

## Minutes of Fitzrovia Pub Watch Meeting

**Date:** 19<sup>th</sup> June 2018

**Attendees:** David Fereday (TFP), Darren Whiting (Spearmint Rhino), Nancy Rogers (TFP), Kevin Orrow (MPS), Steve Stupart (MPS), Mike Reed (Fitzrovia Belle), Costeliana Sirb (Fitzrovia Belle), Kimberley Daal (The Lukin), Janella Tierney (Champion), Castelo Gil Castelo (Newman Arms) Wojciech Wojteczek (TFP),

**Apologies:** Jackie Fisher (The Court), Marlborough Arms, Sofia Vancke (Jack Horner)

### Introductions

All attendees introduced themselves and the businesses they represented. Darren Whiting thanked those who had attended. Darren asked that more notice be given for future meetings as he had only received the reminder the day before.

### Licensing Update

No update available.

### Member Updates

Most venues reported an increase in sales as the weather had improved. The Newman Arms has had two burglaries since reopening, they have also had customers passing fake notes and experience drug dealing/use in the passage next to the premises. The Fitzrovia Bell have been busy during World Cup matches however these have been private events with attendees issued with wrist bands and they have security in place. They also reported fake notes and the use of a stolen bank card. The Lukin have had problems with a rough sleeper in Conway Mews. DF advised that Camden and Westminster Councils hold joint operations to target rough sleeping hotspots.

### WhatsApp

Members continue to find it useful for sharing photos and descriptions of suspects however rules of the Data Protection Act must be adhered to. With the introduction of new EU General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR) in May 2018 may affect the WhatsApp tool and TFP may stop being the admin owners of the site however this will be reviewed. **Members are reminded that no personal details or offensive remarks should be included in posts.**

## **AOB**

### **Crime Update**

Kevin advised that Bloomsbury Ward is the number one crime hotspot for motorbike and personal property theft. Table surfing is on the increase. In relation to Moped enabled theft those carrying out this offence seem to have moved to bicycles and are increasingly using weapons. Begging and rough sleeping continues to be a problem as does shoplifting, he reiterated the need for crimes to be reported, in particular when carried out by repeat offenders. If the suspect is captured on CCTV he asked that he be sent images to assist him in obtaining Community Protection Notices and Criminal Behaviour Orders, images can be sent to him at the following email addresses:

[Kevin.Orow@met.pnn.police.uk](mailto:Kevin.Orow@met.pnn.police.uk)

The Fitzrovia Partnership continue to employ two Street Wardens and a Place Ambassador between the hours of 0900-1800 to support businesses and to act as a street presence, they are having a success in relation to shoplifters and rough sleepers/beggars and are encouraging members to use WhatsApp to share information. Members are encouraged to log incidents of crime/antisocial behaviour as this can be used as evidence should the local police/council apply for Community Protection Notices.

### **West End Project**

The scheme aimed at improving the environment in the Fitzrovia area, works are now under way and it is hoped that it will finish when the Elizabeth Line opens in 2019. It is likely that the works will impact in some way on businesses operating in the Tottenham Court Road area but The Fitzrovia Partnership will make sure that you are all given prior notice of work outside premises and those issues such as customer access, deliveries and waste are raised and managed. The MPS advise that Tottenham Court Road would have MPS Hostile Mitigation Plans in place following completion of the West End Project, DF advised that the Dominion Theatre had raised concerns about the removal of street furniture and that this could lead to theatre queues being targeted however the MPS have been liaising with the Theatre.

Contacts as follows:

Camden – Stephanie Dance-Groom, 020 7974 4444, [westendproject@camden.gov.uk](mailto:westendproject@camden.gov.uk)

Eurovia Contracting – Nula Tobin, 0845 3308743, [nula.tobin@eurovia.co.uk](mailto:nula.tobin@eurovia.co.uk)

More detail about the project can be found on the Camden website:

<http://www.camden.gov.uk/ccm/content/transport-and-streets/transport-strategies/west-end-project/>

The Communications Team also have a drop-in information centre at The Building Centre, Store Street which currently opens on a Monday between 1pm – 6pm and Friday between 8am – 1pm.

## Current threat level

The current threat level from international terrorism for the UK is assessed as **SEVERE**.

The threat level for Northern Ireland-related terrorism is set separately for Northern Ireland and Great Britain (England, Wales and Scotland). In Northern Ireland it is **SEVERE** and in Great Britain **MODERATE**.

**SEVERE** means that a terrorist attack is highly likely.

## Dates of 2018 meetings

**18<sup>th</sup> September 2018 – 1600-1800, 13 Fitzroy Street, London W1T 4BQ**

**11<sup>th</sup> December 2018 – 1600-1800, 13 Fitzroy Street, London W1T 4BQ**

## Contact numbers

Listed below are the phone numbers that are available to you if you wish to report a street based issue to the authorities.

- **Emergency services - 999**  
Fire Brigade  
Ambulance  
Police in the case of emergency, life threatening, or where the suspect is still on scene
- **non-emergency police reporting call - 101**  
To make non urgent reports of crime and anti-social behaviour  
To report a crime that has occurred and the suspect has left  
To report begging and rough sleeping  
Appointments can be made for the police to visit you at a time that suits
- **Anti-terrorism hotline. 0800 789 321**  
The slogan, 'if you suspect something is linked to terrorism then report it' applies to this number.
- **Bloomsbury Safer Neighbourhood Policing Team - 020 8721 2693**  
[Bloomsbury.snt@met.police.uk](mailto:Bloomsbury.snt@met.police.uk)  
[@MPSBloomsbury](#)

This is our local policing team. They work a shift pattern and there are occasions when none of the team are on duty or working locally. They also carry the Fitzrovia Business Link Radio when working in the area.

**Send images to**

[david.hodges2@met.pnn.police.uk](mailto:david.hodges2@met.pnn.police.uk)

[Kevin.Orr@met.pnn.police.uk](mailto:Kevin.Orr@met.pnn.police.uk)

- **Camden Safer Street Team - 08088 000005**

[streetsafe@cri.org.uk](mailto:streetsafe@cri.org.uk)

To report:-

Rough sleepers

Street drinkers

Beggars

- **Camden Community Warden Service – 0207 974 4444**

To deter antisocial behaviour in public places and report problems within the street environment, such as graffiti and abandoned vehicles

- **Camden Council - 020 7974 4444**

To report the following issues:-

Flytipping

Missed waste collections

Highway faults

Overflowing waste bins

Graffiti

Illegal street traders

- **NHS non-emergency number - 111**

Call 111 and speak to a highly trained adviser, supported by healthcare professionals. They will ask you a series of questions to assess your symptoms and immediately direct you to the best medical care for you

- **Fitzrovia Partnership Ambassador Team 020 7755 3398**

[ambassadors@fitzroviapartnership.com](mailto:ambassadors@fitzroviapartnership.com)

To provide advice, support and information