

Royal Borough of Kensington & Chelsea SAFER NEIGHBOURHOOD BOARD

Minutes of the meeting held Monday 28 October 2019 Kensington Town Hall, Hornton Street, W8 7NX

Chaired by: Kim Howell
Minutes taken by: AscribeR

Attendance list attached

1	Welcome, apologies and introductions Declaration of interest	ACTION
	The Chair welcomed and thanked those present for attending.	
2	Minutes of the last meeting – 22 July 2019 and actions pending	
	The minutes of the previous meeting were noted and the Chair invited any comments to be sent to Alice Lowry.	
3	CCTV Update - Stuart Priestley, RBKC Community Safety Team	
	<p>Stuart Priestley (RBKC Chief Community Safety Officer) introduced his report which set out proposals to develop a Council CCTV Strategy and the establishment of a CCTV Advisory Group. The Council has agreed set aside £530,000 to support the upgrade of existing stock and expansion across the borough. The proposed CCTV Advisory Group would assist with decision making.</p> <p>During questions the following was noted:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • It was expected that a broad approach would be adopted, taking into account existing business and private CCTV provision. • Regarding individual privacy, the cameras were for public space but the strategy would be all encompassing and a fresh look was underway. • For an out of hours service, cameras could be switched on to respond to calls. • Regarding Civil liberties, the Council would be guided by the Advisory Board and other agencies and the intention was to involve young people in consultation. Before a camera is placed, its purpose has to be established and position justified. • All options would be considered including audio enhanced cameras and expert advice on county lines. 	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Every effort would be made to ensure the system would be secure. <p>The Board noted the Council’s CCTV development plans and agreed to the establishment of a CCTV Advisory Board as a sub-group of the SNB.</p>	
<p>4</p>	<p>Update from MOPAC Funded groups</p> <p>Inspire to be</p> <p>Claire van Helfteren (Inspire to be) outlined the work of the project funded by MOPAC which runs courses aimed at reducing gun and knife crime and gang violence through conflict management and attitudinal change. The courses provide a space for open discussion and reflection and improving communication skills was seen to be key. While take up was initially low, the courses had been well received by participants with little negativity and the aim was to extend provision to the three boroughs and to work with Youth Offending Teams.</p> <p>During questions, the following was noted:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The age group was mainly 15-25 year olds. • There was a lack of referrals from the Youth Offending Team and Police. • There was disappointment at the lack of response from some local groups and it was acknowledged that take up could be improved if courses were allied with agencies as opposed to being marketed solely as a stand alone conflict resolution course. • Some one-to-one mentoring has been delivered. <p>Claire van Helfteren stated she hopes for the course to be available more widely and is willing to provide training for others to deliver.</p> <p>Harrow Club</p> <p>Liam Clipsham outlined the work of the Harrow Club which runs six youth clubs, the main site of which was in K&C, which meet weekly providing a range of activities designed to engage, improve lives and give support and encouragement. The programme strategy was Engagement, Transition and Development and a key challenge was to obtain funding for the transition element, key in supporting young people from primary to secondary schooling. The Development Programme delivers a number of projects.</p> <p>Michael Defoe outlined one of the projects delivered Harrow Club ‘Another Way’, a youth violence reduction project that recognises the key indicators that fuel youth violence and crime and provides support towards along an alternative path and lifestyle. Frequently participants are related or friends who have lost faith in the community, have no hope in the future and who have experienced trauma. The project focused on early intervention, creating a safe environment until 2am on two nights a week.</p>	

	<p>During discussion the following points were noted:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • This project was fulfilling an important need, in particular the role of early intervention. • Poverty and violence often were related and a three borough strategy was required. 	
<p>5</p>	<p>Basic Command Unit (BCU) report and local crime report – Simon Brooker, MET Police</p> <p>Simon Brooker (Chief Inspector, MET Police) introduced his crime report by paying tribute to the work of the Harrow Club and the vital role of prevention in impacting crime prevention. He was pleased to report an increase in staffing with 20,000 extra officers Uk-wide and 1,300 additional PC's for the Met this year. The service was still however understrength, recently affected by other service demands eg the Extinction Rebellion protests. SB advised that due to the uplift in staff, the building reduction strategy, which involved moving from Kenway Road and other police buildings, was now paused. SB advised that the Grenfell report had been released but had been embargoed until Wednesday and invited any feedback. The Board heard that the Notting Hill Carnival had seen reduction in crime by 26% attributed to the pre-emptive work by the MET (eg weapons sweeps and identifying potential trouble makers), work on managing conflict and the weather which was very hot.</p> <p>During the questions, the following was noted:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • There had been a number of section 60 (area-wide stop & search) cases recently which have been successful. However, SB expressed regret at the low chance of solving and achieving outcomes due to reluctance of witnesses to come forward and victims to press charges. • The current recruitment drive would be far and wide outside of London. <p>The Board noted the Crime Brief.</p>	
<p>6</p>	<p>MOPAC funding update and SNB Chair report – Kim Howell</p> <p>The Chair, Kim Howell, reported that since the last meeting, efforts had been directed at getting MOPAC to finalise funding for this year and outlined the five SNB projects currently approved by MOPAC. KH reminded the Board to attend the next Annual Crime Summit on Saturday the 28th March 2020.</p> <p>KH drew attention to the MOPAC grant agreement to which funding was subject. This had been signed by Stuart Priestley as it was accepted that the SNB was not a legal entity. KH expressed disappointment at MOPAC's refusal to fund GAV (anti-gang and social media social awareness in schools) and advised that the funds had been reallocated with MOPAC approval.</p>	
<p>7</p>	<p>Future election of Chair and Vice Chair</p> <p>The Board noted that applications for these positions would be issued.</p>	

8	Any other business	
	None	
	Meeting ended at 7.55pm	

	Organisation	
1	Alice Lowry	KCSC
2	Andrea Walker	Resident
3	Anthony Walker	Resident
4	Caryl Harris	Neighbourhood Watch Representative
5	Chief Inspector Simon Brooker	BCU Representative
6	Chris Griffin	Business Representative
7	Claire Van Helfteren	Inspire to Be (MOPAC funded project)
8	Cllr. Hargreaves	Cabinet Member
9	Harry Singer	Ward Panel representative (Norland)
10	Jane Southwell	Ward Panel Representative (Dalgarno)
11	Joe Batty	Voluntary Sector Representative
12	Kim Howell	SNB Chair
13	Liam Clipsham	Harrow Club (MOPAC funded project)
14	Lucy Smith-Ryland	Stop and Search Community Monitoring Representative
15	Michael Defoe	Harrow Club (MOPAC funded project)
16	Roger Baresel	SNB Vice-Chair
17	Stuart Priestley	RBKC Chief Community Safety Officer
18	Sylvia Nissim	KCSC
19	Vassiliki Stavrou	ICVP Representative