

Minutes of Fitzrovia Business Watch Meeting

Date: 18th September 2018

Attendees: Dave Fereday (TFP), Nancy Rogers (TFP), Natalie Cox (MPS), James Meredith (Greggs), Richard Fowler (Planet Organic), Andrew Ragatz (Planet Organic), Yvette Rowan (Space NK) JP Osborne (Heals), Sarah Deighton (SBN), Georgie Henley (SBN), Vitalij Bezus (TFP), Aaron Knight (TFP), Wojciech Wojteczek (TFP)

Introductions

All attendees introduced themselves and the businesses they represented. Dave Fereday thanked the MPS representative for attending.

Safer Business Network Update

DF introduced Sarah and Georgie from the Safer Business Network and advised the meeting that TFP had joined the Network which is primarily a member benefit. Sarah presented the online system, members will be required to sign a data integrity agreement, on joining members will have access to an information sharing app. Sarah will be taking over the administration of the WhatsApp platform, image sharing via the WhatsApp platform will be a breach of the data sharing agreement. Sarah will be visiting members over the coming weeks.

Police Update

Natalie advised that the borough now had two Dedicated Ward Officers, she has happy to chase any outstanding queries if she is supplied with the Crime Number. The representatives of Planet Organic queried when reported crimes were being NFA'd and CCTV was not being collected or viewed. Moped crime has reduced however there is evidence that these crimes are being carried out by people using push bikes

Member's discussion

Heals and Habitat still experiencing problems with rough sleepers. DF advised that the 'hot spot' team engage with the rough sleepers, Camden have also received Government funding to deal with the homeless and rough sleepers across the borough. Planet Organic and Greggs advised that they are experiencing theft committed by workers from the local building sites, Planet Organic also reported thefts of mobile phones. Space NK advised that the policy issued by their head office is not to intervene.

Member businesses were encouraged to visit the Camden Police Safer Neighbourhoods Team Bloomsbury Ward website to comment on crime issues in the area. Anti-social behaviour can also be reported online.

www.met.police.uk/

AOB

Street Wardens – drug dealing/use continues in Hanway Place, aggressive begging is linked to the drug dealers

West End Project –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. Members are encouraged to look at the plans for proposed public spaces following the works, these can be found on the Camden Council website. More detail about the project can be found on the Camden webs site:-

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

Waste – the majority of the card left on the streets is being left by businesses in the area, Dave advised members that it is an important responsibility of businesses to manage waste.

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**

Dates of next Meetings

23rd October 2018, 2pm, 13 Fitzroy Street W1T

20th November 2018, 13 Fitzroy Street W1T

11th December 2018, 13 Fitzroy Street W1T

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
[@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

kevin.orrow@met.pnn.police.uk
dave.hodges2@met.pnn.police.uk

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

To provide advice, support and information