

Arnos Grove CAPE

Minutes of meeting

Location: Southgate Beaumont Care Home, 15 Cannon Hill, N14 7DJ

Date: 29 November 2023

Time: 19:00

In attendance

Tom Mautner (CAPE chair) (TM)

Cllr Adrian Grumi (AG)

Cllr Paul Pratt (PP)

Phil Mariutto (PMa)

Peter Musgrave (PMu)

Fevzi Hussein (FH)

Sgt Lamar Downer (LD)

PC Usman Siddiq (US)

PCSO Vanderli Salomao (VS)

Edward Gray (EG)

Donald Arthur (DA) (observer)

Christian Ignatiou (CI) (from Fox Lane Association)

Apologies for absences

Alok Agrawal

Isaac Hogarth

Agenda Items

Matters Arising

- David Sumeray would not be joining the CAPE as a member and Alok would be continuing
- TM had received the email address for the Borough Commander
- Stopping caravan access to Arnos Park had been dealt with (see below)
- A parking enforcement officer had been to the Green and the top of The Mall
- Reporting of crime figures had been expanded (see below)
- TM had been in touch with the SNT re wider meetings

Chairman's update

1. TM welcomed everyone to the meeting
2. TM started the meeting speaking about his efforts to contact the Borough Commander. He mentioned that although the Borough Commander had not responded, there was an officer issuing fixed penalty tickets to vehicles parked on double yellow lines on The Mall a few days after the email had been sent. PMu mentioned that the Borough Commander had not responded to the email that FH had sent about a meeting of the Dawlish Avenue residents/representatives to discuss the increase in crime activities in that road. It was felt that it would be helpful if the Borough Commander could at least acknowledge emails when members of community try to contact her
3. TM mentioned that the Safe Neighborhood Board were having a committee meeting (tonight), the same date as CAPE meeting. He explained that he received the information about the meeting just a few days ago and he had contacted the secretary about the shortness of notice.
4. PMu spoke about the improvements of the gates of Arnos Park restricting access by caravans. PP explained that the gate now is locked from Waterfall Road and that the top bar will be always locked to prevent caravans parking on Arnos Park grounds. Barriers have been created.
5. PMu thanked PCSO Salomao for the minutes of the previous meeting..
6. TM talked about bringing new members on to CAPE. He is in contact with people to come to meeting.
7. There was a discussion about why people are reluctant to come to CAPE meetings or how its existence could be advertised better
8. TM asked for the contact details for CAPE chairs from other Wards.
9. **PP said he will let TM have the contact details of the New Southgate CAPE chair.**
10. **PMa mention that he would send Palmers Green chair's contact details to TM.**
11. EG asked CI to give suggestions about how to promote CAPE, as the Fox Lane Association is very well represented.
12. AG said it is important to have members from Ward to represent different sectors.
13. PMa said that people do not attend for numerous reasons, some do not want to commit to attend meetings even though it would be just one every three months, others do not understand what CAPE is.

14. EG spoke about the creation of the flyers to promote CAPE. He suggested that it could be done with one side of a page advising about the importance of reporting a crime and the other side inviting people to join CAPE. **This would be followed up with EG getting together with other members**
15. PMa suggested having a Zoom facility for meetings to increase the number of people joining CAPE.
16. TM said that he invited a number of people to join including the headteacher of Laurel Park school and had asked if a suitable senior pupil could be identified to join as well. PMu said he had invited two or three people but had received no positive responses.
17. DA talked about how difficult is to get people to join CAPE.
18. PP said that people do not understand that it is an opportunity for them to have an opportunity to bring matters to the attention of the SNT and Council representatives face to face and talk about issues that concern them.
19. Sgt LD agreed with PP and said that one of the main complaints and frustrations for members of community is that they say they do not physically see Police around and about the local area
20. EG suggested that instead of only speaking with someone we should also leave something like a flyer with them explaining what CAPE is and how to join. T
21. There should also more activity between meetings feels that in between meetings in terms of promoting CAPE with follow-up between meetings.
22. PMu explained that he attended the meeting of Chairman of the CAPEs on TM's behalf. He explained what happened there and who he met.

Police report

23. VS explained the latest crime figures which are relatively low in Arnos Grove when compared with other Wards. She explained what a serious crime is. The format of the crime figure presentation have been updated and more information about crimes committed on Arnos Grove has now been provided. It was explained about how some crimes are committed and what people can do to help prevent them from happening.
24. PMu said it would be helpful if VS could send crime figures to members a few days prior to meeting to have an opportunity to be able to review the information. **VS to send information two days in advance of the following meeting**

25. There was a discussion about the non-reporting of report crimes. An example was given that when a burglary is not reported and then neighbours and others do not benefit from receiving crime prevention advice from the Police.
26. FH asked about patrolling during the night. If there is police patrolling overnight. Sgt LD explained that there are no overnight patrols from the SNT overnight after 11:00pm. After that SNT have support from response teams that patrols areas where crimes have been reported.
27. TM mentioned about a campaign about theft of motor vehicles.
28. TM said he suspected there could be people possibly dealing in drugs on the Green and suggested that police should talk to men loitering in the area for no apparent reason.
29. There was a discussion about Nitrous Oxide been recognised as an illegal drug.
30. TM mentioned that Arnos Grove is a safe place based on the crime figure numbers.
31. Members of CAPE thanked the Police representatives for the new improved format of crime figures.
32. Police priorities to include (1) Robberies (2) Burglaries (3) Motor vehicle crime

Councillors' report

33. PP talked about car park beside Arnos Grove station, and the groups of males gathering outside.
34. AG said that he had noticed that vehicle crime has decreased in some areas and increased on areas that were previously quieter.
35. There was a general discussion about vehicle crime, how it occurred and that expensive vehicles were more of a target.

Public Access meeting

- 36. TM said a meeting open to the public needed to be organized and a suitable location had to be found to hold it. A date of the meeting should be agreed.**

Contact with other CAPE's

37. PP mention that New Southgate is trying to get schools involved in CAPE.
38. There was a talk about street lights and how they were powered.

Points from members

39. PMA mention about a car accident on Morton way, and general car speed and nuisance.
40. US said that some people make illegal changes on vehicles to make them antisocially more noisy.
41. Complaints about motor vehicles driving at speed were sent to the Council with evidence but the response was poor.
42. FH said there are electric scooters driving on the pavement on Dawlish Avenue and he spoke about Dawlish Avenue matters generally as he had been in touch with the Borough Commander, the Police, the leader of the Council and the local MP.
- 43. FH said he would prepare Blog to pass to PMA to be posted to the CAPE wesite**
44. Residents do not report crime because they are not confident in police.
45. TM said that he knew of three burglaries the were not reported on The Mall.
46. FH mentioned that three people had broken into a house on Dawlish Avenue and the residents were at home who left the house after been confronted by the residents
47. LD explained that when people report a crime there could be an increase in insurance premiums. Insurance companies have access to the number of burglaries reported in a specific area and the higher number of burglaries reported being a factor in insurance premiums increase.
48. There was a general discussion about scooters and motor bikes driving on the pavements, how to prevent this and how to punish the drivers riders

TM thanked everyone for attending the meeting and asked everyone to promote it and speak about it on groups and social media.

Next meeting – 7 February 2024 to be held at Beaumont House, 15 Cannon Hill, London, N14 7DJ at 7:00pm