

Royal Borough of Kensington & Chelsea SAFER NEIGHBOURHOOD BOARD

**Minutes of meeting held Monday 09 June 2014
Room 7, London Lighthouse, 111-117 Lancaster Road, W11 1QT**

**Chaired by: Eman Yosry
Minutes taken by: Mohammed Miah**

Attendance list attached

1	WELCOME, INTRODUCTIONS AND APOLOGIES	ACTION
1.1	Eman welcomed everyone to the meeting, and invited members to introduce themselves. She extended a warm welcome to the new Community Representative. Apologies were also noted.	
2	REPORT BACK FROM CHAIR	
2.1	<p>Eman reported back from relevant events and meetings she had attended.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Community Safety Programme meeting was held on 30 April which she and Karen had attended. • They attended the Pre Carnival Meeting, which Karen took lead in organising and was chaired by Eman. Eman related the high frustration levels among residents and said the Board should do its best to address the issue. • They also attended an LCP2 meeting (London Community & Policing Partnership), which covers consultation on policing for all London boroughs. • She announced the London Crime Prevention Summit on 4 July and encouraged members to attend. Mohammed will circulate more details about the event. 	KCSC
3	RBKC COMMUNITY SAFETY PRIORITIES FOR 2014-15	
3.1	The Community Safety Programme Board (CSPB) is a statutory body that brings together the 'responsible authorities' (police, local authorities, fire and rescue authorities, probation service and health) to work together on crime and community safety issues. The SNB will have powers to scrutinise and hold the CSPB to account.	
3.2	Mark said SNB chair would be welcomed to sit on the CSPB in ex-officio capacity.	
3.3	<p>The CSPB has five priorities for 2014-15 which are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tackling violence against women and girls • Prevent the emergence of serious youth violence • Reducing theft from people – pick pocketing/handbag thefts • Burglary – residential and businesses • Tackling Anti-Social Behaviour – vulnerable people and locations 	
3.4	Asked about what will be done about the gangs, drugs and sex trafficking taking place in some parts of the borough, Mark said it was a good question and that the Board should look into and discuss the issues in more detail. Mark added that his team were working cross borough with police, and learning necessary lessons so that the problems do not get worse. They have also been increasingly using anti-social behaviour tools.	

<p>3.5</p> <p>3.6</p> <p>3.7</p> <p>3.8</p> <p>3.9</p> <p>3.10</p> <p>3.11</p> <p>3.12</p>	<p>Alisdair said that there were six stabbings recently, all of which were related to gangs and/or drugs. There was a crackdown on gangs in both overt and covert operations before the stabbings. He said it was important to find key players in gang related crime and to look at cross borough activities. The police have also been collaborating closely with the local authority to work with troubled families.</p> <p>There were concerns that ring leaders of gangs were exploiting girls as young as 11 for sex and to move drugs and that the culprits were not being searched by the police.</p> <p>Councillor Gardner said the council shared those concerns, and explained her intentions to bring together different agencies to identify how joined up they are and explore where more collaboration and joining can occur. She acknowledged the issues could not be solved over night, but felt they were improving.</p> <p>Alisdair said that CCTV footage was proving very helpful in convicting criminals. He shared examples of incidents in which convictions were made using the help of CCTV where there were no witnesses or witnesses did not come forward. He suggested it may be a good idea to install CCTVs in known hot spots.</p> <p>Councillor Gardiner said the use of de-mountable CCTV cameras was being considered, as crime hot spot areas tend to move from one place to another.</p> <p>Problems around Tavistock Crescent were highlighted with constant busking, drunken and other nuisances. It was asked if a temporary CCTV camera could be used there.</p> <p>Concerns were raised about the role of street drinking in flaring up violence and aggression, in some cases against tourists in Portobello.</p> <p>It was suggested that rather spending huge amounts of money and effort on cracking down, more should be done to understand the causes of crime.</p>	
<p>4</p>	<p>RBKC POLICING PRIORITIES FOR 2014-15</p>	
<p>4.1</p> <p>4.2</p> <p>4.3</p> <p>4.4</p>	<p>Alisdair announced Adrian’s departure from the Kensington and Chelsea Borough Police at the end of the month and said he would cover his place on the Board until Adrian’s replacement is in post.</p> <p>The Met’s strategic policing priorities is to cut crime by 20%, cut cost by 20% and increase confidence in policing by 20%.</p> <p>The crime reduction priorities set by MOPAC are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Robbery • Burglary • Theft person • Criminal damage • Violence with injury • Theft from motor vehicle • Theft of motor vehicle <p>There has been a reduction in six out of seven targets set by MOPAC. Total crimes in the borough have dropped by 3000. Theft is down by 300, criminal damage down by 100 and anti-social behaviour is also down by 900, however, theft of motor vehicles is up. General police confidence has also risen.</p>	

4.5	It was felt that the process for handing lost items to police and completing the booking form was too long, acting as a barrier for people handing in lost items.	KCSC	
4.6	Adrian said the police work with residents to make these processes as easy as possible, and that more effort may be required to get that message out.		
4.7	There was a request to see a copy of the property lost in street booking form.		
4.8	Asked what the plans were for Wandsworth Custody, Alisdair replied that custody facilities were being reduced everywhere and many are being shared. Notting Hill custody facility is still open for sole RBKC use and has six cells, however using another facility outside the borough is necessary as there are no others in RBKC. The booking-in time at Wandsworth is not very long and usually takes between 15-20mins. The travel time from Notting Hill to Wandsworth (one way) is 31mins off peak and slightly longer during peak times.		
4.9	There were concerns about the arrangement with Wandsworth. There have been incidents where young people have waited over 12 hours, only to be brought back to Notting Hill due to unavailability of an appropriate adult.		
4.10	Asked if the SNB could feed into proposals on custody sharing, Alisdair said it would be welcomed once solid proposals are made.		
4.11	It was suggested that vulnerable people should be prioritised for custody in Notting Hill.		
4.12	Alisdair said that police numbers currently at 420 will go up to 490 in 2015. It was also mentioned that the RBKC police contract was coming to an end and negotiations are taking place for a new contract in which Met has extended a buy one get one free offer. The contract will be worth £1.4 million.		
4.13	There was a request to circulate key safety and policing contact details (<i>see appendix 1</i>). Although each Safer Neighbourhood team has a mobile number, it was reported that not all the numbers are accessible. The contact number on the St. Charles flyer does not work.		KCSC
4.14	There was a request from Jean to make flyers more accessible. She also requested that police exercise more patience when interacting with disabled people. She said her neighbour had a visit from police, who were impatiently banging on her front door. Alisdair requested more details from Jean after the meeting to further look into the matter.		
5	KENSINGTON & CHELSEA DATA POLICING AND CRIME DATA		
5.1	Mary told the Board the MOPAC will provide crime and policing data prior to each meeting for members to analyse and discuss at the meeting as well as helping set future agendas.		Mary Iefoma
5.2	She highlighted some of the key findings in the data pack to April 2014. Some of the findings include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Anti-social behaviour has gone down over past two years. • Confidence level is 74%, which is higher than the Met's average level. • Satisfaction level is 77% which is below the Met's average level. 		
5.3	There was a request for a breakdown of data on confidence and satisfaction down to neighbourhood level to help identify where improvements need to be made.		
5.4	Iefoma offered to share data collected by Victim Support on police satisfaction.		

5.5	Figure 6. in the date pack which counts staff/officer allegation, should read '31 st lowest' rather than '31 st highest'. Mary to request correction.	Mary
5.6	Cindy offered to present on how to understand stop and search data at the next meeting.	Cindy
5.7	There was discussion on complaints against officers. The board questioned timing around the withdrawal of cases, discharge and dispensation. Clarification was requested on how police complaints are categorised.	Alisdair
6	ANY OTHER BUSINESS	
6.1	Karen and Eman asked the board to consider a funding application received from Sergeant Orlando Jeffrey, Kensington & Chelsea Youth Independent Advisory Group (YIAG) requesting part funding of £500 to his project total cost £3390. The youth Advisory group is a means for the Young people of Kensington and Chelsea to have a say in the Policing of their local community, obtain an understanding of Policing Policies, Powers and Objectives. With the overall intention of improving the relationship between young people and Police, breaking down barriers and clearing up misconceptions.	
6.2	Cindy elaborated on why she felt it should support an application to part fund the youth IAG. The Board agreed in principal to support the application, however there was uncertainty around what monies will be used as there is an underspend of £2000 from CPEG.	
6.3	Mary agreed to inquire about the CPEG underspend, and to also provide guidance on how to apply to MOPAC for the £22800 for SNB projects.	Mary
6.4	Mary also agreed to inquire about any other funds from MOPAC that may be available for youth engagement.	Mary
6.5	Mark announced there are grants of up to £5000 available to fund support projects that aim to tackle one of the five priority areas (<i>see appendix 1</i>).	
6.6	It was agreed the Executive Committee and core ex-officio members would meet a month prior to SNB meetings to set the agenda and review actions.	
7	DATE OF NEXT MEETING	
7.1	Next meeting to be scheduled end of July 2014.	

Appendix 1

Key safety and policing contact details:

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Billy.Bowen-Long@met.pnn.police.uk

Brian.J.Haig@met.pnn.police.uk

Kensington and Chelsea Community Safety Partnership Action Grants 2014-15:

www.rbkc.gov.uk/communitysafetyactiongrant

Kensington and Chelsea Community Safety Partnership invite applications for Action Grants to fund initiatives that meet the community safety priority themes detailed in the Information and Guidance document. Funding will only be provided for projects to be delivered between 1 August 2014 and 31 March 2015.

The Partnership has set its priorities for the next three years based on consultation with local residents and a thorough analysis of all available information about community safety issues. The main partners are already providing significant services, through their mainstream budgets, to address these priorities.

The Partnership will fund a number of Action Grants in 2014-2015, for voluntary and community organisations already working within the Royal Borough of Kensington and Chelsea and which have charitable objectives, to augment this work. Organisations can apply for an Action Grant of between £2,000 and £5,000 to support the Partnership in delivering its priority themes.

The Kensington and Chelsea Community Safety Partnership priorities themes are:

- Violence Against Women and Girls (VAWG)
- Serious Youth Violence
- Burglary
- Theft from person
- Anti-social Behaviour with a focus on vulnerable victims and repeat locations

TO APPLY/FOR FURTHER INFORMATION

Please download the application form and separate Information and Guidance document on our webpage [here](#) which provide more detail on how to apply for funding.

ATTENDANCE LIST

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1. ATTENDANCE LIST

	Name	Organisation/*Area of representation
1	Alisdair Ferguson	Metropolitan Police Kensington & Chelsea
2	Angela Spence	*Voluntary Sector
3	Cindy Macrae	*Stop and Search Community Monitoring Group
4	Councillor Joanna Gardner	RBKC Cabinet Member for Community Safety
5	Elaine Chumnerly	The Royal Borough of Kensington & Chelsea
6	Eman Yosry (Chair)	*Notting Barns Ward Panel
7	Ifeoma Williams	*Victim Support
8	Jean Davis	*Disabled People
9	Jose Fernandez	Community Representative
10	Karen Clark (Vice Chair)	*Neighbourhood Watch
11	Lloyd North	*Abingdon Ward Panel
12	Marie Mulcahy	Community Representative
13	Mark Barr	Community Representative
14	Mark Benbow	RBKC Community Safety Team
15	Mary John-Baptiste	MOPAC
16	Mohammed Miah	Kensington & Chelsea Social Council
17	Richard Bryant	*Older People
18	Steve Wilkinson	*Business Community
19	Vassilika Stavrou	*Independent Custody Visiting Panel

2. APOLOGIES

	Name	Organisation/*Area of representation
1	Adrian Roberts	Metropolitan Police Kensington & Chelsea
2	Tory Blair	*Colville Ward Panel
3	Yvonne Wurtzburg	*Queen's Gate Ward Panel