

MINUTES OF THE LADYWELL ASSEMBLY

Tuesday, 27 June 2023 at 7.00 pm

PRESENT: Councillors Laura Cunningham and Liz Johnston-Franklin

ALSO PRESENT: Ade Joseph

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor Bill Brown

	Items	Actions
1	Welcome, Introduction & Format of meeting	
	<p>Cllr Liz Johnston-Franklin welcomed everyone to the meeting and went through the agenda.</p>	
2	Police Safer Neighbourhood Updates	
	<p>Representatives from the Police Safer Neighbourhood Team gave their apology for this meeting due to annual leave commitment and a last minute change to their shift. However, a written update provided by Sgt Knight on issues raised by residents around the murder incident on Malyons Road and crime data for the area was read out by the chair. These are information already in the public domain update provided through press release.</p> <p>In relation to the incident on Malyons Road, it read as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• 29 year old Alex Josephs was stabbed to death in his car in Ladywell on 10th May 2023• Four people have been arrested and were later released pending further enquiries• Any witnesses to the incidents or anyone with information, who haven't already come forward, is asked to contact the police or Crimestoppers anonymously.• The investigation is ongoing and is being dealt with by the Met Murder Investigation Team <p>The team appreciates the concern felt by the local community following this tragic incident and a policing plan has been put in place since the incident, with both Uniformed and Plain Clothes officers on regular patrols. The Territorial Support Group (TSG) are currently supporting Lewisham, Greenwich and Bexley with high visibility patrols using intelligence led stop and search to disrupt knife enabled violence on the streets of London. The teams have also been executing warrants to disrupt drug supply across Brockley/Ladywell and Telegraph Hill:</p> <p>Figures of recorded crime in the last year were provided as follows:</p>	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Theft - 20% (160 reports received) • Common Assault - 17% • Domestic Incidents - 16% • Actual Bodily Harm - 12% • Theft from Motor Vehicle - 11% • Theft of Motor Vehicle/Possession of cannabis/Criminal Damage and Burglary all make up around 6% each (This equates to around 50 reports) <p>Details of reported incidents of theft also includes shoplifting which accounts for the majority of these reports. Theft of and theft from Motor Vehicles only accounts for a small amount of crime in the Ward. There was a spike in October with 16 offences. However, this has declined month on month with only 6 offences recorded last month. Comparing this with Brockley Ward where there were 18 similar offences last month.</p> <p>Attendees were directed to pass any issues they would like to raise with the police to Ade so that these can be forwarded to Sgt Knight and his team.</p> <p>Ladywell Safer Neighbourhood Panel Cllr Cunningham addressed the meeting about refreshing the Safer Neighbourhood Panel meeting in the ward. The group is looking for people who wish to represent their area on the panel so that they can feedback information to their network. The police are keen to hear from people about subject they want to see covered, how they want the meeting to be run and suggestions of local venues where the meeting can be held. Anyone interested in joining the group is asked to leave their contact details with Ade.</p>	
3	Community Safety in Lewisham	
	<p>Desmond Zephyr and Nadia Gencheva from the Council's Safer Community Services updated the meeting about their services area. Following a recent restructure, several services are now being offered under the Safer Community Services.</p> <p>The services are listed below along with the contact details for the generic team.</p> <p>Violence Reduction – made up of a number of different officers, including project officer and mental health link worker. This team is funded by partner agencies including NHS England, MOPAD, probation services etc. The team regularly works in schools delivering workshops to young people aged 10 to 25 years, providing support and direct work with individuals, particularly where there are issues with their mental well-being or traces of violence in their behaviour. The team can be contacted by emailing: violencereductionteam@lewisham.gov.uk</p>	

Trading Standards - This team are responsible for making sure that the products people buy and use are safe. The team can be contacted via the email below:

1tradingstandards@lewisham.gov.uk

Licensing Team – are responsible for licensing premises that sells alcohol etc, making sure they have the correct licence to trade and are adhering to their license conditions. They also work in collaboration with the police, using cadets to carry out spot checks on establishments. The team can be contacted by emailing:

licensing@lewisham.gov.uk

ASB/ Statutory Nuisance – The Antisocial Behaviour and Statutory Nuisance Team comprises of 6 officers. The team is responsible for investigating and dealing with noise problem, loud music, noisy parties, bonfires etc. The team works closely with the police to tackle cases of antisocial behaviour. The council has recently concluded a consultation on Public Space Protection Order (PSPO). This order comprises of a range of activities and behaviour which residents have said they find disturbing. A meeting is being held tonight to discuss the outcome of the consultation and how the council can implement the order. The team can be contacted by emailing:

asb.statnuisance@lewisham.gov.uk

Violence against Women & Girls - This includes domestic abuse. The council works closely with partners like Refuge who offers residential support to those fleeing violence. They also offer community-based support as well. The team can be contacted by emailing:

vawg@lewisham.gov.uk

Community Engagement - This work is based around seeking views and opinions on how the council can relate better with its constituents. Hearing their concerns and working together to address them. Apart from the core community engagement team, which is focused on crime and violence reduction, there is also a wider council service that does community development work. Contact for the team can be found below:

SaferCommunities.CommunityEngagement@lewisham.gov.uk

Prevent – This service looks into how the council manages its risks around extremism or counter terrorism. There is a panel that meets monthly to look at referrals about people displaying extremist views or behaviour. The service offers support package for such vulnerable individuals. Contact for the team can be found below:

prevent@lewisham.gov.uk

The presenter explained that none of the above services should be contacted in an emergency as they are not a response service. If people have any emergency issues, they need to call 999 or 101 where the situation is deemed not to be an emergency.

A question and answer session followed this presentation.

4	<p>Catford Regeneration Plans</p> <p>Charlotte Harrison from the Council's Strategic Housing and Regeneration section presented an overview of the Catford Town Centre Framework as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lewisham Council adopted the Catford Town Centre Framework document in July 2021 following 5 years of preparatory works. The document sets out the ambition for the redevelopment of the Town Centre including the shopping centre, Milford Tower, the Council Civic functions offices (Lawrence House and Civic Suite) to enable the delivery of 2,700 new homes, 20,000 new offices and new commercial spaces. • It is proposed that the new office space will house the council's functions and provide new retail services i.e., food and beverages to support existing offer at the Broadway Theatre. • South Circular Road re-alignment – the public consultation on this aspect of the redevelopment ended on 5th June. This was said to be a key change for Catford. This change will create generous areas of new pedestrian friendly public space with trees and new community facility in the Town Centre. The consultation conducted by TFL attracted around 1500 responses. It is proposed that works will commence in 2025 and will be completed by 2027. Transport for London is expected to submit a planning application for the scheme later this year. • Holbeach Road Public Realm Improvements - The council has been making other improvements to the Town Centre using funding secured from the GLA via the Good Growth Fun. This has enabled the improvement of the public realm on Holbeach Road. Improvements include new pavement resurfacing for better walking environment, provision of cycle parking, improved street lighting, tree planting and installation of seats, CCTV camera and a sculpture. These works were completed in June 2022. • A Mural is also proposed on the walls outside 120 Rushey Green to further improve the walking environment on this popular route to Holbeach School. Facilitated by an artist, year 5 pupil at Holbeach are currently being consulted on ideas for the public art. • Over 50 artists from London have expressed an interest in the work. An evaluation will be conducted by a panel which will include Lewisham based young and established artists from within the community. Installation is anticipated for the next School year. • Catford Centre Improvements – Funding for this improvement were secured through the NCIL award. This 	
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	<p>enabled the beautification of the public realm outside the new Catford Library. The project delivered story telling chairs, new painted surfacing, litter bins and planters.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Catford Station Improvements – Funding secured from developers through section 106 will deliver significant improvements to the areas between Catford Station and Catford Bridge Station. This will include improving the public realm between both station with more greenery, improved cycling facilities and improved accessibility at both Stations. Works is expected to commence next year. • Restoring Former Catford Constitutional Club – This was said to be the oldest building in Catford. The club was closed in 2019. The Council have now secured some funding from the GLA to invest in improving the facility so they can re-open the pub and community kitchen, bringing it back to use. Works started on site in April 2023, with the completion of the refurbishment expected in Summer 2024. • Thomas Lane Yard – A residential site which will be one of the first project to be delivered as part of the Council’s vision and aspiration for the future of Catford. The site covers the area currently used as car park for people using Tesco and other shops within Catford Centre. Around 100 new homes will be built on the site of which over 50% will be affordable and 40 homes for rent added to the Council’s housing register. Planning application for the site is expected for submission later this year with works expected to commence on site in 2025. Completion by 2027. <p>A question and answer session followed this presentation.</p>	
6	Feedback from NCIL funded project	
	<p>Lewisham Park Playground Refurbishment</p> <p>This feedback was presented by Jess and Alison, 2 members from the Lewisham Park (Crescent) Residents Association. The park located opposite Lewisham Hospital used to be in Lewisham Central ward until it was recently merged with Ladywell following the ward boundary change in May 2022. The children play area within the park installed in the 60s was said to be in need of replacement as well as requiring resurfacing.</p> <p>An ariel view of the park taken from above showing the deteriorating state of the play equipment and surface was shown to the meeting. Some of the previous improvements delivered using donations received from individual residents were mentioned. This includes the replacement of tables and park benches to make it more accessible to wheelchair users as well as rows of planted cherry trees.</p> <p>The group is grateful for the £166,928 they managed to secure from</p>	

the Lewisham Central NCIL pot. Consultation on the type of equipment that people want to see included in the new play park was conducted locally online and in person especially with pupils and teachers at the nearby St Mary's Primary School as well as patients and parents at Lewisham Hospital children's ward. The project will be delivered by Lewisham Council through their sub-contractor Glendale. Completion of the project is expected to be in place by the Autumn. Also, the table tennis table inside the play park will be relocated to an area just on the outside to give exclusive space for children using the play equipment. Further funding has been secured to add a trim trail to cater for older young people.

St Mary's Forest School Garden – Matt Wright, deputy headteacher at St Mary's Primary School presented a progress report on the development of the Forest School Garden developed on lands secured from Lewisham Homes. Attendees were taken on a tour of the garden since the Assembly meeting was held in the school hall. The garden was developed on a disuse land behind the school. Funding was secured from Lewisham Central NCIL fund. The school worked with a local volunteering project (Good Gym) to clear the site. Ideas for the design of the outdoor classroom shade came from an arch built to provide outside seating area for the café and shops by Hither Green Station. The company who designed the arc at Hither Green was engaged and they helped build the outdoor classroom. A celebratory event was held in April for the official opening of the garden. Several images of children and their families using the garden were shared with attendees.

The garden has been embedded into the school curriculum with children now encouraged to go into the garden to collect pieces of ideas to include in their stories. The important part of the bid to the NCIL was to ensure that the garden is open to the wider community many of whom do not have access to green and open spaces at home. This will enable them to grow food at the site to experience and enjoy the ambiance of an open space. To meet some of this obligation, two after school groups have been created and families are now able to use the garden in the evening. The school has also held three training sessions on how to develop a forest school garden for teachers from other schools within the borough, so that they can share their learning with their schools.

Parents and toddlers from the pre-school also use the garden for activities one morning every week. The school welcomed gardeners from St Mary's Therapeutic Garden recently where the children took representatives on a tour of the garden. The school now has an exchange programme with the Therapeutic Garden Group whereby children go over to work alongside gardeners at the Therapeutic Garden. Outdoor classes take place regularly, where children learn to create compost and plant bee friendly plants. Total cost of the project came to o£40,000.

7	Community updates and any other business	

	<p>Ladywell Society The Society is holding a joint community event with Lewisham Local and Global Fusion Music and Arts to deliver the annual “Food, Folk n Fun in the Fields” on Saturday 23rd July, starting at 11am till 5pm in Ladywell Fields near the café. The event will kick off in Ladywell Village with a street procession. Full details can be found on the notice board in the Village.</p> <p>Concert at St Mary’s Church The meeting received information about the last of the 3 concerts holding at St Mary’s Church Lewisham on the evening of Sunday 2nd July, starting at 7pm with cheese and wine served afterwards.</p> <p>Date of next Assembly meeting Thursday 5th October 2023, 7pm till 9pm at St Andrew Centre, Brockley Road.</p>	
8	Declaration of interest	
	<p>There was no interest declared at this meeting.</p> <p>The chair thanked everyone in attendance and brought the meeting to a close.</p>	