

Date 17 July 2007

Place CPCG Office

Present Anna Tapsell (AT), Doye Akinlade (DA), Canon Ivelaw Bowman (IB), Shane Collins (SC), Gill Kenealy (GK), Paul Reynolds (PR), Cheryl Sealey (CS), Jim Toohill (JT), Wesley Walters-Stephenson, Ben McKendrick (BM)

Apologies Paul Andell (PA),

1. Minutes of Board Meeting 19 June 07

ACTIONS

Minutes of the Meeting 19 June 2007 were accepted without amendment.

Matters Arising from Board Meeting 19 June 2007

Taser

AT had written to Len Duval, Chair of the Metropolitan Police Authority, and the Commissioner of the Metropolitan Police Authority, Sir Ian Blair, with regard to the police use of Tasers.

AT still to write to Det. Supt. John Corrigan (JC) concerning the actions he had undertaken to carry at the Board meeting on 15 May.

AT to ask JC for a written response

With regard to PA's proposal that the Group write to JC about the different attitudes of local police officers/PCSOs compared to TSG officers when conducting Knife Arch operations, JT said that he had spoken about it with TSG's Sgt. Simon Batchelor at a Stop & Search Monitoring Group meeting. Sgt. Batchelor response suggested that it was perhaps a difference in the style of policing i.e. law enforcement as opposed to community engagement.

Board agreed to seek a meeting with a senior TSG officer.

Meeting with TSG to be arranged.

Blog

The Blog on the CPCG website currently remained a test signal.

BM had still to find out where and when Brixton Hill Ward SNP met.

BM to find out venue and time/dates for SNP meetings

2. Finance/Funding

JT tabled a financial report. Taking into account the MPA over payment and payments made in terms of BM's salary CPCG could expect a further £37K funding from the MPA.

JT informed that the Safer Lambeth Partnership budget had been cut and so CPCG should not expect a repeat £5K from it for projects. However, he said if CPCG needed finances it could scale on its proposed website, domestic violence and youth costings.

Board agreed to finance the CPCG tent at the Country Show to the limit of £2,500.

Proposed IB,
Seconded WS

£2,500.

Proposed JT
 Seconded

Board agreed to set up an electronic transfer from its bank account to pay BM's salary into his account.

3. Reports

See sub-Groups

4. Group Meetings

Previous CPCG Meeting

It appeared that the weather had prevented some people from attending the meeting, although there were some new faces, particularly from Lambeth mosques.

Board members felt that the meeting could have been more focussed on issues such as spin, the media and security services with explanations given about them. However, it was acknowledged that the absence of Assistant Commissioner Andy Hayman due to recent terrorist incidents had watered down the discussion.

The Clapham and Stockwell Faith Forum was noted for its contribution, particularly from Saad Mahmood who advertised a conference entitled *The Role of Communities in Addressing Extremism* on 23 July. AT, GK and AT said they would attend.

BM to book AT, GK and SC into the Conference

Forward Planning

September meeting to focus on the new borough commander Sharon Rowe.

Issues suggested for future meeting were:

- Refugees - particularly the question of those with unresolved status
- Domestic Violence – a report back on the DV project
- Commission on Gangs and Guns – a report on work so far
- Jean Charles de Menezes
- Home Affairs Committee Report into Young Black People in the Criminal Justice System – how Lambeth Council was responding to it

Board agreed that it needed to discuss the format of meetings

Board

Board agreed to write to Lambeth police and make a request for two CPCG representatives to take part in murder reviews

BM

WS agreed to undertake an analysis of Iain Duncan Smith's report Breakdown Britain

WS

Following discussion on gun crime and gangs, both male and female, particularly the increase of the latter, **Board agreed** to invite the Commander in

WS

charge of Operation Trident to a Board meeting.

Country Show

Brian Paddick had agreed to chair the debate about drugs in the CPCG tent.

Board members were asked to give times they would be available to assist at the CPCG tent.

DA said that there would be an ICV presence in the tent and that the ICVs would make a financial contribution towards the tent hire and pitch.

Parenting Conference (PC)

The theme of the parenting conference would be "Are black parents responsible for gun crime". Both local and government bodies would be invited (CS). The PC sub-group would meet to decide time/date/venue.

5. Sub-Groups

Youth (GK)

GK had not been successful in contacting [redacted] who was thought to be busy doing consultancy.

Stop and Search Monitoring Group (PA/JT)

In relation to the Stop and Search Schools' Pack, **Board agreed** to drop Nacro for the lack of work done on the project, and write to them pointing out the damage done to the credibility and standing of CPCG whilst demanding a refund.

GK said that an organisation called Second Wave which had been working with the TSG were holding a conference on 19 July and she would try to attend.

Restorative Justice Group (RJG)

BM reported that the RJG had met again and would produce a report of work to date for September. WS suggested contacting Gerry Gable at Tower Hamlet, as he had done some work on the subject. WS highlighted impact of RJ on the Rehabilitation of Offenders Act and criminal injuries compensation.

6. Night Clubs

Deferred until there was police presence at a Board meeting.

7. Log/Briefing

Board members were given a copy of the CPCG log and asked to see if anything needed to be added.

9. A. O. B.

Discussion took place about the Commission on Gangs and Guns which AT and IB sat on. Concern was expressed about how it would be serviced as there was no funding for it, the lack of voluntary sector input and exclusion of the public.

AT had requested a directory of all the statutory and voluntary services available in the borough for young people but one had not materialised.

GK asked AT to raise the matter of gang intervention workers in schools, as they had in Southwark, at the SLP meeting.

Board agreed that the ICVs could hire the CPCG office for its meetings

GK highlighted the CPCGs success in persuading BTP not to use armed officers at Brixton during the Notting Hill Carnival this year.

PR highlighted the success CPCG had in making sure that the Communities First paper had not been passed but which needed to be watched.

PR reported that Tessa Jowell MP had called a meeting to discuss the affect of the Licensing Act 2003 had on drinking establishments in Herne Hill.

Signed as a true record: Anna Tapsell

Date: 21 August 2007