

Date 19 January 2010
Place CPCG Office
Present Anna Tapsell (AT)) - Chair of Meeting; Doye Akinlade (DA); Paul Andell (PA); Shane Collins (SG); Sandra Moodie (SM); Ros Munday (RM); Jim Toohill (JT); Jane Warwick (JW); Ben McKendrick (BM) - Minute Taker
Quorum+4

1. Apologies Ivelaw Bowman (IB); Gill Kenealy (GK); Wesley Walters-Stephenson (WS)

2. Minutes and Matters Arising from previous meeting (15 December 09)

Minutes

Minutes of the Meeting 15 December were agreed without amendment

Matters Arising

ACTION: BM reported that the planned visit to the Firearms Training centre at Gravesend in January had been cancelled, and that he was awaiting a choice for new dates for March/April '10. BM to inform interested parties of new dates. **BM**

ACF: BM had again sent PA's letter about the use of S.60 with Blunt 3 Operations, in which he had asked for facts and figures regarding Stop and Search to Ch. Nick Ephgrave (NE). However, he said that he still not received a reply. JT said that he and AT would be meeting with NE at the weekend to sign off CPCG funding bid and would raise the matter with him there **AT/JT**

WS and BM had confirmed their attendance at the meeting at IPCC Office, Holborn 11.30am– 2.00 pm on Thursday, 4 March 2010, to hear and discuss emerging findings from its Deaths in Custody study. BM said that he would seek an invitation for JW to attend also as the Chair of Lambeth Independent Custody Visitors. **BM**

ACF: BM said that he had looked into switching CPCG Broadband and telephone line providers and noted that a modest saving could be made but there was connection charge and the minimum of an 18 month contract. BM to draft a proposal. **BM**

BM said that he had made enquiries about office premises at the Piano House in Brighton Terrace Brixton and was told by the building manager that there would no vacant office space until at least the end of March. This was confirmed by the leasing company's HQ who also said that the average cost was £20 per sq ft per annum. BM put CPCG on waiting list while more should it prove viable. PA, however, said that to his knowledge there was an office space available.

BM said that he had checked out LVAC's website in relation to a fund finder programme available to LVAC members but had only come across an outdated list of funding sources. However, SC said that he was certain that LVAC had the facility which RM said she would look into by visiting LVAC office with Tia Henry-Lindo. AT added that Kennington Association could be worth approaching as she believed that they may have a similar provision. **RM**

SM said that it could be worthwhile looking at the Capital Community Foundation's Grassroots funding.

JT said that when researching funding it was good practice to stay focused on the projects for which the funding was being sought, and not just funding per se, to avoid 'mission creep'.

PA said that he was awaiting the publication of Catriona Robertson's (CR) Community Engagement Project report for funding ideas.

JT said that while BM had produced a broad report on behaviour at meetings, which included the unruly behaviour of members of the public. However, he said that CPCG needed a more basic code of conduct which could be distributed to all CPCG members.

AT said that CPCG needed to recognise that people who attended CPCG meetings were guests and it was the Board's responsibility to ensure that they were treated properly. JT added that Board members should be exemplars and show leadership in their behaviour at meetings.

AT said that a members' code of conduct should be put on the agenda of the next Business Meeting as well as the issues of Board Members' conduct and the proposing of motions at CPCG public meetings. AT said these and other matters could be discussed further at an awayday meeting.

3. Administrator's Report

BM reported on the notice in the South London Press regarding the death of Greta Brooks on 26 December in Scotland, where she was buried on 6 January. The notice referred to a celebration of her life at a future date at Streatham Friends Meeting House. BM said that he had called the telephone number given in the notice several times but the phone had been switched off. BM to contact the Meeting House to obtain details.

BM

CPCG had received notice from Krystal FM thanking CPCG for the letter written by Paul Andell supporting its application for a community radio licence. There were 32 applicants for the four available licences and a decision was due to be made by the end of February.

4. Finance and Funding

a. Management Accounts

JT produced a Finance Report laying out CPCG financial position as of 19 January.

JT reported that CPCG had now received all of its MPA funding for 2009/10 and that he was quite sure that the bottom line figure for the forecast would be as predicted.

JT said CPCG to needed look at ways of saving money such as telephone costs and meetings. With regard to the latter he said that COCG could discuss the level of police contributions to the cost of refreshments.

b. Next Years Funding Round

JT said that he and AT would meet with Ann Corbett on 25 January and NE on 26 January to sign off the CPCG's MPA Funding Application form and delivered to MPA by 29 January.

JT said that the cost of CPCG presence at the Country Show could, in the next financial year, prove prohibitive unless CPCG sourced additional funding or substantially reduced the cost by sharing with other organizations.

PA said that CPCG needed a presence at the Country Show as it had proved to be value for money in terms of engagement. He said that he would be happy to fundraise for the event. **PA**

RM said CPCG should seek funding from SLP or approach South Bank Employers Group. AT suggested there may be money available from small grants which PA and RM could look into.

PA said that TSG were keen on the Earlier Mediation Resolution project if funding could be found. JT said that funding for the project would not be sought from MPA so that it could not hold CPCG to account for it.

AT said CPCG would need to hold two extra meetings during the year in relation to the re-launch of the Stop and Search Monitoring Group and the IPCC Sean Rigg report.

AT asked BM to find out when the IPCC's report about Sean Rigg would be made public. SM said that she would look into the date for the Rigg inquest **BM/SM**

PA suggested writing the CPCG's contribution towards the Council's Strategic Assessment into the funding bid.

AT said that she had met with Helen Charlesworth-May, LBL Divisional Director Strategy & Commissioning, Adult & Community Services, to discuss the Council's Domestic Violence Strategy. She said that the DV Forum was overly weighted in favour of service providers and needed to be reformed as a campaigning group, as part of CPCG, that could undertake public scrutiny.

JT said that, as he understood, the DV Forum did not have a legal 'personality' – rather it was network -and so could not itself affiliate to CPCG. However, the members of the Forum could and might subsequently seek to form a sub-group (cf the Stop and Search Monitoring Group). PA suggested placing the matter as one for discussion at the Board awayday.

5. Recent and Future Group Meetings*January*

JT said that the meeting was well attended despite the weather warning of imminent snow and ice. JW had given an update on Lambeth Independent Custody Visitors (ICV), which had led to the meeting expressing its support for ICVs' stance against MPA cutbacks in ICV services.

JT asked JW to formally write to CPCG, setting out how she thought that CPCG

could practically assist ICVs. He added that ICVs needed to be wary about those purporting to support ICVs but whose real agenda was to attack MPA. **JW**

JT said that a letter to Caroline Pidgeon, MPA Lambeth Link Member was being drafted/

AT/JT

AT said that CPCG needed to know what action police had taken following HMIC report on Lambeth custody suites, and that she would draft a letter formally asking NE for a response.

AT

JW said that NE had been the first Borough Commander who had taken notice of ICVs' concerns about washing facilities and had arranged to turn a police cell into a shower.

February

CO19 had been invited to the meeting to give an interactive demonstration used in the training firearms officers. BM said that he had been advised that it was not suitable for young people aged 15 years and under.

PA said that he had reservations about the presentation as the use of sensational footage could prove to be emotive and put Board's wisdom in question.

AT said that she would speak with Ch. Insp. Robert Atkin (CO19) to clarify exactly what the presentation entailed

March

Andrew Morley, London CJB had agreed to attend the meeting.

Lambeth police had offered to give a Business Crime Strategy presentation by Gemma Charge (Analyst) and Det. Supt. Dave Palmer

April

Lambeth police had proposed a presentation from SCD 7 (Flying Squad).

JT said that Waterloo could provide an opportunity to discuss s.44 and involve SNPs as well as acknowledging the LGBT Forum. PA suggested inviting Peter Tatchell.

May

JT said that he had spoken with Megan Jones (DAAT co-coordinator) about this meeting being themed around the Drugs and Alcohol PAG and that they had agreed to meet nearer the time to flesh out the content.

6. Update on Sub-Groups

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

S&SMG had met prior to CPCG meeting on 1 December and had agreed to meet on the Thursday prior to the monthly CPCG meeting. Next S&SMG

meeting was due to take place on 28 January.

b. Mental Health

AT had been unable to attend the Mental Health and Community Steering Group meeting on 14 December as she was abroad.

c. Engagement Project

JT said that he would be meeting with CR at the end of January.

7. Group Policies

It was suggested that a design for a CPCG Board Member ID card, with a code of conduct for its use, and discussion on CRB checks for Board Members, could take place at Board awayday.

8. Board Members Reports/Log

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

9. Membership Applications

None.

10. A.O.B.

With forthcoming elections, and with three constituencies in Lambeth, SC said that there was an opportunity for CPCG to organise hustings for parliamentary candidates, of which he declared himself to be one, on policing and crime.

JT said that it would require some organising but CPCG would look into the feasibility of doing so and the costs incurred. AT said that perhaps the April meeting at Waterloo could be given over to the hustings.

SC asked about updating the web site. JT explained that this was done on a voluntary basis and so could slip behind from time to time. The Board agreed that keeping the website up to date should be treated as a priority.

JT/BM

11. Date of next CPCG Board Meeting

16 February 2010

Dates for future CPCG Board meetings in 2010 (all Tuesday)

16 March
20 April
18 May

Signed as a true record:

Date: