

ELSTREE AND BOREHAMWOOD TOWN COUNCIL (EBTC)

COMMUNITY SAFETY MEETING (CSM)

MINUTES of a meeting held at Fairway Hall, Brook Close, Borehamwood, WD6 5BT on Wednesday 30 January 2019 at 7.00pm

Present:

- Cllr C Butchins (CSM Chairman - EBTC) (in the Chair)
- Cllr V Eni (EBTC Town Mayor)
- Cllr Mrs P Strack - EBTC
- Cllr R Butler - EBTC
- Cllr S Rubner - EBTC
- Cllr P Choudhury - (Community Safety and Performance Portfolio Holder) HBC
- Cllr J Newmark - HBC
- Cllr K Merchant - HBC
- B Brookman - Hertfordshire Fire and Rescue
- R Jarvis - Neighbourhood Watch
- S Newmann - Hertfordshire Youth Justice Service
- M Eni - BETTA
- S Alford - EBRA
- 20 additional Members of the Public
- D Salter - EBTC Entertainments Officer
- H R O Jones - EBTC Town Clerk

[Only those attending on behalf of an organisation and/or wishing their names to be included in the Minutes are recorded above.]

Abbreviations:

- EBTC - Elstree and Borehamwood Town Council
- HBC - Hertsmere Borough Council
- HCC - Hertfordshire County Council
- EBRA - Elstree and Borehamwood Residents' Association
- BETTA - Borehamwood and Elstree Twin Town Association

25. CHAIRMAN'S WELCOME AND HOUSEKEEPING NOTICES

The Chairman, Cllr C Butchins, welcomed those present to the second Town Council organised CSM.

26. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE AND SUBSTITUTIONS

The Chairman noted that these might follow after the meeting. In the meantime, apologies had been received from O Dowden (MP Hertsmere), D Wolstencroft (Clarion Housing), Cllr T Hone (HCC) and Inspector M Billsdon (Safer Neighbourhoods Inspector - Hertfordshire Constabulary).

27. DECLARATIONS OF COUNCILLORS' INTERESTS

There were none.

28. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

It was RESOLVED that:

the minutes of the meeting of 3 October 2018 be approved as a correct record and duly signed by the Chairman.

29. CSP AWARENESS EVENT

The Meeting watched a video about a CSP Awareness Event that focussed on parents learning about knife crime, gangs and county lines.

It was noted that more information about knife crime, gangs and drugs could be found at:

- www.stgilestrust.ork.uk
- www.crimestoppers-uk.org
- www.alisoncope.com
- www.nspcc.org.uk
- www.thejohnansontrust.org

30. POLICING

It was agreed that representations would be made to Hertfordshire Constabulary to encourage participation at future CSM meetings.

31. NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH POLICY

R Jarvis (Neighbourhood Watch) reported that there were 2,178 watches across Hertfordshire with 15,000 Members. He indicated that if there were interested parties present at the meeting, he would be available to come to perform a presentation about the work that he undertook.

He reiterated that the services of Neighbourhood Watch (covering some 11,000 households in Hertsmeare) could be advertised on Town Council noticeboards, its website and the Town Crier magazine. In essence, Neighbourhood Watch encouraged neighbours to get together, share information and prevent crime in their local community.

Residents could register for Online Watch Link (OWL) alerts about crime and local issues happening right now in their areas. This could help to prevent burglary, find missing people and even catch suspects (www.owl.co.uk).

32. HERTS FIRE AND RESCUE

Crew Commander B Brookman (Hertfordshire Fire and Rescue) reported on:

- The investigation was continuing in relation to the recent domestic fire in Croxdale Road, Borehamwood;
- The service was currently driving a number of community protection and road safety campaigns;
- Elderly residents were being targeted in the Service's efforts to promote education about fire safety;
- The importance of smoke detector inspections was emphasised again;
- It was noted that information about campaigns or initiatives run by Herts Fire and Rescue could always be published in the Town Council's Town Crier magazine, 8 Council notice boards and on the Council's website (e.g. CPR courses).

33. CLARION HOUSING

It was noted that D Wolstencroft (Clarion Housing) had provided her apologies for the meeting. The Chairman read out an extract of a written report kindly submitted by her in relation to an affordable housing statement at Windsor Close.

Cllr J Newmark (HBC) provided an update report on the Council's Housing Strategy, for information.

34. COUNCIL REPORTS

Cllr P Choudhury - (Community Safety and Performance Portfolio Holder HBC) provided a comprehensive update report on initiatives from a Borough Council perspective.

A written report was received from Cllr T Hone (Executive Member for Community Safety and Waste Management HCC). This included the following areas:

- New Year's Honours;
- Herts Emergency Services Collaboration Board (HESCB);
- Pensions Appeal by the Fire Brigades Union;
- Integrated Risk Management Plan (IRMP);
- Excellence in Fire and Emergency Rewards; and
- Trading Standards.

35. OPEN SESSION

Observations about local policing and community safety from the floor included:

- Removal of racist graffiti (all racist / hate crime to be reported by calling 101);
- Heathrow Consultation;
- Difficulties in sending video clips to Hertfordshire Constabulary (with options to use shared drives / hard drives suggested as alternative means of passing on this information);
- “Cuckooing” - where drugs dealers hide at the properties of vulnerable persons;
- Suicide prevention;
- Noting that all PCs/PCSOs details would be published in the next edition of the Town Crier magazine;
- Reports of racist crimes (against the Asian community) in Organ Hall/Manor Way shops (a meeting with Hertsmere Borough Council Councillors was suggested); and
- A targeted youth support scheme.

36. CHAIRMAN’S SUMMARY REPORT AND DATE OF NEXT MEETING:

It was noted that the remaining meeting dates for 2018/19 were as follows:

- 27 March 2019 at 7.00pm

at 7.00 pm at Fairway Hall, Brook Close, Borehamwood, WD6 5BT.

It was further noted that dates of the Transport and Road Safety Forum would be as follows:

- 20 February 2019 at 7.00pm
- 1 May 2019 at 7.00pm

37. CLOSURE AND DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The meeting closed at 8.05pm.

Date:..... CHAIRMAN.....