

HAMPTON WICK AND TEDDINGTON POLICE LIAISON GROUP

**NOTES OF THE MEETING HELD IN St MARY'S CHURCH
HALL ON THE 15TH JANUARY 2019**

1 Welcome

2 Apologise Councillor Baker and Annie Murray

3 Present 23 members of the public, Sgt MacCandless, 2 PCs
and

2 PSCOs Martyn Kingsford OBE TD (Chair) and Christina
Gore, Secretary

4 POLICE MATTERS AND CRIME UPDATE

ASB problems have been dealt with in Teddington, Key issues have been residential burglaries and car theft. The police have had to deal with a drug den in a housing association flat. A closure notice was served on the premises preventing the tenant using the premises for three months. If the Housing Association sought a possession order then the police would attend court. The Chair asked if the police had used closure orders in the private rented housing or with owner occupiers. The police answered no. A member asked about the recent murder in the area but the police could not comment.

A member asked about homeless beggars. The police said they know there are a number and they try to support by working with SPEAR and the Salvation Army. The Chair asked if begging was an offence? The police said, yes and no but they can serve a community protection order.

Hampton Wick The police reported that there are no trends. The police reported people are using drugs and mention was made of Teddington School. There were two break ins in Cedars Road since the last PLG. Sgt McCandless informed the meeting of a small company called Park Guard they have a striped van and drug trained dogs. They are paid by the Council and the Police say it has driven down crime. The Chair mentioned the Royal Parks where there was an initiative to recruit more voluntary rangers.

There was a discussion on door to door sales and whether the Council issued licences.

5 ISSUES RAISED BY THE PUBLIC.

There was a discussion on the use of 101 the numbers using the non emergency number had fallen however the service had improved. The Chair urged everyone to use 101.

There was a question about the future of Teddington Police Station. The police were unable to inform the meeting as to the future of the building

The matter of the relocation of the police rapid response unit from Kingston to Twickenham and the issue of noise from sirens through the night and day along Kingston Road and Strawberry Vale was raised. Residents had written to the local MP and asked the police if the sirens could be not used in the middle of the night. Sgt McCandless informed the meeting that the police drivers are highly trained but have to use the sirens when driving at high speed to an emergency failure to do so might result in the driver being prosecuted for dangerous driving etc. A member of the meeting while accepting the police comment asked why the unit could not be relocated back to Kingston. Another member reminded the meeting that there was a similar issue of the police wanting to open a holding prison in Teddington. The police withdrew this plan following a meeting of over 500 residents demonstrated Teddington's opposition.

The PLG directed the Chair to write to the local Superintendent concerning the whole issue.

6 PROMISES AND TARGETS FOR THE NEXT THREE MONTHS

The PLG agreed the following 1 ASB and Drugs and 2 Burglary

7 The Chair closed the meeting and thanked everyone for coming and wished the Police safe working and for them to take care.