

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

Date: 23 May 2024

Time: 19:00

In attendance

Members

Tom Mautner (CAPE chair) (TM)

Phil Mariutto (PMa)

Andreas Kozis (AD)

Peter Musgrave (PMu)

Tabassum Kamker (TK)

Aamir Kamker (AK)

Police

Sgt Stuart Tillotson (ST)

PCSO Vanderli Salomao (VS)

Observers

Donald Arthur

Sabrina O'Reilly

Jolanta Kurzynska

Agenda items:

1 Apologies for Absence

Fevzi Hussein

Adele Christofi

Edward Gray

Christian Ignatiou

Cllr Paul Pratt

2 Minutes of previous meetings and matters arising

Minutes of the meeting held on 7 February were approved.

Matters arising would be dealt within relevant agenda items

3 Chairman's update and welcome to new members

TM welcomed everyone to the meeting and, in particular, new members Andreas Kozis, Tabaassum Khamker and Aamir Khamker. TM also welcomed our new senior police representative, Sgt Stuart Tillotson.

4/5 Contact with other local CAPE's and Community Organisations

TM has attended a Safer Neighborhood Board meeting where he was able to make contact with the other CAPE Chairs.

TM reported that at that SNB meeting he proposed that a WhatsApp group for CAPE Chairs be created to help with contact between CAPE's and to update each other on local matters. The proposal was accepted and now there is a WhatsApp group which will improve communication between CAPE Chairs.

TM asked if the members of Arnos Grove CAPE would approve a proposal for Chairs from different Wards to attend each other's meetings as guests to understand how each CAPE from different Wards are doing, to exchange experiences on how to deal with community issues. This suggestion was approved.

There is now a new Chair and exec team for the Safer Neighborhood board.

Funds may be made available for use by local ward CAPEs and this was being investigated for suitable projects

6 Police report and priorities

The crime figures report had been previously circulated .

VS mentioned that with limited time available she had been unable to provide data from last year showing the number of crimes to compare with this year's data. Meanwhile she is conducting visits and patrolling Arnos Grove on her own and with the help of Sgt Tillotson.

PMu compared the number of crimes in between the months of NOV/DEC/JAN to the months of FEB/MAR/APRIL. There was increase in theft of motor vehicles and attempt of burglaries. There had been a decrease in burglary, theft from motor vehicles, theft from persons, shopping lift and drugs matters.

VS said that there is now more reporting following a campaign to the public by police and CAPE members.

Sgt ST also explained that a significant number of people have residential cameras and ring doorbells which is also a reason for people to report more as they are able to see what is happening by reviewing videos from the cameras and doorbells.

On the theft of motor vehicles, VS said there had been an increase in the number of recovered vehicles which was in part due to tracker systems having been installed in vehicles. Criminals steal vehicles and then leave them parked locally waiting to see if the vehicle is tracked or not. If no one recovers the vehicle then the thieves will return and take it.

There was a discussion about what can be done to prevent vehicles being stolen. VS said that steering wheel locks are still a good deterrent because they are visible.

TM mention referred to an action from the last meeting that was for the police report to include crime figures relevant to Laurel Park school. VS explained that the reports involving Laurel Park School were personal issues that happen with pupils or parents of pupils in schools and not crimes that would affect the general community or other students. TM said that Adele Christofi has asked for stats on crimes to be added to the figures circulated to include crimes that involve pupils on the way to and from school and, as an example, theft of mobile phones or other thefts as she could use police data to advert and alert the students in regard to safety. VS mentioned that she did not feel comfortable in sharing personal information that will not be relevant for the safety of the community.

TM said there had been a request for police to bring information on the outcome of crimes reported to which Sgt ST explained that outcomes are difficult to measure as some crimes do not have an outcome for some while due to delays in court, investigation, or the nature of the crime. It was agreed to report arrests, to give an idea of outcomes.

Priorities for SNT

Robberies

Burglaries

Motor Vehicle Crimes.

7 Councillors' report

No report

8 Cape website – comments

TM talked about the CAPE website and asked if the members looked at the site recently. If so, what the members think about it? VS mention she looked at the site and that she thinks that it need to be updated with new information.

PMA explained that it is difficult to get more people to see it as this kind of platform takes time to start and to have a good feedback.

VS mention that she could post on a Twitter account as she already does for the Arnos Grove SNT.

It was suggested by TM that this should be discussed on our next informal meeting.

9 Points from members

TM read the contents of an email re Dawlish Avenue sent by Fevzi Hussein.

There was a discussion about what was happening on Dawlish Avenue re burglaries and motor vehicles. Sgt ST explained why possibly Dawlish Avenue had been targeted by criminals and factors that can be linked to that. He explained that patrols have now been increased in the area.

TM referred to a burglary on Dawlish Avenue where an elderly resident had confronted the burglars. VS explained that she dealt with this burglary and had conducted a reassurance visit to the victim. She explained how the burglary had happened and what was done to reassure the resident.

There was a discussion about vehicles and insurance. PMu talked about how in his view there seemed to have been a marked increase in drivers committing infringements - speeding and careless driving, poor parking and general lack of attention to rules of the road. Sgt ST explained that the standards of driving are poor. He mentioned that dealing with parking infringements should be dealt with as a joint effort between the police and the Council.

TM talked about how the cameras were implemented to control traffic and how making them more visible to drivers might prevent drivers from infringing traffic laws. AK asked if it is possible to have more cameras installed around Arnos Grove.

There was a discussion about how difficult it is to have more cameras. This is a subject that was discussed with Council reps. It seems that the Council have only three cameras around the ward.

Sgt ST explains that criminals adapt to changes on security, now many people have cameras on houses and vehicles but criminals cover their faces with masks, hoods and wear gloves.

It was mentioned that it appeared that the number of males sitting in front of the café on Cannon Hill Parade seemed to be increasing. Sgt ST was asked if he is aware of this. Sgt ST responded that he is aware of the issue. Perhaps officers in plain clothes could observe.

10 Public access meeting

TM mention that it had been previously agreed that the date for the annual open CAPE meeting would be confirmed with the Councillors to coincide with one of their Ward meetings. To be discussed at the next CAPE meeting.

11 Other business

TM mention that Fox Lane Residents Association had invited him to make a presentation at their next meeting to give an overview of the AG CAPRE and its purpose and activities.

The meeting closed with TM thanking everyone for being present and for their contributions.

Next meeting – Wednesday 4 September at 7:00pm