

**Karibu Centre, Gresham Road, Brixton SW9**

**PRESENT: CPCG BOARD:** Anna Tapsell (Chair of Meeting), Ivelaw Bowman, Shane Collins, Gill Kenealy, Jim Toohill, Doye Akinlade (Brixton Society), Sandra Moodie (Cressingham Gardens TRA), Ros Munday (Clapham Community Partnership), Wesley Stephenson (Your Story), **COMMUNITY AND VOLUNTARY MEMBERSHIP:** Wally Channon, Peggy Tyler (Clapham Town N'hood Watch); David Hart (Clapham Community Partnership); Lloyd Leon (Brixton Domino Club); Stuart Horwood (Brixton Market Traders Assoc.); Anna Long (Churches Together in Clapham); Brian Mantell (South London Synagogue), Nick Mason (Lambeth Summer Projects); Hazel Saunders (Victim Support Lambeth), Keith Shaw (WIESA); David Tomlinson (Stockwell Park Residents Assoc.); Arulini Velmurugu (Lambeth Towers/Road TRA), Hazel Watson (Milkwood Road Residents Assoc.)

**INDIVIDUAL MEMBERS:** Hope Barrett, Richard Dutton, Rosemarie Falaiye, Gloria Gomez, Peter Harris, John Howard, David Prichard-Jones, Clare Moore, Juneary Raymond, Richard Moore, Cheryl Sealey, Fernando Senior, Jean Slater. **STATUTORY MEMBERSHIP: MPA** Maurice Blades **LAMBETH COUNCIL** Cllr. Donatus Anyanwu, Cllr. Lorna Campbell, Cllr. Julian Heather, Cllr. Rachel Heywood **METROPOLITAN POLICE SERVICE**, Ch. Supt. Christine Jones, Supt. Alistair Sutherland, Supt. Dave Musker, Supt. Paul Wilson, Insp. John Roach (TSG), Sgt. Ronnie Whelan, PC Errol Patterson **BRITISH TRANSPORT POLICE** Sgt. Ricky Lucas

**VISITORS:** Pauline Bower, John Cheetham, Zenobia Cowan-Davies (MPS), John Frankland, Ros Griffiths (Brixton Splash), Robert Holden, Lester Holloway, Elaine Holness (Karibu Centre), Jai Jayasuman (Lambeth Mediation Service), Chris Nicholson, David Pinder, Erika Rojas (YMCA), Kalid Sadi, Beryl Saunders, Keith Stewart (Lambeth Mediation Service), Patrick Sullivan,

**APOLOGIES:** Paul Andell, Rod Brown, Jean Carpenter, Ann Corbett, Maude Estwick, Rowena Estwick, Jim Fairweather, Neil Flanigan, Lena James, Most Rev. Dr Bancroft McCarthy, George Marshman, Cllr. Neeraj Patil, Jane Warwick

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

**Introduction**

- 1 Anna Tapsell welcomed Deborah Glass, a Commissioner and the Deputy Chair of the Independent Police Complaints Authority (IPCC) and Ch. Supt. Christine Jones of the Diplomatic Protection Group (DPG) to the meeting.

**Minutes of the Meeting 2 December 2008**

- 2 Minutes of the Meeting 2 December 2008 were agreed without amendment.

**Matters Arising**

- 3 David Tomlinson asked if there could be a report back on the progress of the Community Safe public information system [P.1, Para. 8, 02/12/08].
- 4 In respect of establishing an Independent Advisory Group (IAG) for Lambeth, Supt. Paul Wilson said that an advert had been drafted and was expected to be published within the next three weeks. Mr Wilson said that the advert would invite applications from Lambeth communities to assist Lambeth police with an IAG [P.1, Para. 7, 02/12/08].
- 5 In response to David Prichard-Jones, Cllr. Donatus Anyanwu said that, as far as he understood, the publication of Safer Lambeth Partnership (SLP) papers was subject to agreement of an SLP constitution, which was progressing.
- 6 Mr Prichard-Jones said that if there was no progress on the SLP publishing its documents the Group should withdraw its representation on the SLP Board. Mr Prichard-Jones cited the raid on the Rastafarian Temple in St Agnes Place, where no evidence of Class A drugs and firearms on the premises was offered in court, as an example of Lambeth Council involvement.
- 7 In response to Lloyd Leon, Supt. Alistair Sutherland said that he had written to the Head Teacher of Stockwell High School requesting the school to engage proactively with the Stockwell Safer Neighbourhood (SN) Team and SN Panel regarding anti-social behaviour in the vicinity of the school. ***As yet, Mr Sutherland said that no meeting had taken place between the school and SN Team and Panel and he would report back following that happening*** [P.3, Para. 33, 02/12/08].
- 8 In response to Ros Munday, Supt. Wilson said that the issue of SN Panel membership of the SLP was a constitutional matter which may be an item on the SLP Board's agenda for the meeting of 27 January 2009 [P.4, Para. 37, 02/12/08].

- 9 Mr Prichard-Jones said that it was unsatisfactory that the SLP constitution was to be discussed behind closed doors without proper consultation with the Group, SN Panels and the general public. In his opinion, he said that there should be at least two Group members and two SN Panel representatives on the SLP Board.
- 10 In response to Mr Leon, Maurice Blades said that the Metropolitan Police Authority (MPA) had not yet completed its scrutiny into the police use of Taser in London [P.4 Para. 45, 02/12/08].
- 11 Ms Tapsell said that once the SLP constitution had been adopted the Group would hold a business meeting for its members with the Borough Commander and Council's Chief Executive invited to attend.
- 12 In response to Richard Dutton, Supt. Dave Musker said that the use of shop as a front desk for Streatham police station was a possibility in plans for the future [P.6 Para. 70, 02/12/08].
- 13 Ros Griffith said that the [brief] tenure of the Borough Commander was an issue which must be addressed in a strategic way, bearing in mind the problems in the borough and the need for the police to build up trust with the community, and needed to be discussed.
- 14 Ms Tapsell said that the issue of tenure had been discussed at SLP and MPA level and the dissatisfaction about the short tenure of high ranking officers made clear. Ms Tapsell said that Commander Maxine de Bruner, who held responsibility for south-east boroughs, would be invited to a meeting to discuss the tenure issue.
- 15 Pauline Bower said that last year the Group had paid tribute to community volunteer Selwyn Scott, who had died suddenly, but it had not been recorded in the minutes that on the same day he had been due to attend a hearing concerning his dog, which had been taken from him by police at gunpoint. Ms Bower said that she had written to the police about her grievances over the matter but felt that she had not received a satisfactory written response which she could pass on to Mr Scott's friends.
- 16 Furthermore, Ms Bower said that she had not received an adequate response with regard to provision for people who were being harassed.
- 17 Supt. Sutherland said that he was fully aware of the matter regarding Mr Scott's dog, which was seized in response to a community complaint, and he understood that a fairly comprehensive update had recently been given. **However, Supt. Sutherland said that he would go through the correspondence with Ms Bower outside of the meeting.**
- 18 In relation to harassment, Supt. Sutherland said that he could arrange for a Detective Inspector from Community Safety to brief Ms Bower and the Group about the way with which allegations of harassment were dealt.

#### Lambeth Police Update

- 19 Supt. Alistair Sutherland gave a PowerPoint presentation on the Lambeth police performance comparing the current financial year to date with the same period in the previous year (see attached).
- 20 Richard Moore expressed his concerns about money pledged to target harden properties against burglary, which police had spent time identifying, and which, he said, had been withdrawn by Lambeth Council. Mr Moore agreed to give Ms Tapsell further details so that she could raise the matter at a SLP Board meeting.
- 21 In response to Mr Moore, Supt. Sutherland said that the high abstraction of Lambeth police officers to perform duties outside the borough in August had been largely due to the Notting Hill Carnival and since then abstractions had declined. Supt. Musker added that strategies had been devised to reduce the number of officers abstracted to deal with situations such as sporting events.
- 22 Ms Tapsell agreed to meet, along with other Board members, a member of the public, a Jamaican national, who claimed that he had been a victim of police brutality and subsequently prosecuted to discuss his grievances. Supt. Sutherland gave an undertaking to respond to any issues raised

- by the member of the public with the Group's Board.
- 23 Juneary Raymond said that at Group meeting in October she had raised the matter of her nephew being assaulted by the police, while another young man at the meeting had also claimed he been assaulted by the TSG, yet there seemed to have been no follow up or discussion about the events. She expressed her concerns about whether police looked into such incidents, which kept coming up at meetings, and said that she wanted to see them covered by the police reports to the Group.
- 24 In response to Ms Raymond, Supt. Sutherland said that the incident she had referred to had allegedly involved the TSG, who at the October meeting had given an undertaking to always be represented at Group meetings, having become members of the Group. Supt. Sutherland referred Ms Raymond to Insp. John Roach, who was present, for an update.
- 25 Ms Tapsell said that it was her impression that most people did not have any hesitation in raising their issues at Group meetings, and she hoped that nobody felt intimidated. In this respect, she said that while she wanted everyone to be able to have their say, she would still like to hear more from those whose voices had not often or ever been heard.
- 26 A member of the public, Celwyn Wright, said that he wished to reinforce the view of incidents being raised time and time again, which was because people needed to have closure. He said that part of the reason for attending Group meetings was to receive an update on incidents raised, for example the case of Sean Rigg and the youths stopped at the Oval going to the Notting Hill Carnival.
- 27 In response to Kelly ben Maimon, Supt. Musker said that the Diamond initiative on Moorlands Estate, aimed at reducing the re-offending by people released from prison back into the community, was funded by the London Criminal Justice Board and supported by Lambeth Council.
- 28 Following an incident in which police had used a Taser against a man in Brixton Road on 22 December, Gill Kenealy said that although a senior Lambeth officer offered reassurance by talking to people, she had concerns about the behaviour of some police officers, in particular a firearms officer (CO19), who were rude, swearing, contemptuous and aggressive towards members of the public who were distressed at witnessing the event.
- 29 Ms Kenealy said that people had become more distressed upon seeing the 'tasered' man taken away to hospital in a police van instead of an ambulance and, whatever the rights or wrongs for doing so, the public perception was extremely negative. She said that many people were so incensed and upset about the incident they proceeded towards Brixton police station to give statements.
- 30 For a while, Ms Kenealy said that people were unable to enter the station to make a complaint, but when they were eventually able to do so she said that they were told that only the person who had been tasered could complain, and they were only given details of the IPCC website. She added that Paul Andell had arrived at Brixton police station and invited people with grievances to attend the CPCG office the following day. However, an opportunity to reassure the community that their concerns would be heard and the matter resolved early had been lost, as no one turned up.
- 31 Supt. Musker said that he could not comment on the incident itself as the man in question was on bail for a serious criminal matter, which was now *sub judice*. However, he said that it was a finely balanced judgement regarding how long an incident was allowed to escalate in Brixton, i.e. the point of intervention and withdrawal to prevent a much serious matter. Supt. Musker said he would not gainsay the judgement of his experienced office, Inspector Rook, to remove the suspect from the situation as quickly as possible.
- 32 With regard to CO19, Supt. Musker said that if anyone present wanted to make a complaint to approach him. He added that CCTV had been seized and the matter would be formally investigated.

- 33 Deborah Glass said that some real questions had been asked which Brixton police ought to have answered and an opportunity had been missed. She also clarified that witnesses to incidents were entitled to complain as someone adversely affected by it, and that the IPCC website was not necessarily the only way to do so.
- 34 Supt. Sutherland said that he was concerned by the allegation of swearing by a CO19 officer and he would not expect his officers to use such words, although there were occasions when strong language was needed to get a message across. Supt. Sutherland ensured the Group that the Commander of CO19 would be made aware of the incident and look into it.
- 35 With regards to complaints, Supt. Sutherland said that they could be made at a police station and should be taken by a police inspector. In terms of any outstanding complaints about police officers, or how the matter was dealt with at Brixton police station, he said that police needed to know about them in order that they could be investigated. Supt. Sutherland said that he would look into the issue of who and how many people attended Brixton police station on the day, and whether the situation was practicable, and report back.
- 36 Ms Tapsell said that there needed to be an agreed protocol between the community and the police about how the police should deal with the public and that it should be instilled within all those who had a role at police station front counters to ensure consistency.
- 37 Further to the issue of the community's relations with different parts of the police, such as the TSG and CO19, Ros Griffith referred to a recent incident in Coldharbour Lane involving the arrest of black males breaking up a fight between two white males. Ms Griffiths said that while she was surprised to learn that the arresting officers were from the British Transport Police (BTP), there was sense emerging from the black community that police relations were breaking down due to the lack of trust and inconsistency due to the policing of the community by different sections of the police.
- 38 Ms Griffiths said that the current state of affairs could lead to a misunderstanding, the consequences of which were known in the past, and that community engagement needed to be on the Group's agenda so that community could tell the police how it wanted to be policed.
- 39 Supt. Sutherland said he acknowledged that Lambeth police were not perfect but in terms of the accountability of police units operating in the borough but not attached to Lambeth police, i.e. BTP, CO19 (firearms unit), DPS and TSG, he said that permanent representation and accountability at senior level had been sought for Group meetings. In this respect, Supt. Sutherland said that the DPG had joined the TSG in becoming a member of the Group and would attend future meetings.
- 40 A member of the public said that the police were not above the law and that it should be made known to the community that they would be held accountable, as members of the public were, if they broke the law.
- 41 Another member of the public said that if the police wanted the community to believe that they were not all bad, they had to root out the bad elements in the Police Service.
- 42 In response to Mr Leon's query regarding the alleged racism in BTP, as exposed in a television documentary involving Stockwell underground station, Sgt. Ricky Lucas said that the matter was still under investigation but he could assure the Group that any officer found to be racist, sexist or homophobic would be dismissed.

### **Independent Police Complaints Commission**

- 43 Deborah Glass said that she was glad to see that the Group was as honest, open and challenging as it ever was, which she welcomed. Even though, for one reason or another, she said it may not be possible to answer all the Group's questions, but that it was important that the Group were given the opportunity to ask, and she would explain why she was unable to.

- 44 Ms Glass said that the IPCC was established in April 2004, having succeeded the Police Complaints Authority and born out of a lack of confidence in making complaints against the police, particularly in view of the police investigating themselves.
- 45 While some may disagree, Ms Glass said that the IPCC was independent of the police and, by law, its commissioners must have never served in the police. Ms Glass pointed out that the Group itself had played a big part in the establishing of the IPCC, while two current IPCC commissioners, who were responsible for cases and set terms of reference, were former Group Chairpersons.
- 46 Ms Glass said that one of the key features of the IPCC's independence was that since 2004, for the first time, the IPCC had the power to carry out independent investigations into police conduct. However, she said that the IPCC did not have a great deal of resources and had only 39 professional investigators at its London South-East office. As a result she said that this limited the number investigations that it could undertake each year, which tended to be high profile cases such as fatal shootings and deaths in custody.
- 47 Since 2004 up to March 2008, Ms Glass said that the IPCC had carried out 56 independent investigations in the Metropolitan Police District, three of which had been in the borough of Lambeth. The 56 deaths during this time included four police shootings, nineteen road traffic collisions, nineteen deaths in police custody and fourteen deaths following police contact. Ms Glass said that in the last couple of years there had been a slight decline in the number of deaths in custody. Since April 2008, Ms Glass said that there had been seven investigations into deaths in London; two fatal shootings, two fatal road incidents and three deaths in custody.
- 48 Of 39 completed IPCC investigations from a study it had undertaken, Ms Glass said that fifteen were referred to the Crown Prosecution Service with four resulting in criminal trial. Nine investigations resulted in the discipline of fifteen officers or staff with 31 of the 39 resulting in learning recommendations.
- 49 Ms Glass said that the average length of an IPCC investigation was six months, although they could be considerably longer; depending on factors such as forensics and pathology, lines of enquiry, number of police officers involved and seeking expert advice. Ms Glass said that the IPCC undertook to carry out its investigations as quickly as possible, while wanting to be thorough, effective and proportional. Inevitably, however, she said that they took much longer than anyone would like to see.
- 50 Wayne Rigg [Sean Rigg's brother] said that he was present at the meeting to speak up for Sean, who had been arrested and taken to Brixton police station where he subsequently died. In terms of the police being held to account, he said that IPCC's role to do so was clearly not happening, which was the reason he and his family was present.
- 51 While she was not the Commissioner overseeing the investigation of the death Sean Rigg, Ms Glass said that Mr Rigg's death on 21 August 2008, was immediately referred by the MPS to the IPCC.
- 52 Ms Glass said that Sean had been a resident at a hostel in Fairmount Road, from where staff had called police earlier in the day. However, the police operator deemed the matter to be a medical one rather than a police one and therefore the police did not attend. Further calls regarding Sean were made from the hostel, which he had left at around 7.00 p.m., when his behaviour had led to two members of the public calling the police. The police responded unaware of the earlier calls linked to the hostel.
- 53 Sean Rigg was arrested in the street and taken in a police van to Brixton police station where, clearly unwell, he was seen by a doctor in the holding area. An ambulance was called and Sean was taken to Kings College Hospital where he was pronounced dead.
- 54 The terms of reference set by Amerdeep Somal, the Commissioner for the investigation, included not only the immediate circumstances of his death but also the handling of the earlier telephone calls to the police. The investigation was progressing, although not as quickly as

- desired. Key evidence, i.e. the Home Office pathologist's report, was still awaited as a cause of death had not been established by the post mortem. Although a number of injuries were noted, none were attributed to Sean's death.
- 55 As with all IPCC investigations, a Family Liaison Manager, who had been appointed to keep the family informed, had met with the family several times and had spoken with them on a weekly basis. The senior investigator had also met the family and a further meeting was planned within the next week along with Ms Somal and the family's lawyer. Ms Glass said that she knew that the family had concerns and she hoped that they would be address at that meeting.
- 56 Ms Glass said that there were plans to issue an interim report once the IPCC had received a report from the pathologist, which would help to keep and the wider community informed.
- 57 Ms Glass said that she was very sorry that Sean's family was not happy about the communication thus far and that something must have clearly gone wrong. However, she urged the family to meet with the IPCC commissioner, investigation team and their lawyer
- 58 Ms Tapsell said that Sean's death was a tragedy about which the grieving family wanted answers. She said that there were also broader issues concerning the protocols and communications which existed between the police and those working in the field of health and their responsibilities, which the Group had raised in its report submitted report to the MPA over two years ago.
- 59 Ms Tapsell said that the situation of holding people with mental health problems in police cells was a desperate situation, which needed to be resolved urgently, and that the provision of specialist and medically supervised facilities should not be so difficult, particularly in the context of the MPS's Asset Management Plan, i.e. the reorganisation of police buildings, and the closure of South London and Maudsley hospital's emergency clinic.
- 60 Wayne Rigg pointed out that Sean had not been arrested as a person with mental health issues and in need of a place of safety, but rather for alleged assault on a police officer. He felt the place of safety issue to be a secondary one in this instance.
- 61 Marcia Rigg-Samuelson [sister of Sean Rigg] said that the IPCC investigation was incompetent and a sham, and that the investigators appeared, to the family, to be extremely inexperienced. For example, she said that the scene of Sean's arrest had not been cordoned off by the IPCC, while it had taken six weeks for a piece of paper to be passed between the investigator and deputy investigator.
- 62 Ms Rigg Samuelson said that her family was alone while the MPS was a large institution with a tremendous amount of backing and power. With everything stacked against them, she said that the family had to be proactive, united and strong.
- 63 Furthermore, she said that for the IPCC to be considered by police to be too close to families was ridiculous, and that the family had uncovered certain evidence and would fight [to establish the truth] legally and intelligently to ensure that the investigation was done properly in the best interests of her brother. With regard to the police, she said that a police officer at Brixton police station had told the family that there were 'bad apples' working there, which she said needed to be weeded out.
- 64 David Pinder of the Fanon Resource Centre (FRC), which worked with African Caribbean people with mental health support needs, said that he had tried to engage the MPS and BTP to visit FRC in order that they could understand more about working in a multi-cultural and cosmopolitan borough. Mr Pinder said that one BTP officer who came to the centre, and enjoyed the warm welcome and food, was supported in helping to understand the type of issues the police may face from people with mental health support needs. However, he said that since then nothing more had been heard and the police had ticked their box.
- 65 Mr Pinder said that the environmental and societal circumstances which people lived in these days contributed to mental ill health

amongst the community, and the FRC was about supporting people to overcome and understand their mental ill health and helped into being integrated back into the community. He said that Sean Rigg had undergone training and development and had gained a NVQ II as a mental health befriender, in order that he could work with other people with mental health support needs.

- 66 Mr Pinder said that it saddened him to come to the Group meeting six month's after Sean's death to hear that there had been no further progress into the IPCC investigation into his death, and as a member of the community affected by a death in police custody, he, like many others, was not satisfied with the lack of advancement.
- 67 Mr Pinder added that Sean's family was frustrated because if an injustice had been committed it should not be so difficult 'to sort the wheat from the chaff'. He added that the black community was tired of hearing the same questions being asked and statements given, and wanted answers now.
- 68 Ms Tapsell said that she hoped FRC would join the Group in trying to do something about police cells being used to hold people with mental health issues and support needs.
- 69 A member of the public said that as long as people attended meetings and continually talked about the same kind of experiences involving the police there would always be a divide between the community, particularly black and Asian, and the police. He said that this did nothing to diminish the intense hatred of the police that such experiences generated and that deaths in custody did not only undermine but also overshadowed any positive initiatives that police rolled out into the community.
- 70 Cllr. Lorna Campbell said that she was worried about IPCC resources and that they only able to investigate the most serious cases, and expressed her concern about what happened to the other cases.
- 71 Cllr. Campbell said that she had also experienced unprofessional conduct by the police but when she told them that she would report them personally to the Borough Commander, Sharon Rowe, their response was that it didn't matter because nothing would be done. Cllr. Campbell said that if the community had no confidence in the police they would not complain to them, and if the IPCC was too under-resourced, there was an issue about where people could make complaints, on a daily basis, which needed to be addressed.
- 72 John Howard said that since 1981, the Group had been championing policing by consent of the community and it was not being heard. In respect of police officers swearing at members of the public, he said that if he swore at an officer he would surely be arrested.
- 73 Mr Howard said that he didn't know about the Sean Rigg case but he was very saddened to hear about it. However, he said that the family were very brave and had an enormous fight on their hands.
- 74 Mr Howard said that he had hoped that the meeting would have discussed the case of Jean Charles de Menezes, and the disgraceful inquest into his death, and warned Sean Rigg's family that it would face similar tribulations.
- 75 Furthermore, Mr Howard said that the IPCC investigation into Jean Charles' death had been the case that had destroyed the IPCC's claim to independence, while the coroner of the inquest had prevented the jury from giving a verdict of unlawful killing, which was the only verdict he could have directed them to give on the basis of the evidence; that Jean Charles was not just murdered but executed. Mr Howard said that the Group needed to have a meeting to deal with the issue.
- 76 Referring to another case, Mr Howard said that police firearms officers had been also been involved in the killing of barrister Mark Saunders in Chelsea, in which police claimed Mr Saunders had raised a rifle and pointed it at police. This, he said, contrary to a police video from a helicopter leaked to Mr Saunder's sister showing him limply holding the rifle in his left hand. Mr Howard said that in his opinion the IPCC had behaved appallingly over the matter and had virtually accused Mr Saunder's sister of lying to the press.

- 77 In his opinion, Mr Howard said the Sean Rigg's family would receive no joy, no decision and no help from the IPCC, which without its independence was dead in the water.
- 78 Ms Tapsell said that it was very important that the community kept focus on the mental health issues that Sean Rigg's death highlighted in relation to what happens to people experiencing a crisis, and how they were handled and treated.
- 79 In relation to Stockwell and Jean Charles de Menezes, Ms Glass said that Nick Hardwick, Chair of the IPCC, would be very happy to attend a Group meeting to talk about the conclusion of the IPCC's investigations, of which he oversaw, and the inquest.
- 80 Ms Glass said that she was very sorry about how the Rigg family felt about the IPCC investigation was going but she believed that the IPCC's investigators were capable and competent, and very keen to meet the family and listen to them. However, she said that the family could challenge them about the things that they thought they were not doing properly.
- 81 Ms Rigg-Samuels questioned why, five months after Sean's death, investigators had not yet taken statements from police officers.
- 82 With regard to police cells, Ms Glass said that it seemed everyone agreed that they should not be used as a place of safety and collective pressure needed to be put on those who could bring about change.
- 83 Ms Glass said that she had heard and taken very seriously some of the concerns raised by the family and community, and she undertook to publish an interim report regarding Sean Rigg's death as soon as a pathologists report had been received. Ms Glass also offered to set up a community reference group from within the CPCG to work with the IPCC on the investigation.
- 84 Supt. Sutherland said that the police would welcome in the future any training and assistance in respect of managing people in police custody with mental health issues. Furthermore, he said that a SLP working group would be actively looking at ways in which the SLP could better manage people in the community who came into police custody, and would pilot any new systems which it believed would improve the service delivered to people suffering from mental health problems.
- 85 In response to a member of the public, Supt. Sutherland said that police awaited guidance on a European ruling on the destruction of DNA profiles taken from people who had subsequently not been charged or convicted. However, he said that there would need to be a change in the law regarding the way that police operated and he would provide an update as soon as he could.
- 86 Shane Collins asked if the TSG could report back on a complaint made at the Group meeting in October 2008 by Mr Quereshi, who had alleged being assaulted by TSG officers.
- 87 Ms Tapsell said that Sean Rigg's death was a tragedy and that the Group would support Sean Rigg's family in any way it could.
- 88 At present, Ms Tapsell said MPA funding limited and prevented the amount of work the Group could do, such as being able to sustain an open door to people with grievances against the police and SLP, and acting as advocates for such people to help deal with issues quickly.

### **Diplomatic Protection Group (DPG)**

- 89 The DPG presentation by Ch. Supt. Christine Jones was deferred to another meeting due to time constraints. Ms Tapsell thanked Ch Supt Jones for her co-operation and for agreeing to return at a later date.

### **Next Meeting**

**6.45 p.m. Tuesday, 3 February 2009**

**St John's Church, Waterloo Road SE1**