

**Date** 18 November 2008 6.30 p.m. CPCG Office

**Place** CPCG Office

**Present** Paul Andell (PA), Chair; Doye Akinlade (DA); Ivelaw Bowman (IB); Shane Collins (SC); Gill Kenealy (GK); Sandra Moodie (SM); Jim Toohill (JT); Wesley Walters-Stephenson (WWS); Jane Warwick (JW); Ben McKendrick (BM), Minute taker.

Quorum+5

**1. Apologies** Anna Tapsell (AT), Ros Munday (RM)

**2. Minutes and Matters Arising from previous meeting 13 October 2008** **ACTIONS**

*Minutes for 13 October were agreed.*

*Matters arising from 13 October*

**ACF:** BM had emailed South Bank Employers Group re use of Mosquito and was asked to make a similar enquiry of South Bank Retailers. **BM**

**ACF:** No firm date had yet been set for a meeting between AT and GK and Fernando Senior to discuss fundraising on behalf of the Group. **AT/GK**

**ACF:** GK to revise BM's draft letter regarding the establishment of a Lambeth Youth Alliance. **GK**

**ACF:** BM had left messages with Southwark CPCG re Third Party Reporting in that borough but had received no response. BM to contact Southwark Community Safety on the same matter. **BM**

**ACF:** BM to follow up the incident in which TSG had used a Taser against a black female on 4 October. **BM**

**Action:** SC to write a letter to Lambeth Borough Commander, copied to MPA, about a perceived lowering of threshold of justification for use of Taser. **SC**

Ch. Insp. Pat Beynon would inform CPCG about the next cycle of training for Lambeth police officers in relation to Stop and Search for community input.

BM had contacted organisations and voluntary groups in relation to the theme for CPCG meeting on 4 November about immigration issues.

BM had written to Ministry of Justice to clarify the matter of the 'sunset clause' in relation to Criminal Evidence (Witness Anonymity) Act 2008. A response was awaited.

**Board agreed** to hold a themed meeting in the future on Witness Anonymity and invite informed parties to a Board meeting and establish a Panel for a CPCG meeting. **Board**

BM had invited George Marshman, LBL, Divisional Director, Adult Social Care, to participate in the discussion at 4 November meeting

BM had booked and cancelled a venue in Streatham for a meeting to discuss

Lambeth Police Asset Management Plan and Walrus II (police restructuring) due to clashes with other meetings. The matters would be discussed at the CPCG meeting of 2 December.

WS raised the issue of the number of police officers off work in Lambeth due to sickness, abstraction, suspension, training, courses, conferences and other reasons which depleted the Lambeth establishment.

**Action:** BM to draft letter to Borough Commander seeking details about staff numbers/ranks. **BM**

JT said that CPCG usually had an input into the selection of the next Borough Commander, outlining the desirable qualities that the community would like the officer to possess and terms of contract, i.e. length of posting.

**Action:** JT to write to MPA regarding the appointment of Lambeth's next Borough Commander. **JT**

**3. Finance and Funding**

JT tabled CPCG Budget and *Cash* Position at 18 November 2008.

JT reported that CPCG had received its third quarterly funding from MPA.

**Action:** SC to draw up costings for radio adverts promoting CPCG meetings and seek meeting with Gloria Gomez re MP3 technology and use of her radio station, Aculco Radio, to advertise CPCG meetings. **SC**

**4. Previous and Future Group Meetings**

Board discussed ways of better informing attendees at CPCG monthly meetings about matters to be raised. These included contextualising items on the agenda through briefing papers, newsletter and providing answers to Frequently Asked Questions.

**Board agreed** to pursue the membership's and public's satisfaction with CPCG meetings through provision of an Evaluation Sheet **BM**

**Board agreed** to poll CPCG membership and others on CPCG database about venues for its monthly public meetings; i.e. whether to continue with the present arrangement of 6 meetings at Lambeth Town Hall and 5 outreach locations or to use a single site i.e. the Town Hall for every meeting. **JT/BM**

**Board agreed** to produce Name Cards to identify speakers at Group meeting **BM**

**Board agreed** that all Board members should take a more active role at CPCG meetings and be more accessible to those attending. **Board**

Autumn Programme

*a. December*

Theme for CPCG meeting in December: Lambeth Police Asset Management Plan and Walrus II (police restructuring)

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JT said a list of issues for a briefing needed to be agreed, as discussed earlier, with further thought given to the format of the meeting e.g. using break out groups facilitated by Board members.

**Action:** JT to look into whether the Independent Police Complaints Commission (IPCC) and Supt. Dave Musker would be attending the meeting to update on the death in police custody of Sean Rigg. **JT**

JW said that there was an ongoing debate at the MPA in relation to building a new large sized custody centre in Brixton. She also commented on the employment by the MPA for nurses with no mental health training to be based at police stations.

In respect of JW's latter point, WS said that there was no legal aid for cases of medical negligence.

IB questioned the adequacy of training in mental health awareness for police officers and funding for it.

*January*

Theme for CPCG meeting in January: Terrorism/Diplomatic Protection Group

*February*

**Board agreed** to discuss the theme for February at the Board meeting in December

## **5. Sub-Groups**

*Stop and Search*

PA said that the Stop and Search Monitoring Group had met on 10 November.

PA said that a mediation case had been discussed at the meeting and a further meeting had taken place on 17 November between Lambeth Police, Lambeth Mediation and an appellant.

*Youth*

Deferred

*Domestic Violence*

Deferred

*Mental Health*

Deferred

## 6. TSG Open Day

PA said that 600 notices about the TSG Open Day on 22 November had been emailed to CPCG contacts followed up by phone calls to 20 targeted individuals/groups.

GK commented on the lack of information from TSG about what they had to offer on the day.

SM commented that it would be an opportunity to learn more about TSG's roles and function.

**Action:** BM to find out more information about TSG activity at the Open Day and a proposed surgery for members of the public to discuss particular issues with TSG officers. **BM**

## 7. Group Membership Applications

**Board agreed** to accept the application of Juneary Raymond as an Individual Member of the Group.

## 8. Board Members Reports/Log

Board members were reminded to submit relevant details for CPCG Briefing Report and Log. **Board**

**Action:** JT to provide a note of the Gold Group meeting on 17 November in relation to the suspicious death of an Ecuadorian national. **JT**

## 9. A.O.B.

JT had met with Adina Bozga (AB), John Kerridge (Community Safety) and Supt. Paul Wilson to discuss Community Engagement.

JT reported on the possibility of funding for training people to attend Gold Groups thereby widening the pool of people throughout the borough with whom the police could consult about critical incidents. AB had contacted the MPS about a training module.

JT drew attention to the MPA's Community Engagement Innovation Fund which could prove a source of finance for the training which would increase if undertaken in conjunction with other boroughs such as Croydon and Southwark.

**Action:** JT to follow up possible funding for SNP support and Gold Group training. **JT**

In AT's absence,

**Action:** WS would attend the Safer Lambeth Advisory Youth Strategy meeting on 4 December. **WS**  
BM tabled a paper in respect of Handling Disruptive Behaviour at CPCG Meetings for comment.

JT said that with some amendments the paper could serve as a guide for CPCG Board Members' roles at CPCG meetings and could also be circulated to CPCG membership so that everyone would be aware CPCG's expectations in relation to conduct at CPCG meetings.

**Action:** BM to finalise draft paper Handling Disruptive Behaviour at CPCG Meetings

SC commented on the excessive amount of time some people spoke at CPCG meetings and suggested a means of timing people so that they did not speak at such great length.

**BM**

**Action:** BM to look into ways of curtailing the unnecessary length of time some people spoke at CPCG meeting.

**Action:** GK to report back to the Board with more information about an incident involving armed police entering a Youth Club in Kennington

**BM**

**Board agreed** to discuss Operation Strobe, IAGs and CPCG surgeries as agenda items at the next Board meeting.

**GK**

DA asked if a risk assessment had taken place in relation to an operation by Sutton Police at an address in Streatham during which a man had fallen from a window.

PA said that the IPCC had allowed the investigation to undertaken by the MPS's Directorate of Professional Standards as there was no evidence to suggest that the police had acted unlawfully. PA said that the matter of a risk assessment should be raised at a Gold Group.

GK reported that a young person present at a multi-stabbing had been held at Brixton Police Station. Under proposed new PACE rules, JW said that the age for Juveniles had been raised to 18 years of age, whilst everyone could be held for up to 36 hours; up from 24.

## **10. Date of next CPCG Board Meeting**

**16 December 2008**

Dates for CPCG Board meetings in 2009 (all Tuesday)

15 January  
17 February  
17 March  
21 April  
19 May  
16 June

Signed as a true record:

Paul Andell

Date: