

Brixton North Safer Neighbourhood Ward Panel

Minutes of meeting held on 8 July at SW9 Robsart Street

Chair of the meeting: Diana Linskey

Attendees in person: Diana Linskey, Michelle Killington, Steven Warran, Valentina Ciacchio (Notting Hill Oak Square), Charlene Hutsebaut, Jasmine Ankele, Samuel Kamara, Pius Izebere (Loughborough), Henry Umeh (Lambeth Enforcement). Maria Wallenius, Pzita Angeli, John Payne, Ronaldo Commisarius, John Ibrahim, Mary Ekenichi. .

some people did not sign in.

Attendees on the line: (via Teams) – chat monitored by **PCSO Steve Bradley** so questions could be raised. No questions raised during the meeting.

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- 1 **Officers in attendance:** Sergeant Gavin Ring, PCSO Dowler, PCSO Bradley,
- 2 **Welcome, apologies and introductions:**
 - a. Apologies – Peter Impey
 - b. Diana welcomed all to the meeting. She introduced the new SNT Sergeant Gavin Ring.
- 3 **Minutes and actions from last meeting:**
 - a. Minutes were agreed.

4 Women's Safety Design Audits Pilot Project – Michelle Killington

Michelle talked through a presentation on the she had taken part in funded by MOPAC and TFL on Womens safety Audit on designing a tool to help people map areas where they did not feel safe. For Brixton the underground station was felt to be a major place where women did not feel safe. Also if bus indicators were not working, and issues around public toilets etc.

Discussion raised the following points: lighting issues, foliage around Max Roach Park areas, bus stops.

It has been discussed of a need to have public health at the meeting. If possible I think it would be great as it was very apparent women within the community, including me, do not feel safe.

ACTION: all to email the team BrixtonNorth@met.police.uk setting out areas on the ward where they did not feel safe.

VAWG is a serious issue, and several people present raised incidents which had happened to them in Brixton.

5. Presentation from Ward SN Police team on actions to deliver the first quarter 2025 Priorities

Current crime levels, ASB, etc

Burglary residential and business both up though numbers low. As usual bike thefts, garages broken into, communal areas parcel thefts. Thefts and vehicle theft - Bike thefts up, thefts from motor vehicles about the same, shoplifting down but under reported especially by the COOP, theft from person down a bit concentrated near the town centre and also along Stockwell Road. Drug trafficking and possession up slightly and more towards Max Roach Park. VAWG - up from 36 to 46 incidents spread across the ward. SNT have done 2 walks and talks about VAWG on the ward with 4 attendees. Happy to do more.

ASB stats ????

Actions taken –

Daily pop ins to Ladbrooks Brixton Road as ASB being reported

Moped returned to owner on Loughborough Estate

Op Sceptre – SNT have visited non-chain stores that sell knives where they have agreed to join retailer agreement= on safe storage and sale of knives.

6. Community concerns, discussion of recent/current crime and public safety matters

Aggressive begging -in and around the Town Centre.

Max Roach Park – Foliage, drug taking, litter, lighting. Worried we will get rough sleeping again, and street drinking. Making it a difficult place for kids and families over summer holidays.

Angell Town – dogs being let loose without owners present in areas designed for children to play and where dogs are not permitted.

7. Report from Ward Councillors

Cllr Nanda Manley-Browne reported that the Jungle Bar alcohol licence application would be heard at Licensing Committee on 17 July. Some members of the Panel and local residents had objected as individuals following ASB late at night in the area and the police did not support the application as it stood. UPDATE the Licensing Committee was adjourned to 4 September but we were advised on 12 August that the application had been withdrawn. It now appears the Jungle Bar premises are up for lease. See <https://propertylink.estatesgazette.com/property-details/7044299-large-restaurant-shop-to-let-with-basement-133-stockwell-road-brixton-london-sw9-9tn>

- 1 8. Agreeing priorities for the next quarter and actions on them

8. Ward Priorities:

Prevent serious violence and knife crime by proactive patrols and youth engagement throughout the ward. (SNT Priority)

Reducing and targeting the drug use in and around the BNT2 area (incl Oak Square which was challenging at present) and Brixton Terrace areas of the ward.

Targeting drug use, street drinking in and around Max Roach park, St John's Crescent and Brixton Terrace

(Sam reported decrease in drug taking recently which was very welcome)

Increasing engagements with young people, and community groups focusing on the Angell Town and Loughborough areas.

All in agreement to carry on with these priorities.

9. Date/venue next meeting - TBC

Upcoming engagement on 7 June in Angell Town – lunch will be provided by Angel Delight

10 Any other business: - none