

# Royal Borough of Kensington & Chelsea SAFER NEIGHBOURHOOD BOARD

**Minutes of meeting held Wednesday 29 October 2014  
Main Hall, Chelsea Old Town Hall, King's Road, London SW3 5EE**

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

***Attendance list attached***

| 1   | WELCOME, INTRODUCTIONS AND APOLOGIES   | ACTION |
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| 1.1 | Eman Yosry welcomed everyone to the meeting, and invited members to introduce themselves. She extended a warm welcome to new board members including Andreia Oliveira Miguel, representing young people, Cllr Eve Allison and Cllr Monica Press, representing North Kensington, Cllr Malcolm Spalding representing Kensington and Cllr Andrew Rinker representing Chelsea.                       |        |
| 2   | <b>MINUTES OF LAST MEETING AND MATTERS ARISING</b>   |        |
| 2.1 | JK pointed out that her comments about the good work that organizations such as Al-Hasaniya and Baraka Youth Association, as well as the many supplementary schools, do with young people in North Kensington was not recorded in the minutes. She suggested that closer working and coordination could be forged with BME organisations and the police and community safety teams.              |        |
| 3   | <b>KENSINGTON &amp; CHELSEA ANTI-SOCIAL BEHAVIOUR (ASB) REVIEW &amp; NEW LEGISLATION</b><br>Paul Dunn MBE, Royal Borough of Kensington & Chelsea   |        |
| 3.1 | PD presented on the boroughs stance on anti-social behaviour, its approach to tackling it and new legislation to help tackle ASB.  |        |
| 3.2 | ASB remains a national, regional and local priority with the SNB at the centre of a number of agencies working together to tackle the issue. The boroughs approach to ASB includes working more together and sharing information, putting victims first, empowering communities and using new powers whilst maintaining the lessons learnt in the past.  |        |
| 3.3 | Of the new powers brought into force, three are most significant. The Discretionary Grounds for Possession gives more powers to evict ASB tenants, whilst the Community Trigger allows victims to pursue a multi-agency resolution to previously reported ASB where no satisfactory action was taken, and the Community Remedy offers a range of sanctions to deal with low-level crime and ASB. |        |
|     | <a href="#"><u>Presentation</u></a>  |        |

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| 4   | <p><b>NEW RBKC POLICE TEAM</b><br/>Mark Benbow, RBKC Community Safety Team</p>  |  |
| 4.1 | <p>The new council funded team to start work on the 17th of November, with one sergeant and six constables. By March 2015 there will be 41 officers in the new team.</p>  |  |
| 4.2 | <p>The K&amp;C Community Safety partnership will be tasking the team on a weekly basis to tackle a broad range of issues including antisocial behaviour which incorporates environmental, nuisance and neighbourhood crimes.</p>  |  |
| 5   | <p><b>ASB ON COUNCIL ESTATES, INTERACTION WITH PARTNERS &amp; IMPACT OF NEW LEGISLATION ON ASB</b><br/>Theresa Brown, Tenant’s Management Organisation (TMO)</p>  |  |
| 5.1 | <p>Following an introduction by RB on the TMO and its work supporting the community, TB moved on to speak about ASB problems the TMO faces and how it deals with them. The TMO received a total of 190 reports of ASB last year and 102 so far in this year. 40% of ASB reports are noise related.</p>  |  |
| 5.2 | <p>The TMO is setting up a youth and children’s wing to engage with young people and children, and hopes to incorporate an outreach worker within the team, along with a programme of activities to support them.</p>   |  |
| 5.3 | <p>Difficulties in enforcing penalties on tenants were expressed, mainly due to restrictions in sharing information. Although the new legislation is intended to make that easier, there was an emphasis on more partnership working, which makes the process smoother. It was felt that Community Triggers were effective in dealing with ASB.</p> <p><a href="#">Presentation</a></p> |  |
| 6   | <p><b>OPEN DISCUSSION ON TACKLING ASB</b></p>   |  |
| 6.1 | <p>JK said that the Community Panel she sits on also looks at ASB and said its approach was one of support and not so much about punishment. She stressed the need to maintain the support element in dealing with ASB.</p>   |  |
| 6.2 | <p>The Chair of Cremorne Residents Association praised the support and advice the RA had received from the Crime Prevention Design Advisor (CPDA) but had informed the Board that the support had ended due to cuts. EO’C explained that the CPDA’s role was never actually to support groups, but rather the local authority, and that it no longer exists.</p>                        |  |
| 6.3 | <p>EA asked whether there was a link between ASB and class, to which EO’C replied there was not. People of all classes commit ASB, though often of different types. She highlighted the nuisance caused in Knightsbridge by revving ‘super’ cars.</p>   |  |
| 6.4 | <p>Asked how it will be ensured the new ASB legislations will be used proportionately, PD said there were realistic expectations by the community, who want the powers to be used proportionately. He reiterated the approach will be one of support and not punishment.</p>  |  |
| 6.5 | <p>It was noted that hate crime, in particular faith hate crime had risen, and ASB towards disabled people was under-reported. There was a request to encourage disabled people</p>   |  |

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|          | to report ASB that affects them, and to take a more community approach to reporting hate crime in general.   |  |
| 6.6      | MB raised concerns about laughing gas being purchased to be used for 'legal highs'. He pointed out the health risks, but also the mess it causes, with 50-60 cans littered around Portobello Road the previous Saturday. The difficulties in tackling the issue was expressed, due to the purchase of the cans being legal, however PD said retailers could be approached and encouraged to trade more responsibly.  |  |
| 6.7      | MB said that the park police played a vital role in tackling ASB, and felt they could do more if they had access to the police database. MB said that whilst they are key partners that act as professional witnesses and provide good intelligence, they would not be able to access the police database as that requires high level vetting. He said they would continue working closely with the park police.   |  |
| 6.8      | Asked for clarification on new powers against young people, PD explained new injunction measures have been introduced for children over 10yrs old, which if breached, harsher penalties can apply, including confiscation of homes. He said this would be an absolute last resort.   |  |
| 6.9      | Asked what was being done on a tri-borough level to tackle ASB, PD said a task and finish group is looking at different aspects of ASB across tri-borough.   |  |
| <b>7</b> | <b>FEEDBACK/REPORTS</b>  |  |
| 7.1      | <b>SNB Chair and Vice Chair's report (EY &amp; CK):</b> EY attended the Community Safety Programme Board meeting and the MOPAC Chairs training. EY and KC attended the Post Carnival meeting, the London Communities Policing Partnership (LCP2) and LCP2 Assistant Commissioner meeting. EY and KC also had a meeting with a youth group regarding gang reduction and youth Engagement, in addition to meeting the Borough Commander. KC attended a Neighbourhood Watch and Safer Neighbourhood meeting at City Hall with Billy Bowen-Long. |  |
| 7.2      | <b>Borough Commander's report and update (E O'C):</b> <a href="#">See report here.</a>   |  |
| 7.3      | <b>Community Safety Team (MB):</b> <a href="#">See report here.</a>  |  |
| 7.4      | <b>Safer Neighbourhood Ward Panels and public confidence update (BH):</b> The Ward Panels are doing well in their efforts to combat ASB. They are trying to work and engage more with the public, and are making progress.   |  |
| 7.5      | <b>Neighbourhood Watch updates (KC):</b> The new OWL system is in place and steady progress is being made. The next Neighbourhood Watch meeting is on 19 November. There was a request to extend the meeting invites to beyond Neighbourhood Watch Coordinators.   |  |
| 7.6      | <b>Community Payback Scheme updates (Kathy May):</b> <a href="#">See report here.</a>  |  |
| <b>8</b> | <b>ANY OTHER BUSINESS</b>  |  |
| 8.1      | AOM pointed out that Maxilla Walk currently has no CCTV and very poor lighting and asked whether CCTV can be installed there. MB advised CCTV issues can be raised with  |  |

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|          | the Community Safety Team by emailing them and the team will look into it.  |  |
| 8.2      | KH asked what was happening to tackle human trafficking and prostitute carding in phone booths. He felt there was a link between the two and was receiving large numbers of complaints from residents of his represented ward. MB said that some booths had been redesigned, but it wasn't very effective in preventing carding. He said that it was on the police and CST agenda, but there were difficulties in tackling the issue due to the difficulty in catching carders in the act, the small fine if caught and the dispensable nature of the carders. KH suggested a more in depth discussion on the matter. |  |
| 8.3      | EO'C mentioned the Notting Hill Police Station will no longer provide a custody service as it is not up to standard. Moving the service to Wandsworth proved problematic due to issues around sourcing appropriate adults and length of travelling time to get there. The service will likely be moved to either Belgravia or Paddington.   |  |
| 8.4      | Asked for an update on radicalisation and terrorism, EO'C replied RBKC is no different from any other borough with regards to radicalisation and terrorism, however, it is currently under the spotlight, but will soon move on.  |  |
| 8.5      | EO'C was asked for guidance on responding to threats and replied that everyone should remain vigilant and report anything suspicious to police or by calling the Anti-Terrorist Hotline. She said that there was a large Prevent programme ongoing.   |  |
| 8.6      | JK added that there was lots of anxiety and worry around the issue, and communities are meeting and hope to work with partners to address the issue. She also pointed out its link to hate crime.   |  |
| <b>9</b> | <b>DATE AND VENUE OF NEXT MEETING</b>   |  |
| 9.1      | 6.30pm, Monday 9 February 2015. Venue to be confirmed.  |  |

# ATTENDANCE LIST

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## 1. ATTENDANCE LIST BOARD & CORE MEMBERS

|    | Name                             | Area of representation                    |
|----|----------------------------------|---|
| 1  | Greg Faulkner (GF)               | Business Community Representative         |
| 2  | Councillor Andrew Rinker (AR)    | Chelsea Representative                    |
| 3  | Jessica Kennedy (JK)             | Community Representative                  |
| 4  | Mark Barr (MB)                   | Community Representative                  |
| 5  | Jean Davis (JD)                  | Disabled People's Representative          |
| 6  | Councillor Malcolm Spalding (MS) | Kensington Representative                 |
| 7  | Ellie O'Connor (EO'C)            | Metropolitan Police Kensington & Chelsea  |
| 8  | Karen Clark (Vice Chair) (KC)    | Neighbourhood Watch Representative        |
| 9  | Councillor Eve Allison (EA)      | North Kensington Representative           |
| 10 | Councillor Monica Press (MP)     | North Kensington Representative           |
| 11 | Mark Benbow (MB)                 | RBKC Community Safety Team                |
| 12 | Ifeoma Williams (IW)             | Victim Support Representative             |
| 13 | Angela Spence (AS)               | Voluntary Sector Representative           |
| 14 | Lloyd North (LN)                 | Ward Panel Representative - Abingdon      |
| 15 | Kim Howell (KH)                  | Ward Panel Representative - Courtfield    |
| 16 | Peter Cornish (PC)               | Ward Panel Representative - Holland Park  |
| 17 | Eman Yosry (Chair) (EY)          | Ward Panel Representative - Notting Barns |
| 18 | Yvonne Wurtzburg (YW)            | Ward Panel Representative - Queen's Gate  |
| 19 | Andreia Oliveira Miguel (AOM)    | Young People's Representative             |

## 2. ATTENDANCE LIST NON-BOARD MEMBERS

|   | Name                             | Organisation                                     |
|---|----------------------------------|--|
| 1 | Mohammed Miah (Secretariat) (MM) | Kensington & Chelsea Social Council              |
| 2 | Brian Haig (BH)                  | Metropolitan Police Kensington & Chelsea         |
| 3 | Tom Burnham (TB)                 | Mayor's Office for Policing and Crime            |
| 4 | Paul Dunn (PD)                   | Royal Borough of Kensington & Chelsea            |
| 5 | Robert Black (RB)                | Tenant Management Organisation, Chief Executive  |
| 6 | Teresa Brown (TB)                | Tenant Management Organisation, Housing Director |

## 2. APOLOGIES

|   | Name                      | Organisation/Area of representation                       |
|---|---------------------------|---|
| 1 | Marie Mulcahy             | Community Representative                                  |
| 2 | Vassilika Stavrou         | Independent Custody Visiting Panel Representative         |
| 3 | Mary John-Baptiste        | Mayor's Office for Policing and Crime                     |
| 4 | Councillor Joanna Gardner | RBKC Cabinet Member for Community Safety                  |
| 5 | Elaine Churnery           | Royal Borough of Kensington & Chelsea                     |
| 6 | Cindy MacRae              | Stop and Search Community Monitoring Group Representative |