



Minutes of Five Road Forum AGM **January 12, 2008.**

Apologies:

James Buchanan.

Minutes of last year's AGM:

Approved.

Chairman's Report

Lisa Hall:

Planning and development

Daniels development: the flats are now completed. Daniels are definitely not going to occupy the store. The PCT are considering the option of taking on the lease for a large surgery, which may be helpful locally from the infrastructure point of view. The warehouse application has been approved on appeal but it is not certain the development will go ahead if the store is not developed. A planning application for a house on the narrow alleyway into Denmark Road has been rejected on appeal again.

Sinclair House: this is nearing completion. It is noted that the adjacent Drayton Court Hotel sustained basement flooding as a consequence of the work.

Parking Services Office: a planning application has been made to redevelop this site on the Uxbridge Road as an hotel.

West Ealing Station: There are plans for the improvement of the station to coincide with Crossrail. Accessibility will be better.

Major development plans in Ealing town centre include 'The Leaf' on the Arcadia site, and Dicken's Yard. These will add something like 1700 new dwellings. Local residents are encouraged to respond to the consultation on this and make their views clear.

Street Party

The turnout for the annual street party was excellent, and surplus income was generated. A donation was made to Cancer Research. Many thanks to Isabelle Peacock and her helpers for organising such a successful and enjoyable event.

Traffic issues

As far as rat running through Denmark and Arden Roads is concerned, a traffic study has been approved by Ealing Council but this has been absorbed into a larger study of the Lido junction, organised by TFL which is pending.

Our councillors have been asked to push forward re-consultation on the CPZ hours. However the new administration at the Town Hall is commissioning a study of all CPZs. However ours is on the priority list, and we hope that re-consultation may be within the next 6 months.

Environment and crime

Broughton Court is completing its facelift. The scaffolding is coming down this month. Finally, residents are getting an entry-phone system for each staircase, which will help security.

The 'Streetwatchers' scheme has made a big difference all over the Borough, particularly in relation to the clear up of graffiti. Lisa is currently the Ealing Broadway Chair for the scheme.

Neighbourhood Watch: this is to be implemented this year. Driving this forward is Anthony Frampton, our Police Community Safety Officer (PCSO).

Harri Jenkins:

Planning issues

Mentioned the TVU development which is mainly an office building, but with residential development in the form of maisonettes to the rear which are adjacent to Craven Road.

In the last year there had been a meeting at the Town Hall to allow local resident groups and other interested parties (such as Ealing Civic Society) to have some input to plans for the development of Ealing Town centre. Broadly speaking, most people there felt that the way forward for Ealing should be in the form of better quality shops and restaurants – that we should not become just another generic high street. It was noted that the new Westfield Centre at Shepherd's Bush would have an impact on Ealing. The future for West Ealing's shops is also uncertain. West Ealing Neighbours are working hard on this issue and have come up with a number of good ideas. There have been some positive retail developments in this area.

Secretary's Report:

Harri Jenkins re-iterated thanks to Isabelle and her team for a great street party which we felt had a really good atmosphere and was very inclusive.

Treasurer's Report:

In the absence of Mike Hallam, Lisa Hall presented the accounts. Surplus from the street party was £229.24; payments for the year were £62.00 (subscription to Ealing Centre Partnership and a donation to Cancer Research), leaving a balance at 31/12/07 of £912.23 (up from £751.99 on 1/1/2007). There has since been an anonymous donation of £50.00.

Street Reps Reports:

Catherine Racadio for Broughton Road:

There have been issues of rubbish being dumped in the street from the Daniels development as the flats fill up. This comes under the heading of envirocrime, and could be dealt with via the Broughton Road streetwatcher.

The issue of repairing the road and pavement after damage caused by lorries delivering to the Daniels site during the works was discussed. Apparently nothing will be done

until 'the shop is fitted out' as technically the work is not finished until then. Catherine will chase this up with Aileen Jones in Planning, since Daniels no longer plan to fit out the shop.

The issue of whether or not the Daniels quarter residents should be invited to join the FR was raised. It was decided that this should be reviewed next year at the AGM. They are developing their own residents association, but clearly there will be overlapping issues. It was reiterated though that Daniels quarter residents lie outside our CPZ.

Isabelle Peacock for Hartington Road:

The builders working at Broughton Court have generally been considerate. There was some noise from their generator but this is going now.

The possibility of placing a memorial on the Broughton Court site was discussed. This would be in memory of the victims of one of the greatest civilian losses of life in the Blitz when a parachute mine landed here. We might involve the Ealing Civic Society in this. It would also be a way of preserving the open space at Broughton Court.

Will Redpath for Denmark Road:

Will explained his reasons for not standing again as street rep. He expressed disappointment that he'd had little contact from residents during the year.

Kuldeep Gharatya for Arden Road:

Rat running is becoming more of a problem if anything (discussion about this detailed in Chair's report).

The car park at the end of Arden Road was now being kept much cleaner. A bin has been placed adjacent to it which seems to have solved this problem.

We need to take forward the development of the play area on Arden Road.

He suggested that we might develop the idea of a welcome pack for new residents, and will look into engaging local businesses to take advertising space in this to fund it.

Playground – the council should take responsibility for cleaning it.

James Buchanan for Hastings Road:

Absent for meeting – no report.

Election of Officers:

Lisa Hall was elected as Chair for another year.

Harri Jenkins was elected as secretary.

Mike Hallam was voted in as treasurer.

Street Reps:

Isabelle Peacock (Hartington Road), **James Buchanan** (Hastings Road), **Kuldeep Gharatya** (Arden Road), **Catherine Racadio** (Broughton Road), **Ken Brown** (Hastings House), **Neil Ashton and Renata Walus** (Broughton Court), **Robin Marshall** (Denmark Road).

Will Redpath was thanked for his work as Denmark Road rep. Ken Brown suggested that for newsletters and other notices, it might be more efficient for Hastings House (and perhaps for Broughton Court) to have large versions of these posted in each stairwell, rather than to deliver to each dwelling.

Community Liaison Officer: Isabelle Peacock.

Neighbourhood Watch Liaison Officer: Sy Comerford.

Planning Liaison Officer: no volunteers again this year.

Invited Speaker: Antony Frampton – PCSO

Antony talked about re-launching the Neighbourhood Watch scheme locally, to include the St. Leonards and Craven Road areas. Co-ordinators are needed for each road (there could be more than one). They act as a focal point for crime prevention and awareness in the community. They would be invited to attend meetings (organised by the police) every 3 months, and would be given access to the latest crime statistics for the area, and early notice of any new issues. There was the possibility of emailing broadcasts of information. Those interested were invited to give their names at the end of the meeting.

During the winter months, the main crime in the area had been vehicle related, especially around Broughton Road. This involved the theft of sat.navs and radios. Interestingly the cars targeted had mostly been non-residents. PC Frampton outlined simple measures that could be taken including making your car look empty when parked. He circulated a number of leaflets on home and car security. There is the possibility of increased use of CCTV in the area. He outlined the role of home prevention surveys, with property-specific advice, and the use of ‘smart’ water. He pointed out that burglar alarms are a deterrent (even fake ones – as are fake CCTV cameras).

Members of Five Roads Forum contributed a number of comments and questions. It was suggested that notices might be put up to warn people to be vigilant at crime ‘hotspots’ in the area.

The lack of a police response to a serious incident that had occurred in the early hours of the morning in Hartington Road was highlighted. PC Frampton said he would look into this.

Some people had had problems getting through to the police by phone, and had been unsure of the best number to ring (other than in an emergency). PC Frampton said that there had been issues with their office number as they had moved recently. There would be 2 direct mobile phone numbers, and new Neighbourhood Watch signs would be erected with contact information. He also gave out the contact number of the Police Station (02088101212), the Safer neighbourhoods team (02086499543), and his own email address (antony.frampton@met.police.pnn).

Other business

Heathrow expansion: This could lead to a massive expansion in the number of flights. The consultation period ends on February 27th. Further information can be found on Ealing Council’s website, and there is a public meeting to be held on Wednesday 16th January.

Panorama: The Panorama programme will be filming locally tomorrow and would like to have a group of kids playing in the street. Anyone wanting to take part was asked to be at the corner of Broughton and Denmark Road at 11.15am.

CPZ: A number of views were expressed about the CPZ hours. Some were happy with the current arrangements, while others were keen on extending the hours into the evening (to 6.30 or 7.00 pm) and on Saturday morning.

The meeting closed at 12:30, and was followed by refreshments.