

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 5 June 2019 at 7.00pm

Present: Cllr C Butchins (CSM Chairman - EBTC) (in the Chair)
Cllr Mrs S Parnell – EBTC
Cllr P Kaza - EBTC
Cllr S Rubner - EBTC
S Alford - EBRA
4 additional Members of the Public
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

01. CHAIRMAN'S WELCOME AND HOUSEKEEPING NOTICES

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

02. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE AND SUBSTITUTIONS

Apologies for absence were received from Cllr Mrs P Strack (EBTC), Cllr P Choudhury - Hertsmere Borough Council Councillor and Community Safety and Performance Portfolio Holder, R Jarvis (Neighbourhood Watch), A Dismore AM (London Assembly: Barnet and Camden), Cllr T Hone (HCC), Cllr S Brown (HBC) and Cllr A Plancey (HBC - Mayor).

03. DECLARATIONS OF COUNCILLORS' INTERESTS

There were none.

04. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

It was RESOLVED that:

the minutes of the meeting of 7 March 2019 be approved as a correct record and duly signed by the Chairman.

05. POLICING

Due to no presence, there was no report. It was noted once again that representations had been made to Hertfordshire Constabulary to encourage participation at future CSM meetings.

06. NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH

There was no report.

07. HERTS FIRE AND RESCUE

There was no report.

08. CLARION HOUSING

There was no report.

09. COUNCIL REPORTS

A comprehensive written report was provided by Cllr P Choudhury - (Community Safety and Performance Portfolio Holder HBC) giving an update on initiatives from a Borough Council perspective. This included the following areas:

- Safer Minds – Community Support Worker Post (hosted by Mind Network) – supporting residents with mental ill-health and drug and alcohol problems;
- Be Fearless Against Abuse (in partnership with Crime Stoppers) – with second conference scheduled for 4 July 2019;
- South West Herts Youth Action Project “Early Intervention” for Young Violent Crime – in line with Hertfordshire Serious Violence Strategy - to intervene and prevent young people becoming victims and/or perpetrators. A dedicated project worker from St Giles Trust still covered the Hertsmere area;
- work with schools – Hertswood Academy hosted an awareness day on 26 April 2019, Elstree UTC supported a competition to raise awareness of knife crime, Cowley Hill school planned a community safety evening in June and a former gang member from

Reach Every Generation planned to deliver a bespoke session for parents and carers to educate them about gangs and gang culture;

- Safer Streets event held in Borehamwood on 6 April 2019;
- Training – in June, Hertsmere CSP hosted Prevent Training (safeguarding people and communities from the threat of terrorism).

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

- Hertford Fire Station and Service Recruitment Pass Out (27 April 2019);
- Operational Incidents relating to a cannabis factory in Potters Bar, House Fire in Welwyn Garden City and two other house fires;
- Fire Safety Prosecution in Bishop's Stortford;
- Princes Trust Presentations in Hatfield, Bishop's Stortford, Watford, Hemel Hempstead and Baldock; and
- The "Fit, Fed and Read" project held across six Fire Stations in Hertfordshire.

10. OPEN SESSION

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

- "Boy Racers" in Borehamwood – with associated problem of cannabis use whilst driving;
- Discussion around the recent incident where a car had crashed near the lake in Aberford Park and whether further action was intended by Police Officers;
- Cyber-Crime and a perceived difficulty in being able to resolve problems;
- removal of racist graffiti (all racist / hate crime to be reported by calling 101) – noting two recent anti-Semitic incidents recently at Aberford Park and near Borehamwood Synagogue on Croxdale Road;
- CCTV installation at Fairway Hall in response to advice from Hertfordshire Constabulary (noting incidents of theft, criminal damage and anti-social behaviour in or near the premises and vehicles owned by the Council);
- a desire by some residents and Councillors for better "face to face" contact with Hertfordshire Constabulary, especially at a Police Station;
- prolific shoplifting in Borehamwood by "known" offenders; and

- housing selection criteria in relation to criminal records and the role of Clarion Housing in any processes associated with this.

11. CHAIRMAN'S SUMMARY REPORT AND DATE OF NEXT MEETING:

It was noted that the remaining meeting dates for 2019 were as follows:

- 2 October 2019 at 7.00pm
- 4 December 2019 at 7.00pm

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

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

- 3 July 2019 at 7.00pm
- 23 October 2019 at 7.00pm

12. CLOSURE

The meeting closed at 8.00pm.

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