

St John's Church, Waterloo Road SE1

PRESENT: CPCG BOARD: Anna Tapsell (Chairperson), Paul Andell, Gill Kenealy, (Ind. Membs), Ros Munday (Clapham Community Partnership), Wesley Stephenson (Your Story), Jane Warwick (Appropriate Adults) **COMMUNITY AND VOLUNTARY MEMBERSHIP:** Brian Mantell (South London Synagogue), Jim Fairweather, Neil Flanigan (WIESA), David Hart (Clapham Community Partnership), Stuart Horwood (Brixton Market Traders Assoc.), Lloyd Leon (Lambeth ICVs), Anna Long (Churches Together in Clapham), Nick Mason (Lambeth Summer Projects), George Tuson (Streatham Common S'side NWA) **INDIVIDUAL MEMBERS:** Richard Dutton, Rosemarie Falaiye, Peter Harris, John Howard, Lena James, David Prichard-Jones, Clare Moore, Richard Moore, Cheryl Sealey **STATUTORY MEMBERSHIP: MPA** Jude Sequeira; **LAMBETH COUNCIL** Derrick Anderson, (Ch. Exec.) Cllr. Donatus Anyanwu, Cllr. Rachel Heywood, Cllr. Betty Evans Jacas, Simon Harding, Ann Corbett (Community Safety); **METROPOLITAN POLICE SERVICE** Det. Supt. John Corrigan, Supt. Dave Musker, Supt. Paul Wilson, Supt. Alistair Sutherland, Sgt. Ronnie Whelan **BRITISH TRANSPORT POLICE** Insp. Ian Mixer, PC John Atkins **SECRETARIAT** Ben McKendrick

VISITORS: Vincent Atkins, Pauline Bower, David Clark, John Cheetham, Jane Cundasamy, Paul Harrison, James Hatts, Adrian Jones, Ray Keavey, Sandra Moodie, Helen Pidd (The Guardian), Beryl Saunders, Keith Shaw, Linda Spashett, Patrick Sullivan, Mike Tippen, Leon Watson (South London Press)

APOLOGIES: Cllr. Kingsley Abrams, Supt. Ellie Bird (BTP), Ivelaw Bowman, Rod Brown, Helen Buckley, Cllr. Lorna Campbell, Jean Carpenter, Wally Channon, Habiba Compaore, Maude Estwick, Rowena Estwick, Graham Nicholls, Nathan Oley, Paul Reynolds, John Roberts, Ch. Supt. Sharon Rowe, Cllr. Darren Sanders, Fernando Senior, Abdul Sultan Virani, Jim Toohill, David Tomlinson, Peggy Tyler, Hazel Watson

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

Introduction

- 1 On behalf of the Group, Anna Tapsell expressed condolences to the family and friends of 15 year-old Arsema Dawit who had been found stabbed to death at a block of flats on Baylis Road, Waterloo, the previous afternoon.

Minutes of the Meeting 6 May 2008

- 2 The Minutes of the Meeting 6 May were accepted with the following Amendments: ***ADD to Apologies:*** Abdul Sultan Virani and George Tuson.
- 3 ***Change P. 1, Col. 2, Para. 5 to read:*** 'David Prichard-Jones said that he had not had the opportunity to read Prof. John Pitts report, *Young and Safe in Lambeth*, prior to the last meeting on Guns and Gangs and suggested that the Safer Lambeth Partnership (SLP) was just tinkering with the outcomes and not making any attempt to tackle the causes'.

- 4 ***Change P. 3, Col. 2, Para. 24 to read:*** "...Mr Atkins asked why the Group, in conjunction with First Generation Organisation, could not invite [all faith organisations and other official bodies] to a main meeting to address the borough's problems (Vincent Atkins).
- 5 ***Add to the Minutes:*** Ch. Supt. Sharon Rowe said that she would invite Lambeth's Ch. Exec., Derrick Anderson, to a Group meeting or another arranged meeting to talk about Partnership working (Richard Moore).

Matters Arising

- 6 A response to Jim Toohill's question concerning the use of Mosquito dispersal devices (Group, 1 April) had been received on the evening of the meeting. It was agreed to circulate the response with the Group minutes for 3 June (see attached).
- 7 A response to Lloyd Leon's question concerning the demolition of Dick Shepherd School in the 1990s (Group, 1 April) had been received on the evening of the meeting. It was agreed to circulate the response with the Group minutes for 3 June (see attached).
- 8 Supt. Musker said that the driver of the private contractor's prison van involved in the death of Naomi Benjamin had been relieved from duties pending the Crown Prosecution Service's decision on possible charges [Minute 31 06/05/08].
- 9 Referring to Minute 37, Ms Tapsell said that she would accept Sgt. Ronnie Whelan's proposed amendment [for clarification] as a Matter Arising, as she said that the Minute did reflect what had been said [Minute 37, 06/05/08].
- 10 Sgt. Whelan's amendment read: "There is no specific statutory common law power relating to the overt filming/photography of members of the public. However, when this tactic is used, it is authorised by a Superintendent and we utilise the principles of RIPA [Regulation of Investigatory Powers Act 2000], that it is intelligence based, proportionate and necessary in order to prevent and detect crime. Overt Filming/Photography (OFP) of members of

- the public is a valuable tool to prevent offences, reduce the fear of crime and reassure the public, gathering evidence and intelligence, and identifying offenders. The Metropolitan Police have had the policy in relation to this tactic since 1998.”
- 11 In response to Sgt. Whelan, Paul Andell said that Article 6 of the European Convention on Human Rights, concerning the right to privacy, appeared to contradict the police's view that the use of OFP of people was correct and legal without consent, and that the Group should therefore ask the police to stop the practice.
 - 12 Det. Supt. John Corrigan said that there was due to be a meeting very soon about OFP with the Group's Board. In respect of Article 6, Mr Corrigan said that police took such legislation into consideration but police action was intelligence led and aimed at certain crimes with appropriate justification. Furthermore, Mr Corrigan said that while Article 6 defended the right to a private life, there were also responsibilities attached, details of which would be discussed at the meeting with the Board.
 - 13 Mr Andell said that while there were certain caveats in relation to Article 6, in terms of the police's OFP Standard Operating Procedures, it had yet to be discussed and agreed as a Group. However, he said he understood that OFP was currently suspended in Lambeth.
 - 14 Mr Corrigan said that following the last Group meeting, Ch. Supt. Sharon Rowe had suspended the use of OFP until the police had met with the Board. Ms Tapsell said that the Group had taken legal advice from Liberty, the civil liberties and human rights organisation, about OFP, and their response would be discussed at the meeting.
 - 15 However, Supt. Dave Musker said that following discussions with the Group about OFP protocols, the tactic had been re-implemented the previous week, having taken the safeguards that had been raised into consideration. Ms Tapsell said she was unaware of any such discussion and that as far as she was concerned the present situation was as described by Mr Corrigan.
 - 16 Nevertheless, Ms Tapsell said that the Group could not stop the police from doing what it felt they could legally do, but she asked that they continue to suspend the tactic and discuss the matter with the Board
 - 17 Referring to an extract from the Group's Annual Report 2000, which had recorded the Group Officers' objections to the use of OFP on legal and ethical grounds, Mr Leon said he thought Supt. Musker had been disingenuous at the last Group meeting in stating that the tactic had previously been sanctioned by the Group. Mr Leon added that while he did not think many people would object to the use of OFP against targetted criminals, its use against young, innocent people could not be tolerated.
 - 18 Supt. Musker said that he was disappointed about his integrity being questioned when he had been present at meetings on three or four occasions, where he had acted as the supervisor responsible for explaining the tactic, in the presence of Group Officers and members and three superintendents.
 - 19 Ms Tapsell said that while there was a difference of opinion, the Group possessed documents and had spoken with previous Group chairpersons, and was therefore quite clear about its position of some years ago. However, she asked Supt. Musker to provide her with any evidence he may have to the contrary so that the difference of opinion could be resolved.
 - 20 Ms Tapsell reminded those present of the next meeting of the Group on 1 July at the Town Hall, where the theme would be Stop and Search.
 - 21 With regard to Safer Neighbourhood Team (SNT) officers being used to fulfill Council officers' demands to issue street fines, Mr Moore said that he had received a Council report concerning operational matters but not had one from the Borough Commander [Minute 51, 06/05/08].
 - 22 With regard to a written response from Ms Rowe to unanswered questions at the last Group meeting, Sgt. Whelan said that these pertained to questions about the number of police cadets, special constables and civilian volunteers in Lambeth from David

Tomlinson, to whom an answer had been sent [Minute 70, 06/05/08].

British Transport Police

- 23 Insp. Ian Mixer gave a report on crime on London Underground (LU), consisting of an overview of the previous financial year, statistics for April/May 2008 and an introduction on neighbourhood policing.
- 24 Insp. Mixer said that last year had been very successful for BTP. Locally, there had been: 11 robberies, a reduction of 21.4%; 68 staff assaults, a reduction of 23.6%; 71 offences of violent crime, a reduction of 11.3%; 50 hate crimes, a reduction of 35.9%; 50% reduction in graffiti - with BTP in contact with London South in relation to bridges; and 13 weapons found, mainly 'knuckledusters'.
- 25 London-wide, Insp. Mixer said that he could count the number of knives recovered on one hand. In terms of all Notifiable Offences (e.g. theft, robbery, criminal damage), Insp. Mixer said that there had been a reduction of 7% alongside a detection rate of 25%.
- 26 In terms of statistics for LU stations in Lambeth from 1 April to 21 May. Insp. Mixer said that during this time the number of crimes recorded were: Brixton, total 43, including 28 fare evasion, 3 thefts and 2 drug offences; Stockwell total 26, including 12 fare evasions; and Lambeth North, total 1, for theft. No knives had been recovered
- 27 Insp. Mixer said that the biggest problem on LU was fear of crime. However, BTP was introducing 30 Neighbourhood Policing Teams across LU area, which in terms of the Victoria line would mean three officers operating between Brixton and Pimlico.
- 28 In response to Ms Tapsell's question about the use of Knife Arches on LU, when nobody seemed to be carrying a knife, Insp. Mixer said while he could not speak on behalf of the MPS's Operation Blunt 2, he believed that BTP's Operation Shield was a successful deterrent against those who considered carrying knives on LU.
- 29 In respect of Section 60, Insp. Mixer said that BTP had not yet exercised the power so far this year, although BTP had worked in partnership with the MPS which had used Section 60s in areas that encompassed LU stations. In terms of risk assessments, safety factors and jurisdiction, Insp. Mixer said that the MPS could not work in LU stations without BTP officers being present.
- 30 With regard to public opinion about the use of Knife Arches, for which people had to give their permission and were asked a number of questions before being asked to walk through, Insp. Mixer said that the feedback had been very good with no complaints received. In relation to the ethnicity of those passing through an Arch, Insp. Mixer said that it depended on, and reflected, the 'foot flow' of passengers passing through a station at any one time.
- 31 Mr Andell expressed his concerns about the sustainability of resources and the accumulative effects of deterrents on PSA2 [The Government's Public Service Agreement in relation to confidence in the Criminal Justice System] by LU allowing the use of Section 60. While the Group had initially agreed to its use for an interim period, he said that it was expected to be followed by a review and analysis of confidence surveys, as well as looking at Section 87 of the Public Order Act; the use of Stop and Search in an Area after an incident had happened.
- 32 Insp. Mixer said that since January, BTP had practically always contacted the Group to inform of the use of Knife Arches at LU stations in Lambeth to seek the Group's views and ask for community observers to attend. Insp. Mixer added that for BTP's part, it wanted to take community's concerns into consideration and avoid an adverse effect on the community.
- 33 In response to Richard Dutton's concerns about a reduction of police on rural buses and trams, despite promises by the Mayor of London, Boris Johnson, to employ more police, Insp. Mixer said that BTP were only responsible for policing trains, although he understood that there would be further safer transport teams being made available.

- 34 ***In terms of rail travel in Lambeth, Mr Moore said that there was more coverage by the overground than the underground, and therefore asked if a BTP officer concerned with overground policing could be invited to a meeting.***
- 35 Mr Moore added that a main railway station (Tulse Hill) had been made a priority for his Safer Neighbourhood Panel (SNP), and both BTP operations and joint MPS operations had been a success in picking up people who used the railways and other forms of public transport to move in and out of areas.
- 36 ***Insp. Mixter said he would ensure that overground officers and those policing buses would attend a Group meeting to respond to any of the Group's concerns.***
- 37 In response to Kelly ben Maimon, ***Insp. Mixter said that access to statistical information was available to the public and, following improvements to output from BTP information unit, he could produce and pass on BTP crime figures for every station relevant to the Group.***
- 38 With regard to BTP's and MPS's relationship, Insp. Mixter said that it was excellent on the boroughs, particularly in Brixton, which was expected to improve further with the onset of neighbourhood policing, SNTs and the task force from Kennington police station.
- 39 In relation to Transport Operational Command Units (TOCUs), Insp. Mixter said that BTP were forging better relationships although TOCUs appeared to concentrate more on transport hubs and interchanges, such as London Bridge, of which there were not many in Lambeth.
- 40 Ros Munday said that over the past few months there had been a number of overground operations carried out in South London, i.e. Waterloo, Vauxhall and Clapham Junction, involving revenue inspectors supported by BTP/MPS and, in some cases, Immigration Service (IS) officers, with Stop and Search conducted following requests to see tickets.
- 41 In response, Insp. Mixter said that he was unable to comment on such operations.
- However, having spoke to the Latin Front six months ago, he said that it was made quite clear that under no circumstances did BTP work with the IS and despite any perceptions the IS did not work in the confines of the underground. However, Insp. Mixter said that he would pass on Ms Munday's concerns to BTP supervisors on London South and seek their response.***
- 42 Ms Tapsell agreed that there was a perception of IS officers being involved more generally in policing, as they had been during raids on unlicensed premises in Landor Road last year, and that the matter would be discussed at a CPCG Board meeting.
- 43 ***Ms Tapsell suggested that the Group should have a workshop to bring together all the different sectors that policed the various modes of transport, including representation from the IS.***
- 44 Wesley Stephenson said that the Group had been instrumental in affecting a change in the law following an IS operation attended by police, during which an asylum seeker, Joseph Crentsil, died [2001] and that it was pertinent that the Group should be involved in discussions involving police and IS.
- 45 In relation to MPS working with IS officers, Mr Corrigan said that if police received intelligence that illegal immigrants could be present at an address at which they were planning to attend, they had a legal obligation to engage with the IS, and would be criticised if they didn't do so.

Lambeth Police Update

- 46 Mr Corrigan gave a PowerPoint presentation on the Lambeth police performance for the previous month.
- 47 Gill Kenealy said that her recollection of the meeting with Mr Corrigan, and other Group members about Blunt 2 [a police operation to address knife crime], was that while in principle initiatives to reduce the number of knives and guns on the streets had to happen, some reservations also had to be expressed about the need for an ongoing,

- borough-wide Section 60 to run alongside Stop and Search, instead of being intelligence led and in response to an incident, and not based on profiling which appeared to be happening.
- 48 Ms Kenealy said that knife crimes mainly affected young black men, as victims and perpetrators, and that youths as young as 14 year-olds should not be stopped unless police had grounds to suspect that a young male may be involved in something. Ms Kenealy reiterated that while the Group supported police in fighting knife crime the Group's reservations needed to be heard.
- 49 ***Mr Corrigan said that Blunt 2 was an intelligence oriented operation in terms of how it was mapped and led, and that any advancements could not be achieved overnight. Mr Corrigan said that the police had undertaken to highlight the areas of activity which needed to be shown and that the CPCG would be kept informed about initiative's progress.***
- 50 Ms Kenealy said that during the very evening that Group members were discussing Blunt 2 with the police, she had later learned that two young people had been stopped by the Territorial Support Group (TSG) and subjected to verbal abuse and insults about the area in which they lived. This, she said, was an example of how good intentions from the top did not translate into good practice on the ground.
- 51 Supt. Wilson said that he was conscious about issues concerning the TSG and that he had consistently heard from a section of the community that the TSG was not accountable in the same way as local officers. Supt. Wilson said that he had recently corresponded with Mick Johnson, the TSG Operational Command Unit's commander, to express the community's view and said that Mr Johnson had promised to work with him closely to address that perception, which would be fed back into the Stop and Search Monitoring Group.
- 52 Supt. Paul Wilson said without wishing to preempt next month's meeting on Stop and Search, figures for Lambeth were very promising in that ethnic disproportionality was not as great as the rest of London while the borough's arrest rate was the fourth best.
- 53 In response to Helen Pidd, Guardian Newspaper, Mr Corrigan said that a complaint had been made to police prior to the Arsema Dawit's murder and the police were currently reviewing its actions to date.
- 54 For clarification following the media coverage and speculation about Arsema's family's previous request for help, Supt. Sutherland said that a previous allegation of assault concerning Arsema had been reported to Lambeth police in April of this year but was transferred to Southwark [police] where the alleged assault had taken place. Supt. Sutherland said that an undertaking had been given to conduct a full review of that investigation by the Directorate of Professional Standards.
- 55 Supt. Sutherland said that in relation to the general point of members of the public requesting help from the police much depended on the type of allegation made. In Arsema's case, he said that there would have been an investigating officer appointed, an action plan devised and a risk assessment carried out; a process conducted under supervision and subject to continual review.
- 56 Pauline Bower said that she was troubled by the fact that there had been a previous request for protection prior to the murder of Arsema and she asked what police procedures existed for people requesting help and protection from the police. While it would be helpful to be reassured to know how police dealt with such requests, she said that there was an impression given that they were brushed aside.
- 57 Mr Stephenson said that lot more work needed to be done in terms of the recording of reported crime. He said that he himself had experience of attending police stations with young people whose concerns had not previously been taken seriously e.g. an appropriate adult wasn't always called when necessary. Mr Stephenson said that more support needed to be given to young people who wanted to report a crime, their concerns or suspicions.

- 58 David Hart said that in respect of Arsema's death, newspapers had reported that residents where she lived had been waiting for up to two years for repairs.
- 59 Derrick Anderson, LBL Ch. Exec., said that he had joined the meeting essentially to pay his respects in relation to the events of the previous day, to hear concerns and reassure the community. With regard to door of the building where Arsema live, he said that he could confirm that it had been broken for some seven months while the Council pursued capital for repairs. Mr Anderson said that the order for the repairs had gone out the previous Friday [30 May] and had been due to be carried out on Wednesday, 4 June.
- 60 Mr Leon said that if the police, rather than the Council, had not acted on something reported to them seven months previously it would have raised very serious questions. He added that there was a possibility that if the necessary repairs had been carried out on time this tragedy may have been avoided.
- 61 Cllr. Donatus Anwanyu, LBL Community Safety cabinet member, said that once again there was a great sadness for the community about the loss of another young life. Unfortunately, he said, there were areas where the Partnership had failed and the Council in particular needed to look at its own responsibilities.
- 62 Cllr. Anwanyu said that the Council and police could not work in isolation of each other or the community, which was the core of engagement and the key to success and unity which added to the value of the work of the police and the Council.
- 63 In respect of security, Arulini Velmurugu said that police officers were hardly to be seen walking around the streets, like they used to, since the introduction of SNTs, and whenever she raised the matter, Police Community Support Officers (PCSOs) were sent round to see her. Ms Velmurugu said she believed that most of Lambeth's police officers worked in the Brixton area. Ms Velmurugu also referred to the vandalism of security gates on her estate about which the Council were doing nothing and thereby compromising residents' safety.
- 64 Supt. Alistair Sutherland said that Kennington had just recently introduced a South Bank Policing Team of a sergeant and five constables to supplement the SNT, which should increase the police presence. At the moment, Supt. Sutherland said that there were more officers based in Lambeth North than any other part of the borough. He said he would talk further with Ms Velmurugu outside of the meeting.
- 65 In response to Ms Munday concerns about SNPs lack of input into Lambeth's Community Safety Board, Mr Anderson said that the Safer Lambeth Partnership (SLP), to which he believed she referred, had been born out of legislation specifying a number of statutory authorities which the Board should include as members. However, he said that Lambeth had gone further in identifying places on the Board for community representatives while voluntary group interests were represented by Lambeth Voluntary Action Council.
- 66 Mr Anderson said that the reality with any kind of board was that a balance had to be found between a large talking shop, unable to focus on the things that really mattered and needed to happen, against something that was, broadly speaking, representative. In reality, he said that a board was basically a forum for strategic discussion but beyond that it needed to look at other ways in which it could join, for example, with the Group to conduct wider-based consultation and reach more community groups and organisations.
- 67 Mr Moore said that Mr Anderson's response was one of the most disingenuous he had heard for a long time. Like Mr Anderson, and other persons at the meeting, Mr Moore said that he had sat at the top table of the so-called Partnership Board, engaging in high level strategic decisions, and that it was insulting to the community to say that it was not capable of being involved at the highest level.
- 68 Speaking as an SNP chairperson, Mr Moore said that following the debacle of the Council's attempt to find commonalities for a SNP constitution, when MPS guidelines made it absolutely clear that each SNP would be directly consulted and involved in consultation, he wanted to know the legal basis for the Council's exclusion of SNPs.

- Mr Moore said that this raised a major issue about partnership and the basis of having modern, decent policing in place and working together with the local authority, which had a lot to answer for.
- 69 Mr Anderson said that he had worked tirelessly to find ways to engage people, and that he refuted the idea that he no respect for community voice. However, partnerships had to have balance in terms of numbers, and at present the SLP membership was driven by the legislation for its structure. Mr Anderson said he acknowledged that it was not a perfect setup, but rather than condemnation he wanted solutions and suggestions as to how to find the right balance within the parameters that he worked.
- 70 Mr Anderson said that he thought there couldn't be enough talking and forums where issues were debated and workable solutions devised and he would be happy to attend any forum at anytime, anywhere to listen to positive ideas and suggestions about how the Partnership and the Council could improve on what it was doing in the communities.
- 71 In terms of community engagement and accountability, Mr Andell said that further to legislative requirements for partnership work, the Policing Act 2006 gave a requirement for a Community Safety Team to have some form of community engagement and accountability. Mr Andell said that Simon Harding had written a very helpful paper which built on the Group's work from 1999, at which time the Group was seeking multi-disciplinary accountability of the SLP. As such, Mr Andell said that the Group submitted a paper to the SLP Board proposing a model for accountability for the borough.
- 72 Mr Andell added that Home Office regulations quite clearly stated that there should be no reinventing the wheel when it came to community engagement. Therefore, Mr Andell suggested that the Group should be the primary vehicle for community engagement and accountability for the SLP and fully included in discussions.
- 73 Stuart Horwood said he wished to congratulate Brixton police for their continued good work in Brixton Town Centre and he had heard that a new initiative, Operation Sentinel, was to be rolled out in Brixton. Mr Horwood asked if the operation could become part of the police presentation.
- 74 Supt. Musker said that Operation Sentinel was part of operations currently being run in Brixton although, more importantly, it involved working with the Council to look at the management of Central Brixton. While in its early stages of development, Supt. Musker said that in essence it involved multi-disciplinary teams working together to respond to the needs of those who lived and worked in the community.
- 75 ***In terms of Sentinel, Supt. Musker said that the police's commitment would involve a having an inspector, two sergeant's and twenty constables with eight PCSOs funded by the Council; dedicated to the centre of Brixton and not abstracted to other duties. Supt. Musker added that he was committed towards making a step-change on top of the progress made over the past five years, and once the model had been finalised he would present it to the Group.***
- 76 Rosemarie Falaiye asked about the presence of PCSOs on Gipsy Road and referred to incidents in which youths from a local school behaved in an intimidating manner, which made a number of elderly people feel fearful. Over the past few week, Ms Falaiye said that many people in the area were wondering where the police and PCSOs had gone. A few months earlier, Ms Falaiye said that they used to see their community officers, whom they knew and could talk to.
- 77 Supt. Sutherland said that he was disappointed to hear that her SNT had not been as visible as she would have wished and since no police officer from Streatham was present, he would take her details and look into the matter.
- 78 Vincent Atkins ventured that there were not many, if any, paid community leaders and youth workers present at the meeting and,

- with killings happening on Lambeth streets, he asked who was going into the schools with ex-offenders and onto the estates to discuss with local people how to move forward. Mr Atkins said that his background alone qualified him to help in anyway he could and he added that his organisation was willing to work with other organisations to go forward.
- 79 Mr Corrigan said there were no problems about everybody working together to stop violent youth crime, and a partnership approach was recognised as the way to deal the problems. While Lambeth was in the top six boroughs for knife enabled crime, he said that a great deal of work was going on between police and youth workers in Lambeth.
- 80 With regard to further activities, Mr Corrigan referred to: Pathways, based on the Boston Ceasefire Model, being developed with the local authority seeking to bring individuals involved in criminality and gangs back into the community arena; Operation Phoenix, conducted by statutory partners and voluntary organisations working together over the past three years to stop young people's involvement in gun crime; and X-it, a recognised programme awarded for its success in helping people to quit their involvement with gangs over the past few years. Mr Corrigan said while progress may take time, he pointed to the success of Trident over the past decade and the difference it had made.
- 81 Mr Stephenson said that he would like to congratulate the police for the work put in concerning gang activity, which had been proactive. However, Mr Stephenson said that by knowing who the gangs were, more than intervention work could and needed to be done by getting to the root of gangs and breaking them up. Furthermore, he said that a stop should be put to the punishing innocent youths, not least by putting a camera in their faces, who were vulnerable to gangs and becoming driven towards them by being criminalised.
- 82 With regard to CCTV, Mr Stephenson said that it was a useful and necessary tool, but seemingly only for the issuing of tickets for traffic offences and not to record violent assaults. Mr Stephenson said that resources needed to be redirected towards those areas that mattered most to the community.
- 83 Jane Warwick raised a matter concerning Parking Wardens in Lambeth, which Simon Harding undertook to look into for her.
- 84 On behalf of the family of Nicholas Clarke, murdered on 15 March, Cllr. Betty Evans-Jacas expressed his family's appreciation for the support given to them by the police throughout this tragic event, and she commended the police's effort and work in relation to Nicholas' funeral.
- 85 Mr Leon said that it was a sign of the progress made in Brixton over the years when, recently, he had witnessed two police officers walking a handcuffed individual through Brixton to the police station without anyone making any comments.
- 86 On behalf of Ram, an evictee of St Agnes Place last, Ms Tapsell asked if Mr Corrigan and Supt. Sutherland could meet with him outside of the meeting to discuss matters pertaining to the eviction. Ms Munday that minutes of meetings which Ram sought, were held by Lambeth Housing rather than the police. ***Ms Tapsell said that issue of the St Agnes Place would be raised by Mr Prichard-Jones at the next meeting, where it would be an agenda item.***

Next Meeting

6.00 p.m. Tuesday, 2 September 2008

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