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**Chelsea Neighbourhood Watch Co-ordinators Meeting
Training Room, Chelsea Police Station
Thursday 7th October 2004 at 6.30pm**

MINUTES

Present:

Insp. Jon Birch	Sector Inspector MPS
Rep from	Bramerton Street
Lorna Clarke	Community Safety Officer, RBKC
Rep from	Lower Sloane St/Sloane Gardens
Rep from	Mulberry Walk
Rep from	Smith Street
Rep from	Princes Gate Mews
Rep from	Redcliffe Ward
Charles Franklyn	Neighbourhood Watch Co-ordinator
Rep from	Oakley Street
Rep from	Elizabeth Court
Rep from	Sydney Street
Rep from	Upper Cheyne Row
Cllr Jenny Kingsley	Cremorne Ward, RBKC
PC Keith Mills	Royal Hospital Ward, MPS (<i>Chair</i>)
PC Kevin Nicholls	Stanley Ward, MPS
Rep from	Merlins Eyot, Old Church Street
PC Paul Rougvie	Cremorne Ward, MPS

1. Apologies

Rep from	Princess Gate Mews
Rep from	Markham Square
Rep from	Upper Cheyne Row

2. Minutes of last meeting (17th June 2004)

These were approved without amendment.

3. Crime and Disorder Audit

Lorna introduced the audit, which has just been completed. It provides a detailed analysis of the level of crime within the Borough. The Community Safety Team is undertaking a follow-up questionnaire which was distributed to the group. Members were requested to complete and return it after they have received and read the summary of the audit, which will be distributed shortly.

4. Sector Overview

Inspector Jon Birch who has been in post for a very short time spoke to the group and indicated his long-standing commitment to Neighbourhood Watch and his wish to do everything he can to ensure its success within the Chelsea Sector.

5. Crime Update

- *Brompton Ward* (Lee Rogerson 500BS/Ali Smith898BS)

There is a problem with beggars in the Knightsbridge Area. Because of patrolling in the area they are being moved on but the situation will continue to be monitored. The problem is likely to increase as Christmas approaches.

Within the Hans Town area there is a continuing problem with youth disorder.

- *Royal Hospital Ward* (PC Keith Mills 811BS)

There has been a reduction in youth disorder largely because of the closure of The Hut youth club and of a nearby off licence. Cllr Kingsley is to try and find out what plans there are for The Hut. Brendan O'Keefe, Head of Community Education at the council may be able to provide some information.

There has been a large increase in snatches and robberies and the police are countering this trend with specific operations. There is particular concern over the number of snatches by young men going by on motor scooters. There is also a problem with people being threatened on the streets and being forced to hand over money. There was one snatch associated with London Fashion Week. Some valuables were taken from someone at the Phoenix Pub in Smith Street. Everyone should be vigilant about his or her personal security.

Burton Court and Cheltenham Terrace have private security guards who have helped prevent street crime and provide tangible reassurance.

- *Cremorne Ward* (Ricky Haruna 688BS/Paul Rougvie 237BS)

Some statistics: Burglary: up 21.28%, Vehicle Crime: down 30.13%, Street Crime: down 38%, Overall: down 21.5%.

If there is evidence of persistent anti-social behaviour the CASBAT team can take action within 7 days. An ASBO was used to close a local crack house.

We need more Neighbourhood Watches in Cremorne and the police will endeavour to identify possible co-ordinators.

- *Stanley Ward* (Eve Chester 728BS/Kevin Nicholls 195BS)

The area around St Luke's Church needs to be watched in the period leading up to bonfire night because people let off fireworks there. St Luke's Park needs monitoring because of anti-social behaviour and drug taking. Targeting of prolific offenders should reduce motor vehicle crime in Elm Parks.

6 Neighbourhood Watch Update

Voice Connect has been replaced by the Ringmaster Communications system, which permits the broadcasting of e-mail messages as well as voice mail messages to those without e-mails and computers. E-mails are generally much more suitable for distributing detailed factual information. The commissioning of the Ringmaster system was very difficult and time consuming and for some months there was no communications system in operation. However everything seems to be working well and when the police begin to send regular messages these will be transmitted through the Ringmaster system. Co-ordinators will be encouraged to get as many of their members to sign up to the system so that information can get out quickly, and this will also relieve them of a lot of work in making up and distributing their own information bulletins.

A new glossy leaflet advertising both NHW and Ringmaster has been printed and is available to co-ordinators. A leaflet order form will be sent with a NHW co-ordinators' newsletter within a few weeks.

7 Additional Points

- Chelsea Potter Pub – People obstructing footpath due to outside drinking.
- More signs are needed in the South Kensington area directing members of the public to Chelsea Police Station.
- Kings Road – Problem with Dangerous driving. Nobody being stopped, and traffic offences being committed.
- Road traffic needs to go up the political agenda if anything serious is to be done about the danger on roads. We need to lobby MPs and other politicians to get change in priorities.

- PCSOs – used for intelligence purposes, issuing tickets to cyclists on pavements and reporting fly-tipping. Although they have limited powers they are uniformed presence and have succeeded in providing reassurance on the streets where they operate. At the moment they are confined to Cremorne Ward, but ultimately will be introduced throughout the Borough.
- Cremorne Ward has been designated a Reassurance ward.

9. Date of next meeting

Thursday 27th January 2004, 6.30pm, Chelsea
Police Station.