

Shinewater Neighbourhood Panel Minutes

Thursday 24th February 2011 – 19.30-20.30 hours at the Shinewater Community Centre.

People attending: Sgt Ed Ripley, PC Louis Thompson, PCSO Andy Monico, Nathan Whittington, Councillor Troy Tester, Tracey Smith, Peter Cocks, Deborah Message, Matthew Ruffell, Paul Downes, Joyce Glassock, Veronica Graham, Angie Fox.

Introductions

Discussion regarding Neighbourhood Panels – Role of the Panel and its aims/ objectives.

Nominate a Chairperson and Secretary – Nathan Whittington elected as New Chair of the Panel.
Joyce Glassock considering becoming Secretary of the Panel.

Neighbourhood Priorities

- 1. Anti-social Behaviour**
 - **Disorderly behaviour**
 - **Speeding vehicles/ anti-social driving**

Underage drinking is more associated with the lighter evenings. We regularly patrol Milfoil Drive and Fern Close to deter such incidents and youth related anti-social behaviour. The Op Blitz Team is tasked to patrol those areas every Friday and Saturday evening.

The Roads Policing Unit continues to carry out covert operations in the Langney area to catch speeding/ dangerous motorists. Information is also shared with our NPT Ops team where regular local offenders have been identified. Particular attention has been given to the areas that you have identified as being particularly susceptible to this problem, including Larkspur Drive and Milfoil Drive.

This remains as a Neighbourhood Priority.

Neighbourhood Priority Patrol Area:

2. Fern Close and Sorrel Drive

We have responded to a number of incidents of criminal damage and disorderly behaviour in these locations. We have increased our patrols in the area, but we continue to receive reports from local residents. We have identified a group of youths who may be responsible and we are working with residents in the area to ensure that we suitably address and resolve this problem.

This also remains as the Neighbourhood Priority Patrol Area due to issues in the area.

New Police Priority: Stolen Vehicles in the Langney Area.

There have been two reports of stolen vehicles from the Shinewater area. There have been several more reports of stolen motor vehicles from the Langney Village, North and West Langney area. If anybody has any information then please contact Sgt Ripley on 07787 685688 or Crime Stoppers on 0800 555111.

Previous Police Priority: Drug dealing in the area

Proactive patrols in the area have disturbed drug dealing and deterred criminal activity. The amount of information being received regarding drug dealing in this area has decreased, but there are still some people out there who we are targeting as a result of information provided by you. I believe that our activity along with the vigilance of local residents and trusted reporting of suspicious activity will help to significantly reduce incidents of drug dealing in the area.

Warrants have been executed in the area, and we continue to develop intelligence regarding drug dealing in the area.

Incidents of note

Fire at Ranworth Close

PCSO Monico and PCSO Oakley saw smoke coming from a building in Ranworth Close. As they approached the building it was clear from the amount of smoke that a fire had taken hold inside. The officers were told that there may be children inside the address and they forced entry. They searched the premises until their vision was obscured by the smoke and confirmed that no persons were present inside. The officers rescued a dog from the premises. Thankfully no one was hurt.

Other Business

Possible Crossing in Shinewater

It has been highlighted that there is a need for a pedestrian crossing between the Causeway School and Shinewater Primary School. The feasibility etc of this is currently being explored.

A Community Speed Watch Scheme is also being looked into.

Road Safety for the Disabled in the Area

It was brought to our attention that there have been a couple of incidents regarding some residents from Shinewater Court, Milfoil Drive crossing the road at night when there have been oncoming vehicles. PCSO Andy Monico will liaise with Shinewater Court, and give some road safety advice.

Date of Next Panel Meeting: Thursday 19th May 2011 (7.30pm) at the Shinewater Community Centre.