

Date 17 November 2009**Place** CPCG Office**Present** Anna Tapsell (AT) - Chair of Meeting; Paul Andell (PA); Doye Akinlade (DA); Sandra Moodie (SM); Ros Munday (RM); Jim Toohill (JT); Wesley Walters-Stephenson; Jane Warwick (JW); Susan Doran (MPA Link Member); Ben McKendrick (BM) - Minute Taker

Quorum+5

1. Apologies Shane Collins (SG); Gill Kenealy (GK)**2. Minutes and Matters Arising from previous meetings (22 September and 13 October)****22 October 2009**

Minutes of 22 September were agreed with the following amendment: Remove Jane Warwick from Apologies

Matters arising

ACF In response to his request to Supt. Dave Musker, BM had received a written account from police regarding the use of Taser to subdue a black woman in Brixton on 4 October 2008. BM to circulate to the Board **BM**

ACTION: BM had been informed that visits to the Firearms Training centre at Gravesend had been suspended for the remainder of the year due to operational matters and that new dates for January 2010 would be provided. BM to keep those interested informed. **BM**

ACF: It had been agreed that further developments in respect of the Youth Alliance be put on hold depending on the outcome of the Engagement Project. **GK**

PA said that he had written to Ch. Nick Ephgrave (NE) in relation to the use of S.60 with Blunt 3 Operations, seeking out facts and figures regarding Stop and Search. There had not yet been a response. BM to chase. **BM**

AT said that she had spoken with NE about bringing other officers with him to CPCG meetings but he had said that he felt himself to be solely accountable to the community as Borough Commander.

PA said that since the Urban Green on 20 September, where had chaired a panel to discuss Policing Protest, the GLA had held a similar discussion incorporating Human Rights.

JT, JK and BM had attended the Stockwell Expo to support of Catriona Robertson's (CT) Community Engagement Project.

BM had e-mailed London Criminal Justice Board (LCJB) with an invitation to give a presentation at CPCG meeting in December. BM said that he was neither able to send a letter nor telephone as such information was not available on the LCJB website. SD said that she would pass on LCJB contact details. **SD/BM**

13 October 2009

Minutes of 13 October were agreed.

3. CPCG Executive

Board Members unanimously elected to the CPCG executive were:

Anna Tapsell, Chairperson. Nominated by Jane Warwick, seconded by Ros Munday

Paul Andell, Vice-Chair. Nominated by Sandra Moodie, seconded Anna Tapsell

Sandra Moodie, Vice-Chair. Nominated by Jim Toohill, seconded by Paul Andell

Jim Toohill, Hon. Comptroller. Nominated by Jane Warwick, seconded by Ros Munday

JW proposed a vote of thanks to JT for all the great work he had done as Hon. Comptroller in previous years and for staying on for another term.

4. Finance and Funding

JT said that he would produce Finance and Funding reports for the next Board meeting. He said that the Group was still on track to end the year close to its Reserves Policy.

PA asked CPCG to consider subscribing to a charity fundraising website for the cost of £120, which he said would be useful to CPCG and that he would oversee it.

RM offered herself to look into fundraising for CPCG, as she had much experience in that area.

RM

5. Previous and Future Group Meetings

October Group Meeting

JT said that while the tables format for the meeting had not quite worked out as anticipated, a useful debate had taken place all the same with the young people from Myatts Field participating.

AGM 20 October

PA, WS, AT and JW, who had stepped down from the Board at the AGM, had been re-elected. It was agreed at the AGM that people interested in becoming Board members could be invited to Board meetings to see how the Board worked.

BM had drawn up a list of Board Members' attendance at Board and Group meeting during the past year, which was included in the Annual Report.

AT said that time had to be put aside to discuss the issue of motions made at monthly, public meetings. JT suggested that a timetable was needed to guide the discussion probably at the next Business meeting.

AT proposed that the matter of members' declaration of interests and CRB checks be placed on the Board's Agenda for the next meeting.

November Meeting

JW said that she had been abhorred by the behaviour of some of the men toward AT at the meeting, who, regardless of whether or not they agreed that Sexual Violence on Women was an important issue, had been rude, aggressive and disrespectful, not just of her but other members of the panel which had been gathered for the discussion.

In understanding that some visitors to CPCG meetings may be difficult in terms of their behaviour and manner, AT said that everyone needed to be reminded of their conduct at meetings, not least CGPG members, who should lead by example. Nevertheless, she said that she was surprised at the number of people who appeared to believe that Sexual Violence on Women was not such a serious matter with two people in the UK killed every week as a result of Domestic Violence.

BM was asked to circulate the CPCG paper 'Handling Disruptive Behaviour at Meetings'. **BM**

AT said that CPCG needed other policies that other organisations had such as complaints and equalities. In respect of this, SD said that she would look into MPA recommendations for CPCGs. **SD**

AT said that she would be writing to Ch. Supt. Alistair Sutherland about his presentation at the meeting in respect of the time he had taken over it. **AT**

December Meeting

In view of there being no contact established with LCJB in time for the December meeting, it was agreed to defer the proposed LCJB presentation and invite an update from Operation Trident, particularly in view of the points raised about Trident murder investigations at the November meeting. **BM**

Meetings Venues

The Board discussed the *pros* and *cons* of meeting at the same venue every month or using different venues alternately every other month. There was agreement that holding meetings at the same venue helped people to have an understanding where and when CPCG meetings were taking place but it was also acknowledge that there was great value in terms of outreach work by holding meetings other parts of the borough.

Board agreed to wait until the CPCG members had discussed the findings of Catriona Robertson's (CR) Community Engagement Project before taking any decisions about venues for CPCG monthly, public meetings. It was however agreed that, subject to that report, it would be useful to aim for 7 meetings in Brixton, and four out of Brixton, one of which would be in Stockwell.

Further issues raised in respect of CPCG were the need for more effective advertising and publicity, and a means of measuring the success of meetings.

6. Sub-Groups

a. Stop and Search Monitoring Group (S&SMG)

PA said that the S&SMG had done as much work as it could possibly do in terms of quantitative scrutiny of S&S, especially as the work had now been taken up London-wide and nationally as good practice. He said that he felt it was time for the qualitative aspects to be developed. He therefore said he was stepping down as Chair of S&SMG and wanted to hand the role of Chair over to SM. SM asked for time to consider. WS indicated that he would like to be involved.

JT said that for the present the S&SMG would have to continue with the S&S figures and that S&SMG should be handed over as up and running. He suggested that interested Board members convene separately to devise a strategy for taking the S&SMG group forward.

b. Mental Health

AT said that she had attended a meeting of SLP Mental Health and Community Safety Working Group on 19 October

c. JCdM

AT said that work needed to resume on the Jean Charles de Menezes report by CPCG. BM to contact Toaha Qureshi about his involvement.

BM

7. Community Engagement Project

CR was currently doing jury service and therefore unable to give an update on the CEP.

8. Board Members Reports/Log

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

DA said that he had attended the Safer London Foundation CEP meeting at St Vincent's, Talma Road, Brixton, which he said included a workshop on how to run a Safer Neighbourhood Panel and had been worthwhile.

JW reported that the MPA was cutting back on its resources in respect of the administration of Independent Custody Visitors by putting administrators in to oversee five or six ICV panels, which would be implemented in January. JW said that there had been no consultation and that custody visiting was being watered down leading to more complaints against police officers, less recruitment of ICVs and ICVs resigning. JW said that the MPA was even dictating the number of times the ICVs could meet, which it needed to do to discuss visit reports and support each other.

SD said that MPA was going through a painful internal reconstruction and needed to reduce Engagement and Partnership Teams from seven to five, and ICV Teams from eight to five

Board agreed to support the Lambeth ICVs in terms of providing a meeting space and writing to MPA to express its support.

With regard to the IPCC Deaths in Custody Report, it was proposed that WS and BM meet with the IPCC to discuss any input that CPCG could have, particularly as CPCG had produced its own acclaimed Deaths in Custody Report in the previous decade.

WS/BM

9. Membership Applications

The Board agreed to accept the application for Individual Membership from Hilary-Claire Wears.

10. A.O.B.

BM said that he would provide RM with some CPCG material for the Tenants' Associations meeting that she was attending on 21 October.

BM

11. Date of next CPCG Board Meeting

15 December 2009

9. Dates for CPCG Board meetings in 2010 (all Tuesday)

19 January
16 February
16 March

Signed as a true record:

Date: