

Royal Borough of Kensington & Chelsea SAFER NEIGHBOURHOOD BOARD

**Minutes of meeting held Monday 9 February 2015
Committee Room 1, Kensington Town Hall, Hornton Street, W8 7NX**

**Chaired by: Eman Yosry
Minutes taken by: Olivia Leu**

Attendance list attached

1	WELCOME, INTRODUCTIONS AND APOLOGIES	ACTION
1.1	Eman Yosry welcomed everyone to the meeting, and invited members to introduce themselves.	
2	MINUTES OF LAST MEETING AND MATTERS ARISING	
2.1	These were agreed at the SNB Executive Meeting on Monday 26 th January. There were no matters arising.	
3	SERIOUS YOUTH VIOLENCE	
	Detective Inspector Driss Hayoukane, Metropolitan Police Presentation Contact: Driss.Hayoukane@met.pnn.police.uk , BSMailbox.Gangs@met.pnn.police.uk 0208 246 9229.	
3.1	DH is in charge of the Serious Youth Violence (SYV) Unit resourced by a team of one Sergeant, two Detective Constables and three Police Constables, with additional support from other teams within the Metropolitan Police.	
3.2	Kensington and Chelsea - a very wealthy borough - is a lucrative market for drug dealers. Back in November 2012 eight high ranking members of the Ladbroke Grove Blood Gang were imprisoned for Possession with Intent to Supply. A vacuum was left which resulted in a postcode turf war. Police found strong links between SYV victims and perpetrators and convictions for drug dealing.	
3.3	Operation Capulet, an intelligence-led operation in Ladbroke Grove, concluded with 51 persons being arrested, 14 of which were gang nominals.	
3.4	Last year, statistics show that RBKC experienced 16 stabbings amounting to serious injuries. In each of these cases, both the victims and perpetrators were identified as young people (under 30yrs) with gang associations.	
3.5	As a result of the increasing violence in RBKC, the Borough has been designated by the Home Office as an Emerging Gang Youth Violence Borough (EGYV), one of only ten in London. The priorities have thus changed, from dealing with drug related crimes to preventing serious youth violence and gang crime.	
3.6	The new focus is on diverting, disrupting and enforcing against known offenders, whilst preventing those at risk of serious youth violence and gang involvement becoming tomorrow's offenders.	
3.7	SYV Case Management is a new integrated approach that promotes information sharing between partner agencies. DH especially praised the engagement work of EPIC CIC and SOS St Giles.	

3.8	<p>Q1: Demand for drugs in K&C. DH emphasized that 51 of the people arrested in 2012 were buyers</p>	RBKC	
3.9	<p>Q2: CCTV cameras. DH informed that buses are equipped inside and out with CCTV cameras that proved crucial in solving several cases including the recent double stabbing in Church Street. EO’C voiced concern at how delays in getting the footage can prevent the investigations from taking place, as some cameras are privately owned.</p>		
3.10	<p>Q3: Bad reputation of Catalyst Housing. DH talked about his own experience of working with Catalyst Housing in Mornington Green – very successful cooperation with the Police; demolition plans prevent future investment.</p>		
3.11	<p>Q4: Expectations around prevention. The transition from primary to secondary school is critical because this is when children develop gang affiliation based on a sense of belonging. The reduction in PCSOs was identified as a gap in the policing model. EO’C reassured the audience that the new police team tasked by the local authority would be fully functional by the end of the month. Another important remark was that gangs are not exclusively male dominated; there are many girls that engage with gangs. Following a meeting with the head of Early Years from the Social Services, and Safeguarding in Education, they will look to establish this year a project for Years Five and Six. The focus is on identifying those at risk, then intervening and developing resilience.</p>		
3.12	<p>Q5: The Chair of a Residents Association (RA) in Cremorne Ward expressed her concern with the current setting as the multidisciplinary approach on tackling ASB promoted by RA was abandoned, which led to the RA feeling disempowered. According to the speaker, RBKC officers and Metropolitan Police Officers stopped getting the input of the RA. EO’C emphasized the active role of the Ward Officers that are there to respond, and engage with RA, schools, shop keepers etc. not only the TMOs.</p>		
3.13	<p>Q6: DH and EO’C offered clarification with regards to the Playhouse, a pub not a youth club.</p>		
3.14	<p>Q7: EA spoke about the need to go to the grassroots to understand why certain youth are falling through, why they are not succeeding in education and why they are getting involved in gangs and youth violence.</p>		
3.15	<p>Q8: Police engagement with community organisations. DH described the carrot and stick approach police is using to influence the behaviour of those who come out of the prison - carrot (education, upskilling), stick (sending them back to prison); and invited the public to send him suggestions on how the community organisations can be better involved in the prevention cycle.</p>		DH
3.16	<p>Prevention and engagement agenda of the Community Safety Team. SP informed the public that they are recruiting a post to lead on SYV; the post holder will have to engage with faith groups, education providers, and the wider community to find a solution, raise awareness, and promote service referrals.</p>		
3.17	<p>Q9: Vulnerable people, and the work of the Social Services Transition Team. The police is currently developing the concept of ‘super mash’, a multi-agency safeguarding hub which sits across the three boroughs; a team of professionals including the police, education, health, and adult social care; a cradle to grave concept. Anyone who is vulnerable should be referred, regardless of age. The project is in its infancy, following several months of negotiation. The goal is to intervene at the earliest point they can. Children safeguarding is working well at the moment; adult safeguarding needs to be equally efficient.</p>		
3.18	<p>Q10: Following a meeting on psychiatric provision in Earls Court, it was stressed the need for psychiatric support across the borough in order to avoid inefficient allocation of police resources.</p>		

4	COMMUNITY SAFETY PROGRAMME BOARD PRIORITIES Stuart Priestley, RBKC Chief Community Safety Officer Presentation		
4.1	SP gave a presentation on the Community Safety Programme Board (CSPB), its priorities and future plans.		
4.2	CSPB is a statutory partnership. Membership of the group is drawn from senior members of the Council chaired by Cllr. Joanna Gardener, senior officers across the Council, the Police, the Fire Service, the National Probation Service, the London Community Rehabilitation Company (CRC), Voluntary Sector providers, communities, and the chair of the SNB.		
4.3	The CSPB priorities for 2015/2016 are: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Preventing any emerging serious youth violence 2. Violence against women and girls 3. Repeat and vulnerable victims and locations of antisocial behaviour and hate crime 4. Theft of motor vehicles 		
4.4	The plans on describing how to deliver on these four priorities will be published in April.	RBKC	
4.5	The services tackling violence against women and girls have been commissioned differently over the years across the three Councils. CSPB are in the process of procuring a single service framework across the three Councils which will provide coordination, support, manage risk, and services in the community to support women and girls survivors of domestic abuse. Support will also be available to men as perpetrators to change their behaviour and men as victims will be referred into appropriate services.		
4.6	In November 2014, the Kensington and Chelsea Community Policing Team (PC) went live, replacing some of the former PCSOs. Currently based at Notting Hill, the team will have 41 full-time police officers on a four year contract, by the end of the financial year. The Council is investing £1.4 million/year to make this dedicated/visible team functional. Their main objective is tackling low level ASB and crime, and work on a cycle of shifts covering every day with night shifts on Thursday, Friday and Saturday. The teams are tasked weekly in accordance with analysis and requests for joint operations from Council and other partners such as Registered Providers of Housing.		
4.7	The theft of motor vehicles is a new priority based on a 66% increase in reports to the police this year. There are two sets of problems- theft of high value motor vehicles by organised criminal gangs; and theft of mopeds and scooters. SP and EO’C urged owners to use crook locks for motor vehicles and street anchors (funded by the Council) for mopeds and scooters. The police work closely with the manufacturers to encourage improving security of certain makes of cars after they found that one can buy computer software on the internet that can open and disconnect the alarm system of these cars. The most vulnerable brands are 4X4 Range Rovers followed by BMWs, with thefts happening between 2am and 6am.		
5	FEEDBACK/REPORTS		
5.1	SNB Chair and Vice Chair’s report Eman Yosry & Karen Clark Two projects received funding from the SNB – West London FC and the Independent Advisory Youth Group. Two SNB members – EA and KH - sit on the LCP2 Forum.		

5.2	Borough Commander's report and update Ellie O'Connor RBKS failed to achieve MOPAC's targets (20% reduction in seven key crime types) for the last two years. The Borough Commander's ambition is to meet the target within the next twelve months.	EO'C
5.3	Q11: Loss of PCSOs. The current financial cuts caused a reduction in PCSOs. But the existing police officers are invested with more powers, have a holistic approach, and are more cost effective. The neighbourhood policing model is subject of a review; results are now being finalised and decisions re working practices and shifts for non-officers are being reviewed.	
5.4	Community Safety Programme Board Stuart Priestley - as previously presented The Probation Service has been divided into two – the National Probation Service for higher risk offenders and the London Community Rehabilitation Company for lower risk offenders.	
5.5	Safer Neighbourhood Ward Panels and public confidence Ellie O'Connor Each ward has now its own Ward Panel, major achievement as other boroughs are far from it. The next set of meetings are due in March/April e.g. Queen's Gate - 11th March, Campden 24th March, Holland - 23rd April. Visit http://content.met.police.uk/Borough/Kensington/Contact for all upcoming meetings.	
5.6	Stop and Search Community Monitoring Group Cindy MacRae Stop and Search (S&S) provides intelligence and evidence led in-depth oversight monitoring. Community reassurance and cohesion underpins their work. There are four thematic meetings a year, the next one on youth. Top priority is engaging with hard to reach groups – faith/minority groups and young people. The complaints procedure will be reviewed. Training on disability issues will be part of the collaboration with the police officers. S&S will also be doing oversight of the non-lethal Taser weapon for the first time in London. For more information please email rbkccmg@gmail.com .	CM
5.7	Neighbourhood Watch Karen Clark OWL is a new system put in place by the Neighbourhood Watch, and paid for by the Council. Once registered, members receive weekly local updates from the police, with a map and short description of incidents. www.owl.co.uk	
5.8	Independent Custody Visiting Panel Vassiliki Stavrou Notting Hill Custody is now closed. The facilities at the final location - Belgravia from the 31 st March - are far superior to Notting Hill. The Independent Custody Visiting Panel for the borough will now be inspecting in custody suites in Westminster.	
5.9	Community Payback Scheme update Eman Yosry The SNB will be looking into identifying projects to be nominated for the Community Payback Scheme.	SNB
6	Written questions received prior to the meetings from residents	
6.1	EO'C categorised the questions into: pedal cycles, speed and junctions. Junctions are the responsibility of the TFL. EO'C will feedback to TFL and SP will notify the RBKC Highways Department. The cycling safety issues are looked into by the Safer Transport Team and PCSOs resulting in a whole operation around pedal cycles. Cycle Safety events are running regularly in the Holland Park area. For those interested, there are courses on Cycling Proficiency available. Comments from residents will be passed on to the Safer Transport Commander. Speed: speed guns will be used in High Street Ken, Earls Court Road and Warwick Road to check actual speed. Pedestrian crossings will be also part of the study.	EO'C SP

7	Open discussion on Serious Youth Violence and other local crime concerns		
7.1	<p>Q13: Offences logged against the businesses that report crime: the police needs to be able to map the offence (inside or outside the business). Unless inside the premises, the crime doesn't count against the business.</p>	EO'C	
7.2	<p>Q14: Road works in Earls Court and Avenue Ward are causing disruption; there was a request for a camera to be installed - TfL matter. The Road Traffic Command confirmed they will be providing some assets.</p>		
7.3	<p>Q15: Bicycles going the wrong way up one way streets: a risk assessment exercise was done by the Local Authority. One way streets will have a special signs for bicycles, if they are allowed to go against the traffic and there is a dedicated cycle lane. Portobello Road was reported to be especially bad, including civil law enforcement officers riding their scooters the wrong way. JG will look into this matter.</p>		JG
7.4	<p>Q16: Closure of Chelsea Police Station: a consultation took place prior to the closure. There won't be another police station in place. MOPAC decided two years ago which police stations had to go, due to cost cuts. The Borough Commander will ensure that the public are informed of future consultation meetings.</p>		EO'C
7.5	<p>Q17: Council Tax for policing not used for the benefit of the community – many police stations and psychiatric facilities were sold in the last years. EO'C explained that the budget for policing is decided by the Government, Home Office, MOPAC, and finally the Metropolitan Police.</p>		
7.6	<p>Q18: ASB in Dalgarno Ward: Cllr responsible was advised to feed intelligence into the community partnership tasking through the Ward Panel.</p>		
7.7	<p>Q19: Losing residents' engagement/voice of local people left out: the need to maintain communication and collaboration with local residents groups was acknowledged.</p>		
8	DATE AND VENUE OF NEXT MEETING		
8.1	<p>SNB Annual General Meeting Saturday 21st March, 10.00-13.00 Small Hall, Committee Room 1, Kensington Town Hall, Hornton Street, W8 7NX</p>		

1. ATTENDANCE LIST

	Name	Organisation/Area of representation
1	Angela Spence	Voluntary Sector
2	Cindy MacRae (CM)	Stop and Search Community Monitoring Group
3	Councillor Eve Allison	North Kensington Representative (Councillor)
4	Councillor Joanna Gardner (JG)	RBKC Cabinet Member for Community Safety
5	Councillor Monica Press	North Kensington Representative (Councillor)
6	Driss Hayoukane (DH)	Detective Inspector Metropolitan Police
7	Ellie O'Connor (EO'C)	Metropolitan Police Kensington & Chelsea
8	Eman Yosry (Chair)	SNB Chair
9	Jean Davis	Disabled People
10	Jessica Kennedy	Community Representative
11	Karen Clark (Vice Chair)	Neighbourhood Watch
12	Kim Howell	Courtfield Ward Panel
13	Lloyd North	Abingdon Ward Panel
14	Olivia Leu	Kensington & Chelsea Social Council
15	Mark Barr	Community Representative
16	Steve Wilkinson	Business Community
17	Stuart Priestley (SP)	RBKC Chief Community Safety Office
18	Yvonne Wurtzburg	Queen's Gate Ward Panel

2. APOLOGIES

	Name	Organisation/Area of representation
1	Andreia Oliveira Miguel	Young People
2	Andrew Rinker	Chelsea Representative (Councillor)
3	Ifeoma Williams	Victim Support
4	Mary John-Baptiste	MOPAC
5	Vassiliki Stavrou	Independent Custody Visiting Panel
6	Victoria Borwick	Deputy Mayor of London

More than 60 local residents attended the meeting.