Meeting Minutes - [Arnos Grove]

**Location:** Barchester - Southgate Beaumont Care Home, 15 Cannon Hill, N14 7DJ

**Date:** 03/05/2023

**Time:** 19:00

## Attendance

1 Alok Agrawal (Cape Chair) (AA)

 2 Cllr Adrian Grumi

3 Cllr Paul Pratt

4 Tom Mautner (TM)

5 Phil Mariutto (PMa)

6 Peter Musgrave (PMu)

7 Fevzi Hussain

8 Sgt Lamar Downer

9 PC Usman Siddiq

10 PCSO Salomao

11 Donald Arthur

12 Isaac Hogarth (IH)

13 Edward Gray

**Apologies for absences**

No apologies received

## Agenda Items

1. The meeting started with AA introducing himself, then each person presenting themselves.

AA explained that there would be an election for a new CAPE chair at this meeting.

AA further explained that two priorities will be chosen, those priorities are the main concerns for Arnos Grove community.

1. PMu brought up various matters arising from the previous meeting which were discussed.

The point about beggars was discussed. Sgt Downer explain people should call 101 and report any sightings. Patrols are now being conducted and warnings were given but beggars come and go so it is an ongoing issue that the police and community will need to work on.

1. PMa asked what happens when you call 101.

Sergeant Downer explain that it may vary depending on the nature of the crime or the specific issue.

1. TM raised a concern about vehicle crime and whether the police have sufficient resources to deal with it.

His reason for asking was because he had not noted any prosecutions against vehicle crime for the last two years. Sgt Downer answered that he had seen prosecutions however evidence is required, provided by the victims or others, such as forensic material, video footage, witnesses etc. Sgt Downer also added that criminals are becoming smarter using sophisticated technology and making it difficult to prevent vehicle crime. He explained that there are two types of crime categorised as motor vehicle crime. (1) Theft from motor vehicles which are carried out by opportunists who see an easy way to make money, likely for funds for use drugs addictions (2) Theft *of* motor vehicles, thieves who steal vehicles and are linked to criminal organizations. Criminals will take cars out of the country with 24 hours. Police investigate those in different ways. TM insisted that he do not see a number about prosecution for Motor vehicle crimes.

1. IH asked what Police can do about investigation and prevention.

Sgt Downer explained that for information and tips on crime prevention the police provide notifications using Twitter, Owl, email and the Next Door Neighbour app. Advice such as keeping car keys in a Faraday pouch, using a steering wheel lock, always make sure the vehicle is locked etc. Regarding carrying out investigations, again it all depends on how much evidence can be collected - forensic, CCTV footage and witnesses.

1. TM suggested that every house should be leafleted with advertising about keeping keys in a faraday pouch or metal tins.

AA explained that for leaflets to be produced and delivered it needs financial resources and police do not have it. Tom insisted that invest in those leaflets is better than social media.

1. PMu spoke how CAPE meetings should be conducted, and that he was disappointed with the way in which the CAPE meetings were running.

AA said that he has to explain what he expects and that the CAPE meeting is running in accordance with all boroughs of London.

1. TM asked for how long CAPE had been going.

AA said CAPE had started in 2004. TM mentioned that he has been a magistrate in the area for 20 years, also with a number of other connections and involvement with the local community, and he was disappointed that he had not heard about CAPE previously. He asked how people can become involved and why little was known locally about CAPE. TM will notify members of his local WhatsApp group about CAPE..

1. TM asked why not have a CAPE meeting with 50 people?

PC Lamar and PCSO Salomao explained that the maximum number of members for a CAPE committee is 25. Ideally members should be drawn from people from different sectors of the community, business, residents and other stakeholders. Police and the community should work together to communicate and try find ways to resolve issues relevant to the CAPE committee. CAPE is not a public meeting for people to raise personal issues. CAPE membership should be representatives of a road or a sector of the community, not their own interest.

1. TM suggested that once a year the community should be invited to a wider meeting to come and raise their concerns.

AA explained that for big meetings the Superintendent need to be contacted and needs to approve the meeting being held.

1. Cllr Pratt asked if there is a community wide meeting planned for 2023.

AA responded that the Superintendent needs to organize big meetings as well as leaflets and matters which involve financial resources.

1. PM suggested that CAPE meetings should be capable of lasting more than one hour.
2. Crime figures were presented to members of CAPE.

There was a discussion about crimes possibly not been reported to police which may include residents being concerned that insurance premiums can potentially raise the premium cost. SGT Downer said that the police work with numbers. If a crime is not reported it is not flagged to the police and the police cannot record the incident or investigate it. Police have crimes analysis and that Chief Inspector directs attention to areas in the borough where higher numbers of crimes are reported. AA explained why it is important to report a crime.

1. TM raised the concern about ASB in the parade at Cannon Hill, parking on double yellow lines and on the pavement and men gathering around in groups. He suggested that penalty parking tickets should be issued to drivers by Police or by a PCSO. PC Lamar explained that parking issues are a Council matter.
2. TM mentioned what appeared to be undesirable men who gather around the Cannon Hill parade. He said that he heard from a third party that there may be illegal gambling, prostitution and other illegal activities happening there.
3. There was a discussion about motor vehicle speeding,= and parents badly parking on roads around schools.

Priorities were listed as motor vehicle related crimes, robberies and ASB on the Cannon Hill parade. Cllr Grumi brought up Council feedback about the Cannon Hill parade. The camera is working, tables and chairs were not allowed for the Wake Up Lounge café. The Wake Up Lounge has changed owners and name although there is no information available about new owner. Eagles Hill seems a nice place and members were encouraged to go there and support trade.

**AGM**

1. Election for new CAPE chair.

Chairman nominations were from AA and TM, for vice chair PMa was nominated and, for secretary, PMu’s name was put forward. The nominees for chairman separately introduced themselves to the members and provided some biographical background. Members voted for the position of chair where TM was elected, the vice chair is PMa and the secretary is PMu.

1. TM thanked AA for the work done in his time as chair of the CAPE and wished him well.
2. TM asked for dates for next three meetings to go into the diary and PCSO will provide dates of when the police were able to attend. As well as members being notified of the future meetings, Councillors will also be consulted to ensure they can attend. TM will provide an agenda.
3. Tom thanked everybody for attending, in particular, the Police and the Councillors and asked that everyone spread the message about the CAPE meeting on social media and WhatsApp groups.

## Action Items

1. *Motor vehicle crimes* - how to deliver crime prevention. Is it possible to create and distribute leaflets? How to deliver leaflets? Costs?
2. *Penalty parking tickets* - who will issue tickets? Council?
3. *ASB Cannon Hill* - what can be done by the Police? Next steps?