 999 group will be meeting again on September 18th. They will be producing their own plan for the forum meeting going forward. They have asked the MET CC Command Centre to outline plans prior to the meeting. They will also be agreeing to changes. There is a decision to suspend meetings until the end of the year and disband the forum following this due to concerns raised by members.

Community Monitoring Group (CMG)

CMG have attended meetings at Union Street with Alice Bird. They have been panel participants with Lond Race Action Plan (LRAP). The scheduled Body Worn Camera viewing for tomorrow has been postponed due to Officer Deployment. CMG have their first open meeting coming up soon and will inform members of when this will be.

Independent Custody Visitors (ICV)

ICV have been looking at children and vulnerable adults in custody. They have been also looking at custody transport at Bromley Magistrates Court and the issues it is causing with detainees being transferred to and from the Court. They now have 3 new recruits (Custody Visitors). An emerging concern is the conditions of Lewisham Custody cells and facilities which is impacting staff and detainees.

5.	<p>Any Other Business</p> <p>Annual General Meeting (AGM)</p> <p>AGM will be taking place on September 24th 2024 at 7pm to 9pm. There are vacancies that the Board is hoping to fill. They need a representative for Victim Support, IAG and new Board members. The website will have more information on this and how to apply.</p> <p>Kieran Connolly, CEO and Founder of Sports Fun 4 All</p> <p>Kieran shared the below presentation.</p> <div data-bbox="252 638 304 698"></div> <p>Safer Community Engagement Forum Pr</p>
	<p>Public Meeting Actions</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• LFR framework to be shared with SNB• Police to share the Community Quality Impact Assessment with the SNB• Police (SI Pavitt) to share data about LBL children held in Police Custody with SNB <p>Actions regarding concerns raised in Evelyn and Deptford</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Use the Ward Panels to continue the conversations and agree plans to deal with the rising issues in Evelyn and Deptford• SNB/community groups to look at funding opportunities• Call to men/fathers to volunteer to patrol/mentor• local community meeting where the Police can attend as guests and a parallel meeting with professionals <p>Future Public meeting dates taking place at the Civic suite with MS Teams hybrid joining option available:</p> <p>24th September 2024 7pm to 9pm Public Meeting/Annual General Meeting (AGM)</p> <p>10th December 2024 7pm to 9pm Public Meeting</p>