**Neighbourhood Governance**

**Note of Northolt West End Ward Forum**

Held on Tuesday 26 June 2012 7pm – 9pm at Viking School, Radcliffe Way, Northolt UB5 6HW

**Present:** Councillor Bassam Mahfouz (BM), Councillor Brian Reeves (BR), and Councillor Lauren Wall (LW - Chair)

**Officers present:** Sergeant McLean - Northolt Mandeville Safer Neighbourhoods Team

**Note taker** – Evelyn Gloyn

**Papers available at the meeting and published separately** - Budget summary sheet, project ideas 2012/13, Envirocrime report

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<td>Welcome, Introductions and Notices</td>
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<td>Councillor Wall welcomed everyone to the meeting at 7.05pm</td>
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<td>Notices: Small schemes funding for Ealing housing tenants or leaseholders available:</td>
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<td>- Money (from responsive repairs budget) for small schemes on estates,</td>
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<td>- Maximum of £30,000.</td>
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<td>- Council tenants and leaseholders can apply</td>
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<td>- Application must have local support (for example, backed by petition)</td>
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<td>- Closing date end of September.</td>
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<td>- Decision by members of a special Housing Forum - in October</td>
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<td>Application forms and guidance notes are available from Evelyn Gloyn</td>
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<td>Safer Neighbourhoods team</td>
<td>Residents requested an update on neighbourhood watch</td>
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<td>Sergeant Mclean invited but have given his apologies - the team is</td>
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<td>now on ‘Olympic Shifts’ from 18 June-23 Sept ( this means that</td>
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<td>Sergeants and PCs could be called to ‘aid’ or assist on any</td>
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<td>Metropolitan Police related initiative over this time, leaving</td>
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<td>PCSOs to cover SNTs). SNT shifts will revert to normal after this.</td>
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<td>Report from Sergeant McLean - mostly taken from the recent panel</td>
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<td>18 Burglaries, 19 Theft from Motor vehicles and 12 Robbery Offences</td>
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<td>since last meeting. This shows a significant drop in crimes on the</td>
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<td>ward with no discernible pattern around offences. Several cars</td>
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<td>broken into along Kingshill Ave.</td>
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<td>• Three Warrants executed since the last meeting on the ward for</td>
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<td>Drug and Theft offences.</td>
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<td>• The PCSO’s have been conducting several school talks at all of</td>
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<td>the local schools regarding safety.</td>
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<td>• All officers have been involved in Operation CUBO on a monthly</td>
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<td>basis dealing with uninsured drivers on the streets of Ealing and</td>
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<td>• ASBO work on Street Drinkers continues with the ASBO nearing</td>
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<td>completion, awaiting court date</td>
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<td>• Officers have been involved in the appeal of a male murdered in</td>
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<td>Northolt Mandeville in May 2011. Posters have been put up all over</td>
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<td>• The SNT were involved in a Drugs Dog operation at Northolt LU</td>
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<td>Station where 8 people were found in possession of drugs.</td>
<td>If anyone has any information about this or drug use or drug dealing or would like to speak with a member of the SNT please call us on 0208 721 2770 or email us <a href="mailto:NortholtWestEnd@met.pnn.police.uk">NortholtWestEnd@met.pnn.police.uk</a></td>
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<td>• The PC and Sgt on the team have been assisting other boroughs and also protecting embassies.</td>
<td>The team is due to move from Northolt Library to Grand Union Village and will share an office with Greenford Broadway SNT. This move is to take place before the end of July 2012</td>
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<td>• Recently Northala Fields saw a fishing event run for the local Cub and Scout group. This was a well-attended event and it was good to see the fishing lakes used once again. Reports of people taking fish out of the lakes and also youths destroying fish.</td>
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<td>• PC BUSS is resigning from the MET effective early Aug 2012. PC SHAMIM is due to return on the 25th July 2012.</td>
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<td><strong>Anti-social behaviour on housing estates</strong></td>
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<td>Lisa Cnudde and Paul Dunn – Safer Communities Cluster Team</td>
<td>Residents reminded councillors about the problems of drinkers around the local shops.</td>
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<td>Residents heard about the introduction of the new Safer Communities Cluster groups and how these will work by having a better co-ordinated approach to tackle some of the longer term entrenched issues especially those linked to high risk/highly vulnerable families.</td>
<td>Councillor Mahfouz advised residents that a new park guard system had also been introduced – two men and a dog for the Northolt and Islip Manor areas and that this would link to the safer communities and safer neighbourhood teams.</td>
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<td>This approach brings together officers in antisocial behaviour, housing antisocial behaviour and community safety, making it easier to share information, and take a problem solving approach and link with the Safer Neighbourhood Teams.</td>
<td>There would be a variety of intervention targeting different levels – ASB, drugs, violence, knives etc in partnership with police, ASB panel, general preventative work and the youth offending service.</td>
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<td>over the next few weeks will be re-establishing links with the community and other services such as tenancy management.</td>
<td>Resident mentioned that Northolt Leisure Centre was offering £99 student membership from July – September</td>
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<td>Elaine Cunningham (and Althea Prince) - Youth and Connexions</td>
<td>Councillor Reeves reminded residents that there was a higher number of children not in education, employment or training in the ward (compared to other wards) and that the provision of post 16 education training provision in the local area was poor – for example hairdressing courses were held in Ealing Hammersmith and West London College based at Acton – not easy for these young people to get to on public transport</td>
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<td>Residents heard how the Ealing Youth Service holds a range of support projects for children aged 13-19 working in the children’s centres and youth clubs in the evenings, and doing outreach work. Locations used include the Ken Acock Centre, Rectory park and Limetrees and the service has good attendances.</td>
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<td>Residents were advised about Futuversity projects running through the summer at no cost to the young people.</td>
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<td>Other work includes work with Dovetail Centre, Limetree and St Joseph’s, a drug project in Islip Manor and a project in Gainsborough Tower</td>
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<td><strong>Local Activities Updates</strong></td>
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<td><strong>Northala Fields</strong></td>
<td>Residents were advised of the Olympic torch route starting from Northala Fields on 24 July with local torch bearers</td>
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<td>- Sydney Richards (14) promising footballer of Brentside High School in Hanwell;</td>
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<td>- Tom Thacker (30) of Southall who has learning disabilities and Asperger syndrome and does a lot of volunteer work in the community</td>
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<td>People would be directed to use public transport – Northolt (Central Line), walk down Ealing Road, under bridge to Kensington road</td>
<td>‘Secrets’ will start being built from 25 July – redwood structures on each of the smaller mounds (3) Northala fields – will be up for Paralympic torch relay on 24 August as part of their transport route along A40 to Stoke Mandeville (evening event – still waiting for details– then taken down the next day)</td>
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<td>-viewing area for 1,000 people</td>
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<td>-small PA system, low-key music event</td>
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<td>-fire activity – small bowls with mix of sawdust and paraffin, sending out small sparks and ashes – can’t distract motorists.</td>
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<td>-security will be provided by organisers, barriers to prevent people falling into ponds.</td>
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<td>-additional parking has been earmarked for Rectory Park.</td>
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<td>Organisers of ‘Secrets’ are Arts Agenda, artists called Red Earth, funding through GLA – to spread Olympic focus wider than just East London</td>
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<td>Rectory Park</td>
<td>In April 2009 cabinet approved a developer selection process for Rectory Park. This concluded in July 2010 with the appointment of Network Housing Group (NHG) as the preferred partner in conjunction with the Hill Group as the Construction arm.</td>
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<td>Officers have been working with NHG to sign a development agreement that will cover the redevelopment of the estate. This</td>
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<td>was completed in March 2012. NHG in conjunction with Ealing and local residents were developing detailed plans in order to submit a planning application in October/November 2011. A formal application was submitted in November 2011, Formal approval of this application has been provided by Ealing Council Planning Services in May 2012. The development will include the demolition of the current 270 dwellings, the replacement of social rented units and additional private homes, with 425 homes in total being constructed. The plans also include the replacement of the existing community centre. Phase 1 is currently in underway with the decanting of the blocks known as 1-95 odds and even numbers 2-36 (61 properties). There are 4 tenants and 5 leaseholders to rehouse as part of the decanting process. This should allow vacant possession in summer 2012 with construction commencing soon after. The community centre is currently located in Phase 1 of the redevelopment. Plans are in place to relocate the Community Centre during the school summer recess; so that services can be re-provided after the recess and throughout the construction phases until a more permanent structure is built as part of phase 3. The construction work is yet to start. Tenants have been advised</td>
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<td>the first thing to happen is the relocation of the community centre and this is on schedule to commence at the end of the school year. As part of the planning application the relocation area for the community centre is proposed to be on the green area in front of block 123 – 141 odds. This will involve the dismantling and reinstallation of the current centre. A detailed planning application for phase 3-5 is yet to be submitted (outline permission only applied for) - not yet able to advise the location of the permanent facility.</td>
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| c) | West London Academy | Progress on site  
-Arc Building is nearing completion  
(those in Compton Crescent or in Bengarth Road with gardens backing onto that end of the Academy may have seen the scaffolding around the new building has come down – and see the green roof on the elevation facing these gardens)  
- Installed the louvered windows on this elevation - the building is now complete in its looks as far as the external view is concerned  
- Currently completing the hard landscaping around the building and forming the new fire engine access off the Academy’s internal road  
- After, the soft landscaping (planting) will commence. All works to this end of site should be complete for the end of July. |
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<td>- Works on the Quad building have progressed and the external brickwork and roofing is now complete,</td>
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<td>- the internal fit out underway</td>
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<td>- currently completing the external drainage and will then progress onto the hard and soft landscaping. Once the render is applied to the two end elevations of the Quad building, it will effectively be complete in terms of how it will look</td>
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<td>- The programme is to complete the Quad works during the summer holiday.</td>
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<td>- busy period of works during the Academy's summer recess, also remodelling some of the interior rooms of the existing Academy. All works are programmed for completion by the end of summer holiday</td>
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<td>- During works, access and egress to the site and all work areas via the temporary road off Church Road so this should stop construction traffic using Laughton Road.</td>
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<td>- Once Kier Constructions’ works are complete and they leave the site, they will reinstate this area and remove the temporary crossover, but this will be one of their last activities so that they can maintain this route.</td>
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<td>Laughton Road and Bengarth Road rat run</td>
<td>Councillors are finalising the consultation on options to restrict traffic using Hawtrey/Laughton Road. Suggestion for option 3 – is to restrict access Mon-Fri 8-10am, as these are the times when through traffic is the worst, but this can be adjusted to include afternoon peak. Residents did not feel that the afternoon times</td>
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<td>Ward Forum Priorities and Projects 2012/13</td>
<td>See budget summary and project ideas published separately</td>
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<td>Any other business</td>
<td>Residents requested a bus shelter for 3 Kingshill Avenue, but Councillor Mahfouz recalled that this had been requested</td>
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<td>previously and local neighbours had objected.</td>
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<td>Residents talked about Edward Road being the main entrance to Northolt Grange estate, but the footpath was in an atrocious condition, with people falling over, would it be possible to have it resurfaced up to the zebra crossing?</td>
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<td>Gating/fencing around the Wayfarers estate to prevent small cars getting through</td>
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<td>Transport meeting- why was the E9 being terminated at the White Hart?</td>
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<td>The meeting finished at 9:16pm</td>
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**Date of future meetings**

- Thursday 25 October 2012 (Northolt Library)
- Tuesday 5 March 2013 (Northolt Library)