

# Royal Borough of Kensington & Chelsea SAFER NEIGHBOURHOOD BOARD

**Minutes of meeting held  
Monday 15 October 2018, 6.00-8.00pm  
Committee Room 1, Kensington Town Hall,  
Hornton Street, W8 7NX**

**Chaired by: Kim Howell (KH)  
Minutes taken by: Alice Lowry (AL)**

1	Welcome, Apologies and introductions	ACTION
	Kim Howell (KH) welcomed board members to the meeting. Apologies were received from Roger Barasel and Hamish Adourian.	
2	<b>Declaration of interest</b> , no declarations	
3	<b>Minutes of the last meetings and actions pending</b>	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• MetTrace results from Brent to see how the scheme had fared. Rob Jones (RJ) to follow up with Mereddyd Jones (MJ).</li> <li>• There was a discussion on the knife sweeps. Board members said that the community were unsure how to get involved. RJ said that this would usually be done through Dedicated Ward Officer's (DWO's) but he would consult Karen Duckworth (KD) about this.</li> <li>• A previous action regarding frequent drug use and antisocial behaviour in Earls Court was looked at. RJ explained that the Met have a system where they look at ward priorities and see which areas need more tasking groups.</li> </ul>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>RJ to follow up with MJ</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>RJ to follow up with KD</b></p>
4	<b>Independent Review of Community Safety Services – Jonathan Toy (JT)</b>	
	<p>JT explained to the group that the Council are undertaking an outcomes led review of Community Safety Services within the borough – this includes the Community Safety Team, CCTV in the borough, police officers etc. There have been no recent reviews of the services and key changes to the Council and the Police, therefore the review is much needed.</p> <p>JT reviewed his background, explaining that he had worked across for London boroughs and had previous worked in Kensington &amp; Chelsea to do a review on Gangs &amp; Violence. He said the main things they wanted to find out from the review and look into were:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. How the Community Safety Team itself functions? Are the roles within it being used in the best way?</li> <li>2. The best way to make money grow by working with other partners.</li> <li>3. What are the priorities crimes wise in the borough?</li> </ol> <p>JT asked the Board to feedback to him their thoughts on the key priorities and objectives for the borough regarding crime.</p> <p>The key points and discussions which arose were:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Burglary and motorcycle crime came up. Jonathon stated that there was a high incidence in the borough</li> <li>• Anti-social behaviour</li> <li>• Focusing on anti-drugs/anti-gangs - board members on the whole agreed that the Serious Youth Violence programme was a key priority for the borough.</li> <li>• Investing in small organisations to deliver projects</li> <li>• CCTV came up and the need to modernise the cameras and for more cameras to</li> </ul>	

	<p>be installed within the borough. One Board member worried that by focusing attentions on CCTV you took away from police resources and preventative measures. SP explained that intelligence is shared amongst the different agencies.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The lack of police stations in the borough came up in the discussion. However, Jonathon explained that this was not a part of the Community Safety Review. Board members asserted that it should be.</li> </ul>	
5	<p><b>Updates from Executive Board Members</b></p>	
	<p><b>BCU Report and Crime Report - Rob Jones (RJ)</b>  RJ explained that the BCU changes started a long time ago and were previously implemented in East London – there were initially a lot of difficulties and RJ said there were lots of lessons we could learn from these early Pathfinders. The BCU is due to go live in February 2019. The senior leadership team was chosen early by RJ and are committed for the next few years. The key people on the team are Helen Harper, Karen Duckworth and Andy Britten. RJ explained that Karen will be looking after K&amp;C whilst Andy focuses on youth. He explained that most of the community officers will be staying in their ward roles and there won't be a great deal of change. He explained that there has been a big focus on recruiting officers as there was a higher vacancy rate among response officers.</p> <p>There were subsequent discussions about the closure of police stations and the failings of 101 as a way of reporting crime.</p> <p>RJ then moved on to the Crime report which showed London having an increase in 11 of 14 victim based crimes. Within Kensington &amp; Chelsea he said that crime levels were lower and fairly steady, although there has been an increase in motor vehicle crime. One concern was the lack of victim satisfaction in the borough. RJ felt this was due to how the police dealt with individual cases and the expectations of the victims. A Board member brought up the importance of the Victim Code of Practice and explained that this was not being adhered to by the police. Victims were often reporting crimes and not being shown their rights.</p> <p><b>Chair Report – Kim Howell (KH)</b>  KH showed a <a href="#">presentation</a> which updated the Board members on Dedicated Ward Abstraction, the time taken to respond to 101 and 999 calls, how to report crime on the Met Office website and Met Sanction detection rates. Board members were concerned by how high the DWO abstractions. RJ said that he would look into why the abstractions were abnormally high for Kensington &amp; Chelsea. Board members then discussed the issue of sanctions and cautions.</p> <p><b>Neighbourhood Watch - Caryl Harris (CH)</b>  CH told the Board that she is currently working on an online platform for residents to be able to communicate with each other and talk to the police about local crime concerns.</p> <p><b>Independent Custody Visiting Panel - Vassiliki Stavrou (VS)</b>  VS shared the latest statistics from the panel and also encouraged Board members to take interest in the panel. VS stated that there continue to be issues with the supply of Appropriate Adults.</p> <p><b>Stop &amp; Search – Lucy Smith-Ryland (LSR)</b>  LSR reported that she had monitored the stop &amp; search activities at Carnival this year. These were quite successful, aided by the establishment of a Section 60 (ability to stop &amp; search without cause) for the whole of the Carnival area for the duration of the event.</p> <p><b>Community Safety – Stuart Priestley (SP)</b></p>	<p><b>RJ to find out why abstraction rates high</b></p> <p><b>RJ to look into getting speaker to talk about sanction cautions</b></p>

	SP informed the group that the Community Safety Board met on the 19 <sup>th</sup> July where they considered the BCU changes and crime performance in the borough. The Board signed off a domestic homicide report which is with the home office for a quick outcome. They were also given a presentation on the London Fire Brigade. He said that the next meeting would take place on the 18 <sup>th</sup> October and the Board would be focussing on the Community Safety Review.	
<b>6</b>	<b>MOPAC Funding</b>	
	Due to the meeting running behind time KH didn't give a detailed update on MOPAC funding. The mid-year reports would be due from the projects soon and these would be reviewed at the next meeting. Board members were informed that they could have the opportunity to meet with the projects funded by MOPAC and see the work they had achieved. All those with any interest can email <a href="mailto:alice@kcsc.org.uk">alice@kcsc.org.uk</a> .	<b>Board members to contact AL</b>
<b>7</b>	<b>AOB and next meetings</b>	
	One Board member warned members about their bank accounts being hacked – hackers are now able to make it look like your bank is calling you. Another Board member made the group aware that it was Hate Crime Awareness Week.	

Attendance	
Alice Lowry	KCSC
Angela Spence	Voluntary Sector Representative
Caryl Harris	Neighbourhood Watch Representative
Chris Griffin	Business Representative
Colette Wilkinson	Chelsea Riverside Ward Panel Representative
Gerard Hargreaves	RBKC Council Lead Member for Communities and Culture
Daniel Lawless	Victim Support Representative
Harry Singer	Norland Ward Panel Representative
Jonathon Toy	
Kim Howell	Chair
Lucy Smith-Ryland	Stop and Search Monitoring
Margaret March	
Rob Jones	BCU Commander
Stuart Priestley	RBKC Community Safety Officer
Sylvia Nissim	KCSC
Vassiliki Stavrou	Independent Custody Visiting Panel Representative
Zara Ghods	Older People's Representative

Apologies	
Hamish Adourian	Colville Ward Panel Representative and Earl's Court Councillor
Roger Barasel	Vice Chair