

Christine Barrett's notes following a meeting of Mottingham & Chislehurst North Safer Neighbourhood Panel, 18 August 2010

I attended a meeting of the panel on Wednesday 18th August 2010 Held at the Elms Public House (formerly the Porcupine). The Panel was very well attended by a large number of residents, representatives from Bromley Borough Council, Bromley Community Engagement Forum (BCEF), and the Metropolitan Police Authority and London Assembly Member. Members of The Mottingham Police SN Team were in attendance, **Sgt Noakes**, 2PCs and 3 PCS. **Chief Inspector Schuser** from Bromley Police Station also attended the meeting.

Sgt Noakes stated that recent crime figures were available on the HMP web site link. In June there had been 7 resident burglaries, 4 robberies and 66 anti-social incidents. A general discussion took place on the theft of motor vehicles and number plates, anti-social behaviour and noise pollution. **Sgt Noakes** urged everyone to report directly to local police any criminal incidents in order for police to keep updated records and assist in crime prevention arrests. The SN Team is not responsible for keeping crime statistics. Also the Borough council deals with any noise problems. **Sgt Noakes** stated that there had been no recent dangerous dogs incidents.

There was a heated general discussion about the lack of police presence in the area. Residents were still disappointed by the recent events regarding the old team, and dissatisfaction with the new team's approach in gaining knowledge of the area. **Chief Inspection Schuser** listened to the residents' concerns and assured the panel that the members of the new team were conscientious and doing their jobs as well as they were able, and she had every faith that this unfortunate situation would be resolved as soon as possible.

Judith Cross, the Chair of the BCEF stated that Mottingham had been let down by the last SN team but she asked residents to work in partnership with the new team (all of whom had volunteered to be transferred here) and give them a chance to show their potential. Judith explained that the BCEF work in partnership with the police in accordance with the Safer Neighbourhood agreement.

James Cleverly MPA stated that the old team's bad behaviour would be resolved by the new team but that patience is needed and the team would benefit from working with residents.

Jo Guest from the Mottingham Community & Learning shop was willing for the Police to hold their weekly surgeries in the shop until a permanent location was found. Residents requested that the details of these surgeries and street meeting were advertised more readily, and various ideas for notices to be placed around the area were discussed.

Sue Turner from the BYS Castlecombe, the Youth leader gave an update on youth activities in the borough and in the Castlecombe youth centre. There have been various successes on recent activities but she informed the panel that with possible future government funding cuts the youth club will be effected in the long term. Lottery funding is thought to be allocated to the Mottingham area, but we await further details.

Ward Policing priorities are: 1. Burglary, and 2. ASBO's.

Next meeting to be held the St. Edwards Church Hall on Wednesday 6th October 2010 at 6.30pm (to be confirmed)

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