

# TANN The Avenues Neighbourhood Network

## Minutes of Meeting held 8.00pm Monday 19 July 2010

### 1. PRESENT

Jan Pell (chair this meeting), Jacqueline Giff, Brenda Henley, Laura Robertson-Collins, Angela Howard, Francine Palant, Margaret McGowan, V. Hamilton, Inspector Stuart Quirk, PC Scott Cenci, Angela Lansley, John Garrett.

### APOLOGIES

Cllrs Jan Clein, Dinah Dossor.

### 2. NOTICE OF AOB ITEMS

Street cleaning.  
Conservation area issues.

### 3. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

Minutes of meeting held Monday 17 May were agreed.

### 4. MATTERS ARISING

**a) SID Happy-face Speeding Device.** (Item 4.a) PC Cenci said the Greenbank SID is broken. It may be repaired but needs to be replaced. This would cost around £3,000 he asked TANN to consult Councillors as to whether some of the Neighbourhood Renewal Fund money could be used to assist.

**b) Smithdown Road Shopkeepers' Radios.** (Item 4.b) John Garrett was to attend the shopkeepers' next meeting and obtain further information, however, this meeting has not yet taken place.

**c) Newsletters.** (Item 9.a) Contact has been re-established with the Lathbury Lane area and a volunteer to deliver TANN newsletters has been found. Brenda Henley contacted Paul Haydock with regard to meeting to discuss ways of improving the newsletter. Paul had been doing the lay-out for a good number of years, and he decided to pass on the baton if a replacement could be found. His place will be taken by Francine Palant. The meeting proposed an official vote of thanks to Paul for all his work and commitment to the newsletter.

**d) Turnstile Gate.** (Item 9.b) Brenda Henley had contacted the Councillors about this but not gained any further information, she will try again. PC Cenci said he would speak to Citywatch, who are involved with the locking and unlocking of the cemetery gates, to find out if they can help out with this gate.

### 5. COMMUNITY POLICING REPORT

**a) Arundel Avenue.** Inspector Quirk reported on the recent murder in a property in Arundel Avenue. Three arrests had been made, and the circumstances emerging regarding this tragic event suggest that the attackers had a clear motive and that it was not a random attack. Insp. Quirk stressed that it was not a reason to consider Arundel Avenue unsafe.

**b) Policing Levels.** With regard to the Government and Local Authority cuts in financing Insp. Quirk said that redundancies were not expected in the Merseyside Force but that recruitment would be affected. Angela Howard, on behalf of Ullet Road Unitarian Church, thanked Insp. Quirk for the work of the local Community Policing Support Officers who have high visibility in the TANN area and have made a point of being seen around the church premises.

**c) Crime Report.** PC Cenci offered apologies for there not having been any police officers available for our last TANN meeting in May. He reported TANN area crime figures:

**Burglaries** – from January to July there have been 26. Four of these occurred in July, two were through open windows and two had front doors forced. An arrest and a subsequent charge has been made for one of the July offences.

**Theft of motor vehicles** – two in July, both being older vehicles.

**Theft from motor vehicles** – from January to July there have been 23, and this is showing an increase on previous years. These offences occur mainly at night and 13 of them were thefts of number plates for use in other crimes. Sat-navs and similar devices are popular, thieves knowing that marks on the windscreen showing sat-nav mountings indicate that one may be stored in the glove compartment.

**Criminal damage** to motor vehicles and property – five incidents in July.

**Anti-social behaviour** – eight incidents in June and two so far in July. TANN residents present reported a number of concerns:

Rosset Avenue had had two particularly noisy student properties during the last academic year.

The alley gate at the Smithdown Rd. end of Rosset is always open, possibly left unlocked by shopkeepers who require access to the rear of the premises.

There continues to be troublesome parking too near the corners of Gresford and Rosset, this being exacerbated by a repair garage on Gresford that parks cars in the avenue.

**Trainers over telephone wires.** This can be an emblem of gang activity and there are some over wires in York Avenue. Insp. Quirk said that there is no police intelligence that suggests gangs are active in the TANN area.

#### 6. **WEBSITE**

**a)** Work to revamp the “Events and News” page has been completed, and it is functioning well. John Garrett would like to recruit a young TANN resident to assist in putting local youth-friendly events on the site. Does anybody know of a suitable volunteer?

The “Homes” page is still undergoing its revamp.

John requested a volunteer to look after the site during his holiday, Angela Lansley agreed.

#### 7. **IDEAS MEETING**

Sufficient time for full discussion of future plans was not available. A quick brainstorm resulted in:

A social event of some kind, maybe a craft and/or arts fair; a picnic on St Agnes’ Field; a conservation area and homes event; joining in with the next Unitarian social event the church has planned for December 4<sup>th</sup>. Further discussion at next meeting in September.

#### 8. **ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

**a) Street Cleaning.** Brenda has been concerned about the lack of street cleaning, especially sweeping, and has been in contact with Enterprise Liverpool. She is to set up a meeting with Jimmy Richardson of the relevant department and asked if any other TANN residents were interested in attending. Three were.

**b) Conservation Area Issues.** Some recent refurbishment work on a house in Gresford Avenue caused considerable concern to nearby residents. Changes to windows and the front door were not compliant with conservation area status. Builders working on the site were unaware of the conservation rules. Local residents contacted the Council and our Councillors to alert them. The site was visited by conservation officers and the developing landlord contacted. As a result refurbishment to the exterior of the property was changed to bring it into line with the conservation rules.

**DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

**Monday 20 September 2010 8.00 pm St Agnes’ Church Hall.**