

**West Indian Ex-Servicemen
& Ex-Servicewomen Assoc
Clapham Manor Street
SW4**

PRESENT: CPCG BOARD Doye Akinlade, David Warner **Brixton Society**; Rev. Canon Ivelaw Bowman **Ind. Memb.**, Jim Toohill **Victim Support Lambeth**, Anna Tapsell **Ind. Memb.**, Abdul Sultan Virani **Lambeth Pensioners' Forum**
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INDIVIDUAL MEMBERS Shane Collins, Peter Harris; Lena James, Gill Kenealy, Richard Moore, Fernando Senior, Jane Warwick
STATUTORY MEMBERSHIP; John Roberts **MPA LAMBETH COUNCIL**
Cllr. Kingsley Abrams, Cllr. Helen O'Malley
METROPOLITAN POLICE SERVICE Brgh. Cmdr. Martin Bridger, Det. Supt. John Corrigan, Supt. Stewart Low, Sgt. Ronnie Whelan
SECRETARIAT Ben McKendrick

Visitors: Hope Barret, Stephen Cherry, Shawn Collick **Stockwell Safer Neighbourhood Panel**, Brenda Goddard, Christopher Pett **British Red Cross**, Teresa McCaffery, Yvonne Okiyo, Catriona Robertson **Clapham & Stockwell Faith Forum**, Nora-Anne Sheehy **Clapham Town Safer Neighbourhood Panel**, Bill Willingham

Apologies: Paul Andell, Cllr. Mark Bennett, Jean Carpenter, Alan Davidson, Maude Estwick, Rowena Estwick, Brian Mantell, Graham Nicolls, Paul Reynolds, Cheryl Sealey, Peggy Tyler, Clive Simmonds, Cathy Valentine, Hazel Watson

* Minutes in ***bold italic*** indicate action points

Information from Board/Group

Minutes of the Meeting 6 June and 3 October 2006

- 1 Minutes of the Meeting 6 June 2006 were accepted with the following amendment.
- 2 Add at the beginning to Minute 36: 'A young woman asked what was the furthest the police could search on the road because she said that she had seen police on Brixton Road searching in someone's boxers, and that wasn't right'.

- 3 ***Minutes of the Meeting 3 October 2006 were accepted with the following amendment.***

- 4 Date and Venue to read: 3 October 2006, Lambeth Town Hall. Add to those present: Jane Warwick. Add to apologies: David Corderoy

Matters Arising

- 5 "Borough Commander to action identification protocol." [Minute 72, 03/10/06]. ***Martin Bridger said that he was looking into the proposal to give some form of identification to community spokespeople so that they could be identified as such at crime scenes or where police activity was highly visible, to assist in informing the public with as much information that the police could impart. Mr Bridger said that he would report back on progress***

Lambeth Police Report

- 6 Mr Bridger gave a PowerPoint presentation on Lambeth Police performance since the last Group meeting (see attached). (The statistical police report had already been circulated and was tabled.)
- 7 In overall terms, Mr Bridger said that there had been 2000 fewer victims of crime so far this year compared to the same period last year, during which there had, in turn, been 3,814 fewer victims of crime in that financial year, compared to the preceding one. Nevertheless, Mr Bridger said that there had been some categories of crime that had increased, such as burglary, which had seen almost 18% increase. However, police had recently reduced that to a 5% increase, compared to last year, and were confident that they would reach their target.
- 8 Mr Bridger said that Lambeth police had been poor in terms of detecting crime and putting people before the courts. Part of the reason, he said, was due to administrative issues e.g. accurately recording arrests and charges, and also Crown Prosecution Service (CPS) support for cases in terms of the amount evidence required. However, Mr Bridger said the police had to work in partnership with the CPS and improvements were being sought for certain cases that the police wanted the CPS to prosecute.
- 9 ***Mr Bridger said that in the previous month Lambeth police had unacceptably been the second worst performers in terms of***

detection across the MPS. He was currently taking personal responsibility for the detection issue, running weekly meetings to try to address the number of crimes solved. Mr Bridger said that he would report back on the matter.

- 10 Mr Bridger said that in the main he would focus on two areas, one which was of concern and another that required constant vigilance. In relation to the latter, Mr Bridger said that he was giving a great deal of attention to the radicalisation of Muslim youths taking place in the community. Mr Bridger said that in policing, when things of a devastating nature had taken place, a quick response was too often followed by taking one's eye off the ball. With regard to the terrorist threat post 7/7, Mr Bridger said that this could not be allowed to happen, and he highlighted that one of the men trial for 21/7 had been a Lambeth resident and had attended a mosque in Lambeth. Mr Bridger said that he was working with a number of people across the borough to try and find ways to address the issue of radicalization and prevent events of the nature of 7/11 taking place and in relation to this issue he asked the Group for its continued support.
- 11 In relation to the other matter of concern, gun crime, Mr Bridger said that the Jay Bar on Stockwell Road had been closed following an initial decision by the police to pursue its closure after two loaded firearms and a quantity of drugs were found on the premises. After the police had presented evidence to Lambeth Licensing Committee, concerning not only the recent gun finds but other incidents over a period of time, the Committee decided to revoke the bar's licence.
- 12 Mr Bridger said that police wanted to send a consistent message that Lambeth wanted to have safe nightlife places, and the people who ran them had to have a corporate social responsibility, which some of them did sign up to. In respect this, he said that had that he spoken to around forty other licence premises holders to remind them of the message and what the police and community expected of them. He added that they too had raised issues, including how the police could support them more, which he said he felt was fair and had put things into place.
- 13 Mr Bridger said that police had received intelligence that firearms had been hidden in public areas of Myatts Field Estate in places such as electrical boxes on the stairwells. Therefore, on 25 October, a search was conducted and two imitation firearms were recovered, one close to a nursery school. Mr Bridger said that the operation had been conducted in partnership with the local authority and responded to resident's wishes with a three day cleaning up of the estate.
- 14 Mr Bridger said that the Myatts Field Estate had been without CCTV for a long time but the local authority would be taking back the responsibility for running the CCTV operations there. Mr Bridger said that the last CCTV on the estate had been burnt out by local youths who had been arrested but were not prosecuted due to insufficient evidence.
- 15 Anna Tapsell said that she along with Wesley Stephenson and Cllr. Mark Bennett were on the Estate early in the morning when the operation took place and they had met with the tenants' representatives later on in the day. **Ms Tapsell said the tenants were pleased that something was happening and that some attention was being given to both the fear in which they lived, from guns and violence, and (by the Council) to the conditions in which they lived. Ms Tapsell said that the Group would want to hear from the Council about the plans for improving the estate for the people who lived there.**
- 16 Ms Tapsell said that she was struck by the Safer Neighbourhood (SN) Sergeant, a woman who seemed to know everybody, understood what was going on and felt passionately about the deprivation and the situation there. Ms Tapsell said she would like to invite her to a Group meeting as she the sort of police officer anyone would want on the their SN Team
- 17 In relation to cross border matters, Mr Bridger said that the fatal shooting [of Jamail Newton] outside the Aristocrats nightclub in Camberwell on 1 November, the firearms incident at McDonald's and the murder [of Anton Smith] in Clapham on 20 October, were in some way connected. Mr Bridger said that he could not relate anymore on the matter; suffice to say that there was a problem amongst youths and police were satisfied with the work they were doing. He added that over the past three days police had recovered 3.5 kilos of heroin and it appeared that a lot of the problems were driven by drugs
- 18 Mr Bridger said that one of the problems was in the Loughborough Road area and police had conducted an operation there the previous week and made arrests. He added that further arrests

- or were being made as he spoke. Mr Bridger said that all those arrested would be charged with possession and intent to supply Class A drugs. He added some of those arrested were related to the *No Deal* operation.
- 19 Further to the shooting of Anton Smith, Mr Bridger said that there was a link between Lambeth, Lewisham and Southwark in relation to gun crime and gangs and that there were some real challenges ahead in terms of dealing with young people involved with firearms and he reminded the Group of the innovative work of the Gun Crime Consortium around diversion. He said the work was unique in the country and empowered the community to address the long term, sustainable, crime reduction with the statutory agencies. Mr Bridger added that he had met two youths on the Consortium's programme at Metro Shack and he was encouraged by their gratitude for work done on their behalf.
- 20 Mr Bridger said that three excellent fireworks displays had passed without incident. However, he said that there had been some intelligence about Brockwell Park and the potential for firearms being taken there. Therefore, there had been increased policing and tactical changes made and the evening had passed off without any significant incident.
- 21 Mr Bridger said that one of the problems with fireworks across the borough had been their use as weapons, and they had been fired at police officers with one officer's protective vest being set alight. This had led to a Section 60 put in place in Streatham with numerous arrests made and hundreds of fireworks confiscated as well as associated jackets, clothing, masks and gloves being recovered. Mr Bridger thanked the Group for its support in taking such action which had led to the lowest number of incidents in Streatham for years. He added that Val Shawcross was making recommendations to the Mayor of London concerning the misuse of fireworks.
- 22 Arulini Velmurugu said that police officers from Kennington no longer appeared to attend Group meetings and it was difficult to ask questions about what was happening in Kennington. Ms Velmurugu said that she was concerned about cycle thefts in the area and that she had found it difficult to report crimes because she could not wait on the phone for up to 45 minutes. As such, she said that she had not reported two crimes including a hate crime, although after raising it at a meeting two officers came to see her about it.
- 23 Ms Velmurugu said that a SN officer who used to work in her area had been transferred and had not been replaced. She also said that the relationship with the SN Team had broken down; SN officers had been invited to a Tenants and Residents Association (T&R) meeting but none of them turned up. She said that did not feel that she had the same relationship as she had had with the other police officers, who were stretched covering the Waterloo area.
- 24 Mr Bridger said in respect of cycle theft in Kennington the police did as much as they could to trace the owners of cycles that were, in the main, taken off young people who could not prove ownership. Mr Bridger said the police had recently set up a marquee at Waterloo Station where for two days people who had had their cycles stolen in the area could see if theirs had been recovered.
- 25 In relation to policing of Waterloo, Mr Bridger that at 7.00 a.m. the previous morning a woman on her way to work was robbed at gunpoint in Waterloo. However, with the assistance of the victim police arrested an individual with a gun within two hours of the incident.
- 26 As far as contact with the police was concerned, there was no excuse from the police side and there should be no waiting due to the new system which should put people in contact within seconds. However, Ms Velmurugu said that it was after she got through on the telephone that she was put on hold. Mr Bridger said that should not happen under the new system and that he would discuss her problem outside of the meeting.
- 27 Mr Bridger said that he was disappointed to hear that the Bishops Ward SN Team did not turn up to Ms Velmurugu's T&R meeting as the SN Teams he had seen in operation were of the type that Anna Tapsell had described. He added that he was not aware that her SN Team was short of one officer and that he would contact her the next day to seek to resolve the issue.
- 28 Gill Kenealy said that Jan Foreson had given an excellent presentation on the work of the Gun Crime Consortium to the Positive Activities for Young People. However whilst the Consortium worked with the 50 young persons deemed most at risk by the Youth Offending Team, Ms Kenealy said that some young people involved in gun crime were not known to the police. Ms Kenealy said that another issue raised was the

membership of gangs and, referring to Gang Consortium established a couple of years ago, she asked if there was any money available for work on gang issues in Lambeth and cross borders.

- 29 Mr Bridger said that the Consortium purposely chose to keep the number of young people it dealt with to 50 and it had been negotiated with the Magistrates' Courts that, when they implemented a supervision order for a Lambeth young person involved in gun crime, they would go onto the Consortium. He said that the reason it was kept to 50 was in order to see how it could deliver. Now that it was working, he said it was time to start thinking about increasing the capacity and look at other people working on the Consortium to provide some of the expertise that was missing, such as literacy skills and areas of weakness, as well as considering widening the work to other young people. Mr Bridger said that Ms Kenealy could well be right in terms of something running alongside the consortium's work, on specific issues such as gangs.
- 30 Following the McDonald's shooting, Richard Moore asked if some work could be done in respect of reassurance as he had he picked up on community fears of drive-by shootings. With regard to fireworks, Mr Moore asked what the Safer Lambeth Partnership could do about the sale of fireworks to young people.
- 31 Mr Bridger said that the police were carefully looking at addressing reassurance and he had recently met with Lambeth Chief Executive, Derrick Anderson, and various other people, to discuss that issue and how to get it right and put contingencies in place. Following the McDonald's incident, he said police did not get it right by effectively closing areas down and bringing traffic to a standstill.
- 32 With regard to fireworks, Ch. Insp. Peter Beynon said that there were a number of test purchases undertaken by Trading Standards and police officers concerning the selling of fireworks to underage persons, targeting certain areas in the borough. Furthermore, SN Teams visited premises and gave warnings about selling fireworks to young people.
- 33 Kelly ben Maimon enquired whether there were enough police officers in Lambeth since she had called the police nine times recently over two and a half weeks and it seemed only when the Evening Standard were present at the Moorlands Estate did the police turn up and, in that case, it was the Commissioner's reserve that did. ***Ms ben Maimon said that it was her impression that the Commissioners reserve only turned out if the community was out of control and she wanted to know many times they had turned out in Lambeth in the last three months.***
- 34 Mr Bridger said that the Commissioner's Reserve was the Territorial Support Group (TSG), which could respond to particular incidents seven days a week in any borough. For example, two weeks previously, the TSG were called to Myatts Field after four officers came under attack by 30-40 youths firing rockets at them. However, he said that the TSG could also be sent to work in a borough on a daily basis to conduct, for example, foot patrols, but if a call came that they were needed elsewhere they could be immediately withdrawn. In relation to having enough police officers in Lambeth, Mr Bridger said that perhaps everyone would like to see more, however, he said that it was about getting the best out of the deployment of officers since the 50 extra officers given to Lambeth had been taken away three years ago. And, despite that, he said that the number of street robberies was going down.
- 35 Ms ben Maimon said that members of the community had asked her to attend the meeting to let Mr Bridger know that they were under siege and she was contemplating asking the press to live with her for a week to experience what everyone else was experiencing. She said that she had been asked to make it very clear that the community needed the police's help and wanted high visibility policing on a regular basis, particularly as there was to be an academy opening nearby.
- 36 In relation to calls to the police, Ms Tapsell said that there was a perception that it was more difficult to get in touch with the police and she suggested that Group should look at the police's MetCall system at a future meeting.
- 37 In response to Fernando Senior, Mr Bridger said that in his judgment there was insufficient investment in youth provision in Lambeth and he had made it quite clear to the local authority, having addressed the full Council. When the new administration came in, Mr Bridger said he was asked what his view was in relation to youth provision and he had told them that he had wondered if the community was sure about what the borough's youth wanted. Therefore, he said

that he had advised that the Council should not rush in to give money away to people for things that young people may not want. Presently, he said that he was involved with the Council in a process of evaluating exactly what youth provision needed to be put in place.

38 Ms Tapsell said that at the December meeting the Group would expect Cllr. Prentice and her team to be present and talk about the issue of youth provision, which was a big factor in relation to any strategy related to crime and disorder. Mr Senior said it would be good for the Group to have some input as the major issue over the past eighteen months had been young people and he hadn't seen a move on anything other than the very positive Priority Persistent Offenders scheme.

39 Shane Collins said that Bonfire Night used to be one of the few times when neighbours could get to meet each other and strengthen the community. However, he said over the past few years there had been greater attention on setting off £100,000 of fireworks at three displays without a bonfire. Mr Collins suggested that there should be a return to having bonfires, perhaps one each for elders, adults and families with children, to help get people together and talking. Mr Collins also questioned why the celebration had been moved from Sunday 5th November to Friday 3rd November, which had the effect of extending it over three days. Mr Collins said that the community's views should be sought on arrangements for Bonfire Night. **Ms Tapsell suggested that the Council could start discussing the matter of Bonfire Night with the community around April next year. Cllr. O'Malley said that she would take the views back to Council.**

40 In relation to response times, Jim Toohill said that up till the end of March, the CAD [Community Aided Despatch] Achievements chart had showed all three sub-commands [Vauxhall, Brixton, Streatham] above the 75% target for response within twelve minutes. At the beginning of the financial year, Mr Toohill said this began to decline and was understood to be related to the introduction of MetCall. However, the response times seemed to be improving with the exception of Brixton. Mr Toohill asked if there was some systemic problem at Brixton. Many people only called the police in cases of emergency and, if they felt let down by a slow response the word could go round that there was no point calling the police because they take so long to turn up.

41 Supt. Stewart Low said that he monitored the police responses on a daily basis and acknowledged that there had been teething problems with the introduction of MetCall. However, he said that calls to Brixton were increasing and their responses times were improving. Supt. Low said he would give an update at the next meeting on how matters were progressing.

42 David Tomlinson said that the Vassal Ward SN Team had been so successful in closing down crack houses that the approximately twenty prostitutes working out of them had been evicted onto the streets, leading to a problem on Brixton Road. Mr Tomlinson said he was aware that the SN Team sergeant had been in contact with Brixton Vice-Squad about the issue but he said that it was a matter of organising things, planning forward and thinking about the consequences of what one action could be. Mr Tomlinson said that there was now a Vice-Squad requirement in area where it wasn't needed before.

43 Mr Bridger said that for every operation carried out in Lambeth, there was a strategy meeting, many of which he chaired, there was a standard agenda item about the impact of police action, although sometimes it not completely right. Mr Bridger said that he would look into the matter the next day.

Arresting Matters

44 Sgt. Ronnie Whelan gave a PowerPoint presentation on 'Arresting Matters' (see attached).

45 In response to Rod Brown, Sgt. Whelan said that while some of the powers of dispersal had been overruled by the courts they had been reinstated on appeal and police could return youths to their place of residence/safety.

46 In response to Ms Tapsell's question about whether there were any evaluations of crime hotspots, towards which money has been allocated by the Council, Sgt. Whelan said that there were results analyses on operations which had been undertaken. These take place at fortnightly coordinating/tasking meetings, where the resources put into a location and their effect were discussed.

47 Describing intelligence, Sgt. Whelan said that it didn't only come from undercover police work or

informants but through corroboration of information from various sources or small jigsaw pieces of information that helped to give a fuller picture.

- 48 In response to Ms Kenealy, who referred to training which British Transport Police were receiving and which had improved their success rate in identifying people, Sgt. Whelan said that as an officer of twenty years service he knew how to look for things in terms of body language, as it was the way one developed as a police officer. He agreed that police officers new to the job could benefit from training in such. Ms Tapsell added that it was anticipated that a senior BTP officer would regularly attend future Group meetings and provide a report on BTP operations.
- 49 In response to Mr Senior, Sgt. Whelan said that police could arrest somebody about to commit an offence if there was evidence that could be put before a court, even if an individual concerned didn't have their hands dirty.
- 50 Further to Mr Senior, Sgt. Whelan said that people who failed to give their real name and address when arrested could not evade being charged and would be charged or put through the system in the name that they gave. Mr Senior said that he thought Penalty Notices for Disorder (PND's) were a good idea since they did not criminalise people for minor offences.
- 51 In response to Ms Velmurugu, Sgt. Whelan said that as one of the criteria for arrest, obstruction of the highway could be extended to obstruction of pavements.
- 52 Rod Brown said he was surprised that wasting police time wasn't treated more seriously and could result in a PND being issued. However, Sgt. Whelan said it gave police an option so that more police time was not unnecessarily wasted.
- 53 John Roberts said that Sgt. Whelan's presentation was an explanation of police powers, and that Sgt Whelan could not be expected to justify the actions of the Home Office. He, John Roberts, personally thought that PNDs were a waste of time and were another way obtaining more funding.
- 54 For clarification, Supt. John Corrigan said that fingerprints taken of suspects could be destroyed upon request 28 days after a court case or

release from police custody, but DNA would continue to be kept.

- 55 Sgt. Whelan said that fingerprints were taken electronically and results were obtained within ten minutes, which was useful for everyone concerned in terms of confirming identification as the person being held could be threat to their self or others.

Lambeth Independent Custody Visitors and Lambeth Appropriate Adults Scheme

- 56 Doye Akinlade (Chair, Lambeth Panel of Independent Custody Visitors) and Jane Warwick (Coordinator of Independent Custody Visitors and of the Lambeth Appropriate Adults Scheme) gave a PowerPoint presentation on the history and work of Lambeth Independent Custody Visitors (ICVs) and Appropriate Adults (AAs) Scheme (see attached).
- 57 Jane Warwick highlighted the archaic facilities at Streatham Police Station where there was no place for detainees to wash themselves other than a sink in the corridor in view of CCTV. She emphasised that the prevailing conditions were not the fault of the police who also had to work in them.
- 58 Doye Akinlade said that the ICVs often came across vulnerable and frightened people in custody such as those with mental health problems or learning difficulties, juveniles, refugees, asylum seekers and illegal immigrants. He said that the police did not have the resources to detain and look after mentally ill people who might suffer from schizophrenia or be self harmers in need of medication and that there were problems with getting Social Services to attend police stations at certain times. Ms Warwick added that sometimes mentally ill people were taken out of custody only to return the police station because of the lack of beds in hospitals. Again, Ms Warwick said that this was not the fault of the police.
- 59 Mr Akinlade said that he felt there could be better training for police officers in the role of the ICV. In respect of becoming an ICV in Lambeth, persons had to be over 18 years, and live, work or study in the borough. He said that applicants would undergo a police check and a probation period to ascertain their suitability. Furthermore, ICVs were expected to attend monthly meetings, undertake continuous development and honour the ICV rota.

- 60 In response to Mr Brown, Mr Akinlade said that every borough had its own ICV panel. He added that at times Lambeth detainees could be taken to police stations outside of the borough due to a shortage of cells or refurbishment. In such cases the Lambeth ICVs would make arrangements with their counterparts in the other borough for Lambeth ICVs to visit Lambeth detainees. In relation to this Mr Bridger said that work to increase the number of cells at Brixton Police Station was back on the agenda. Rev. Canon Ivelaw Bowman expressed his concerns about the capacity for out of hours support for mentally ill people now that the Maudsley had been contracted to provide a level of service since becoming a Foundation Trust.
- 61 In respect of Appropriate Adults, Ms Warwick said that like the ICVs they were a voluntary organisation, although not a statutory one, and were interviewed for the position and underwent a police security check. Also, AAs did not work in pairs like ICVs, although they would be shadowed during their initial training period. Furthermore, AAs did not operate on a rota basis but were on call to attend police stations. Ms Warwick said that the role of the AA was to be in attendance with detainees when being booked in, during interviews and if bailed when the person in question was deemed to be a vulnerable person. During 2005, she said that the Lambeth AAs had been called 800 times.
- 62 An appropriate adult could be a parent, guardian, family member or a Social Worker. Sometimes none of these were available. Ms Warwick said that there was only one Lambeth Social Worker available between the hours of 5.00 p.m. to 9.00 a.m. the following day and at weekends, and that worker had to cover all categories of vulnerable people.
- 63 Ms Warwick said that there were also cross-border issues. For example, she related the case of a woman found to be drunk at 11.00 a.m. in the morning in charge of an 18 month old baby. She said that the woman was taken to Streatham Police Station whereupon police began to contact Lambeth Social Services. However, Social Services would not attend because the woman was a Croydon resident and similarly Croydon would not send a Social Worker because she was in custody in Lambeth. Meanwhile, she said, the child was looked after by two police officers in who had organized a whip round to buy food and nappies. Eventually, a Protection Order was issued by a Lambeth Social Worker and the child was taken into foster care at 1.00 a.m. the following day, i.e. 13 hours after the arrest of her mother, while the mother was released late on in the afternoon.
- 64 In relation to AA attendance to juveniles, Ms Warwick said that the Youth Offending Team (YOT) had priority had responsibility for them but they only worked from 9.00 a.m. to 5.00 p.m. Monday to Friday. While Mr Senior said that the YOT should provide somebody whatever the time, John Roberts said that there needed to be a service level agreement with contractors i.e. the YOT, which the MPA would be looking at next year.
- 65 Mr Bridger thanked Doye and Jane for the invaluable work they carried out on behalf of the community as ICVs and AAs. He added that the Primary Care Trust (PCT) should be invited to attend meetings so that they could hear the Group's concerns regarding people with mental health issues who find themselves in police custody.
- 66 ***Ms Tapsell said that questions arose about what was happening to people with mental health problems in Lambeth as well as concerns for young people. Ms Tapsell proposed that there should be a special themed meeting around the PCT with Lambeth Members of Parliament invited to attend.***
- Any Other Business**
- 67 Mr Tomlinson said that there seemed to be a lot of confusion occurring in relation to letters to victims of crime from Victim Support and/or the police, many of which were needless under the code of practice. In particular, he said, the police were not telling people that they could opt not to have their details passed to Victim Support. ***Mr Tomlinson said that he would like to be put in touch with the senior officer in charge of the matter, as the police themselves seem to be unsure about what they were doing.***
- 68 Haley, a member of the Group's Youth sub-group, said that work was on going with NACRO to put a schools pack together concerning stop and search and meetings with schools would be taking place in the near future.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING

6. 00 p.m. TUESDAY, 5 DECEMBER 2006