

Date 21 January 2008
Place CPCG Office
Present Jim Toohill (JT), Doye Akinlade (DA), Shane Collins (SC), Gill Kenealy (GK), Paul Reynolds (PR), Wesley Stephenson (WS), Jane Warwick (JW), Ben McKendrick (BM)

1. Apologies Anna Tapsell (AT), Paul Andell (PA), Ivelaw Bowman (IB)

2. Minutes and Matters Arising from previous meeting 20 November 2007 **ACTIONS**

Minutes for 20 December were agreed. **Board**

Matters arising

JT had contacted Supt. Paul Wilson about the Lambeth Police Monthly Report and had stated that CPCG wanted to keep what was currently provided plus statistics on Taser use, sanctioned detections and feedback on iQuantas while reserving the right to ask for drilled down information on particular issues.

JT reported that he, PA and AT had been involved in conversations with Supt Paul Wilson about the process for Lambeth Policing Plan.

BM had sent application forms for joining CPCG to PA, SC and Gloria Gomez (Latin Front)). JT had given a form to Karibu Centre. Recruitment of new members was ongoing.

Discussions about a Board awayday to draw up a CPCG Action Plan were ongoing.

A breakdown of work done so far by Nacro in respect of the Stop and Search schools pack had not yet been received **PA/GK**

A letter to IPCC thanking them for their continuous updating of the Group and attending CPCG meetings was still to be sent. **AT**

Board agreed to move the DV presentation to the March meeting, in the same week as International Women’s Day. The theme for February meeting would be Violent Crime.

Board agreed to set up a Publicity Strategy sub-Group to be included on the Board agenda. **SC/PR/JW**

BM reported that he could not find any data referring to current changes to immigration act legislation. BM to discuss with PA. **BM/PA**

GK had spoken to SE1 United about collaborating with CPCG to put a Youth Event that would feed into the MPA Youth Scrutiny.

Letter (AT to SR) re issues around TSG Stops and Searches had been drafted but was on hold pending out come of Patrick Beynon’s work. **JT**

BM was asked to look into whether HMIC had conducted an inspection of TSG. **BM**

Following the Board meeting, PA wrote to Julie Fawcett about her complaint re TSG stopping and arresting two persons in Stockwell.

BM had looked into Howard League printing facilities but it appeared that they were only capable of producing pamphlets and flyers.

PA had written to people who had been involved with the Restorative Justice (RJ) sub-Group about the continuance of RJ work in relation to Stop and Search.

In respect of the Mental Health sub-Group, JT reported that Rosemarie Mallett had moved from Christ Church, Brixton Road, to St John's, Angell Town. IB agreed to contact re Mental Health Sub-Group

3. Finance and Funding

JT tabled a CPCG Budget and Cash Position at 21 January 2008 and forecast position for the year end.

Board

JT invited Board members interested in finalising the CPCG funding bid to the MPA, which had to be submitted by 8 February, to meet at CPCG office on 23 January.

SC said that the person who filmed CPCG at the Country Show (July 2007) had not submitted an invoice.

BM/JW

BM/JW to investigate comparative costs of steam cleaning/replacement of office carpet.

Board agreed to ask Nacro to absorb the VAT due on the Schools Pack fee.

JT reported that the provision had been made for printing the DV report.

JT said that there may be as much as £1500 for a publicity strategy – the publicity group could work within that figure in generating a strategy.

SC/PR/JW

SC/GK

GK and SC said that they would research funding opportunities for CPCG work.

4. Previous and Future Group Meeting

PR said that having read the draft minutes of the 8 January CPCG meeting, for which he had given apologies, it appeared that the Group had risen to the occasion.

WS commented on the introduction of Taser, which he thought was 'back-to-front' in that the Home Office should be tackling the prevalence of firearms in the community.

WS reiterated his proposal at the 8 January meeting to invite the mayoral candidates to a special meeting to debate crime issues. JT suggested that such an event should involve neighbouring south London CPCGs. WS and SC agreed to progress this.

WS/SC

WS suggested inviting Ukent Milwood (Phoenix Coordinator) to the February meeting on Violent Crime.

BM

JT reminded the Board that it had committed itself to take part in the Lambeth Council's People First Expo Events in Lambeth North, Brixton and Norwood on consecutive Saturdays starting on 26 January. CPCG would use the events to publicise the work of the Group and engage with the public. Volunteers were sought for manning the stall.

Board

JT said that CPCG had agreed to facilitate the MPS Estates Strategy meeting on 11 February at Lambeth Town Hall.

5. Sub-Groups

Youth (GK)

See matters arising re SE1 United.

GK that there was outstanding work to be done and that there was an opportunity to involve Livity (A creative marketing agency that specialise in the youth market. Based in Brixton, London).

GK had organised another meeting on the Moorlands Estate on 14 January to receive feedback from the police on the Brixton Dispersal Zone. GK said that while police had kept to their objectives it would be better to have been consulted about the Zone before it being introduced.

PR proposed finding out where there were other Dispersal Zones in the borough and how they were or had been evaluated. **PR**

WS commented on the policing of the south of Lambeth covered by police from different boroughs and the length of time it took to respond to 999 calls.

Stop and Search Monitoring Group (PA)

See matters arising re TSG

JT reported that there was agreement in principle, with support from the borough police, the IPCC and the Police Federation rep, to progress with scoping an early resolution project, whereby individuals could meet, in a mediated setting, with officers to address concerns over particular Stop and Searches. A scoping paper was being prepared by PA. **PA**

Domestic Violence

DV Project report was tabled to read outside of the meeting.

Restorative Justice Group (RJG)

See matters arising

Mental Health

A meeting of MH sub-Group was to be held in the near future.

6. Safer Neighbourhoods

JT reported back on the 1st Annual Safer Neighbourhood Conference facilitated by CPCG, and which he Chaired on 19 January at Lambeth HQ. The meeting had been attended Cllr. Mark Bennett, John Roberts and Ch. Supt Sharon Rowe as keynote speakers with a good turnout of Lambeth SNPs. He said that the meeting had addressed the issue of common constitutional standards for SNP's (which was not uncontroversial) and the support that could be given to SNP's in their work.

While PR said that a proposed constitution for SNPs would close up membership, JT said that it was a draft for discussion.

8. Log/Briefing

BM asked Board members for contributions to the CPCG log/briefing.

Board

9. A. O. B.

The Board congratulated GK on receiving a Jack Petchey Achievement Award after having been nominated as an Outstanding Leader.

Board members considered an invitation to dinner from Ch. Supt. Rowe and appreciated the gesture. There were concerns expressed by some Board members about the use of public money and the propriety of such a form of meeting. It was agreed to try to find some middle way.

10. Date of next CPCG Board Meeting

Signed as a true record: Jim Toohill

Date: 18 February 2008