

Assembly Hall, Lambeth Town Hall Brixton SW2

PRESENT: CPCG BOARD: Anna Tapsell (Chair), Canon Ivelaw Bowman, Shane Collins, Gill Kenealy, Jim Toohill (Ind. Membs), Doye Akinlade (Brixton Society), Sandra Moodie (Cressingham Gardens TRA), Wesley Stephenson (Your Story), Jane Warwick (Lambeth ICVs)

COMMUNITY AND VOLUNTARY MEMBERSHIP: Lloyd Leon (Brixton Domino Club); Stuart Horwood (Brixton Market Traders Assoc.); Anna Long (Churches Together in Clapham); Brian Mantell (South London Synagogue), Phyllis Jackson (HMP Brixton IMB); Nick Mason (Lambeth Summer Projects); Sandra Moodie (Cressingham Gardens TRA); Hazel Saunders (Victim Support Lambeth), Neil Flanigan (WIESA); Catriona Robertson (Clapham and Stockwell FF); David Tomlinson (Stockwell Park Residents Assoc.); George Tuson (Streatham Common Southside NW); Peggy Tyler (Clapham Town N'hood Watch); Arulini Velmurugu (Lambeth Towers/Road TRA), Maude Estwick Hazel Watson (Milkwood Road Residents Assoc.).

INDIVIDUAL MEMBERS: Rod Brown, Richard Dutton, Rosemarie Falaiye, Gloria Gomez, John Howard, Lena James, Lee Jasper, Most Rev. Bancroft McCarthy, Patricia Moberly, Clare Moore, Richard Moore, David Prichard-Jones, Juneary Raymond, Cheryl Sealey, Mike Tuppen

STATUTORY MEMBERSHIP: *MPA* Susan Doran **LAMBETH COUNCIL** Cllr. Betty Evans-Jacas, Cllr. Graham Pycock, George Marshman, Ann Corbett, Chris D'Souza, **METROPOLITAN POLICE SERVICE**, Ch. Supt. Sharon Rowe, Det. Supt. John Corrigan, Supt. Dave Musker, Supt. Alistair Sutherland, Supt. Paul Wilson, Supt. Roger Evans, Ch. Insp. Jon Kirkpatrick, Tim Ruprecht (TSG), Jezreal Edwards, PC Errol Patterson

VISITORS: Roger Baker, Claire Belgard, Kelly ben Maimon, Tim Boxall, Aneksi Chateau, Susan Deswarte, John Frankland, Ros Griffiths, Nick Horley, Veronica Ledwith, Livia Lucianetti, Elicia Mollineau, Oliver Murray, Cllr. Helen O'Malley, June Pilgrim-Ndure David Pinder, Marcia Rigg-Samuel, John Roberts, Erika Rojas, Patrick Sullivan, Cllr. Rebecca Thackray, R. Watson,

APOLOGIES: Paul Andell, Cllr. Lorna Campbell, Jean Carpenter, Ch. Supt. Michael Johnson, Brian Mantell, Beryl Saunders

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

Introduction

1 Anna Tapsell (the Chair) said that Denis O'Connor, Chief Inspector of Her Majesty's Inspectorate of Constabulary (HMIC), had been invited to the meeting but could not attend due to a prior engagement. However, she said that it may be possible for HMIC to be represented at a future meeting as the review of the policing of the G20 summit had just got under way.

Minutes of the Meeting 7 April 2009

- 2 Minutes of the Meeting 7 April were accepted with the following amendments:
- 3 50. Ms Pilgrim said that since Jo Enright's departure in August 2008, nobody had been appointed as Lambeth DV Coordinator, an important post in terms of driving the DV Strategy and ensuring voluntary sector groups were represented in the Council. Ms Pilgrim said that she and Hazel Saunders, Victim Support Lambeth, were supporting the borough for a high calibre person to be recruited and that Jo Cleary, LBL Executive Director of Adults' and Community Services was dealing with the matter. The DV Trainer, a crucial role, who had left in January 2009, as still to be replaced.
- 4 51. For their part, Ms Pilgrim said that Lambeth provided a DV Project Officer who worked towards ensuring that repeat victims of DV were kept to a minimum. This Local Area Agreement Stretch Target, as it was known, would provide Lambeth with a large sum of money coming to the borough at the end 2010, although there was no guarantee that it would be spent on DV services.
- 5 52. Ms Pilgrim listed the organisations addressing DV in the Voluntary Sector: Mosaic based at St Thomas' Hospital had secured funding for the next seven months and were seeking further funding to be able to continue to the end of the year; Reach, a VSL project funded by the police, the Council and City Parochial was funded up to 2010; Gaia, a multi-agency, one-stop shop for DV victims, operated on a year to year basis funded by the LA with the help of voluntary staff; Sanctuary and Floating Support services that support DV victims remaining in their own home.
- 6 53. Ms Pilgrim said that there were four refuges operating in Lambeth: Asha, working with the Asian population; Refuge, a national organisation providing for Black Minority Ethnic groups; Solas Anois, operated by Solace WA for Irish Women; LWA, offering generic services. Altogether, she said that there were fifty-two bed spaces in need of service provisions in Lambeth, which took women from across the country.

Matters Arising

- 7 John Readman, Head of Lambeth Youth Service, had written a letter (see attached) to the Chair concerning Youth Service issues, which was tabled [Min 7, 07/05/09].
- 8 The Chair said that she had formally invited Mr Readman to the Group meeting, 2 June.
- 9 Cllr. Graham Pycock said that some of the points in Mr Readman's letter were tendentious and not entirely satisfactory, and he would be pursuing them.
- 10 David Prichard-Jones said that having heard the kind of stories that he had regarding the Youth Service he could not accept Mr Readman's letter.
- 11 Susan Deswarte said that Mr Readman had not met with the Norwood Forum as he had suggested in his letter.
- 12 The Chair said that anyone wanting to put specific allegations about wrongdoing in the Youth Service could do so through her.
- 13 Richard Moore said that he was aware that some allegations had been passed on anonymously to councillors, and asked if they be included in the Chair's offer.
- 14 The Chair reminded the meeting that Nick Hardwick, Chair of the Independent Police Complaints Commission (IPCC), would be attending an extra Group meeting at the Karibu Centre the following week, 12 May.
- 15 ***In response to Lloyd Leon, the Chair said that there was no reason why the Group should not hold a Special Meeting in relation to Jean Charles de Menezes, and would discuss the matter with Group's Board.***
- 16 The Chair said that she looked to hearing more about Lambeth Drug Action Team's consultation with Safer Neighbourhood Panels (SNPs) concerning the Designated Public Places Order [Min 30, 07/04/09].
- 17 George Marshman said that Lambeth, together with Southwark, Bromley and Lewisham was looking to jointly commission supporting people services for DV victims, which would involve some tendering. He said that it was the Council's intention to ensure that small organisations received support through the process and an independent organisation had been appointed to help them. He added that while the Council sought value for money, cost was not the only factor in determining which organisation won the contract, with 50% of the decision being based upon quality issues associated with service delivery [Min 54, 07/04/09].
- 18 In respect of Lambeth Women's Aid (LWA), Mr Marshman said that the Council's Commissioning Section would be happy to meet with LWA to go through the tendering process to give reassurance that the process was fair and openhanded.
- 19 ***The Chair said that she was grateful to Mr Marshman for his responses to issues raised by the Group. However, she asked him to look into what had happened to a meeting with Council officers, promised almost a year ago, about women and children subject to DV, but who had no recourse to public funds.***
- 20 In response to Richard Dutton, Mr Marshman said that he would be happy to put the tendering process into writing, including factors considered in terms of awarding the contract.
- 21 ***In response to Mr Leon's concerns about youth provision, Mr Marshman said that he had previously undertaken to ensure that a Youth Service representative would attend a Group meeting, which had now been agreed. He said that it would be useful if the Group could provide a list of issues that it would like to see addressed in advance.***
- 22 ***In response to Arulini Velmurugu's concerns about the ability of disabled people to report crimes, the Chair proposed that Ms Velmurugu, as a member of the Disabilities Independent Advisory Group (IAG), should give a presentation on the issue of Disability and Crime. Ms Velmurugu accepted.***

Lambeth Police Update

- 23 Borough Commander, Ch. Supt. Rowe, 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).
- 24 Ch. Supt. Sharon Rowe announced that the May meeting would be her last as Borough Commander and that she was leaving Lambeth to take up another policing post.
- 25 Ch. Supt. Rowe thanked the Group for its role as a critical friend, giving advice on how to police the borough and the incredible amount of time it gave in doing so. She said that the Group asked good, challenging questions and represented all that was best about community consultation; giving feedback when it was needed and helping out in difficult times. She thanked the Chair in particular for the enormous amount of time she gave to her role and for being available to help at the drop of a hat.
- 26 Ch. Supt. Rowe said that when she arrived in the borough she was shocked at the high murder rate and had aimed to reduce it and other violent crimes, which over the past two years had been significantly brought down. She said that she had also planned to work more in partnership with the local authority and community, and she believed that agenda too had been moved forward.
- 27 At the end of the financial year 2007-8, Ch. Supt. Rowe said that the Group hadn't fully discussed the performance targets due to the Group devoting a significant amount of time to the issue of Overt Photography. A year later, Ch. Rowe said that again the borough had achieved 'green' for all its targets and in this respect she wished to thank her Command Team for their huge role in policing a challenging and difficult borough. She also expressed her gratitude to all the police officers and civil staff working in Lambeth.
- 28 The Chair thanked Ch. Supt. Rowe for her work and that of her Command Team and on behalf of the Group wished her all the best for the future and in her new posting in the West Midlands.
- 29 Ch. Insp. Nick Sedgemore said that a police operation which had been launched to address street drug dealing in Coldharbour Lane, had gathered evidence over a two month period and had culminated on 7 April in the arrest of fifteen dealers who were currently in custody facing 36 counts of supplying drugs. Police had also taken out search warrants for twelve addresses linked to drug dealing.
- 30 In the eighteen days leading up to the raid, Ch. Insp. Sedgemore said that there had been 22 robberies in Brixton Town Centre which had been reduced to five subsequent to the raid. During the same period fourteen assaults had been reduced to eight.
- 31 Ch. Insp. Sedgemore said that as part of the exit strategy for the operation, from Monday [11 May] a dispersal zone, signed off by the police and local authority, was to be put in place which could lead to the arrest of any persons who returned within 24 hours of being asked to move.
- 32 Supt. Dave Musker said that the operation was carefully targetted at men of violence who supplied Class A drugs and to secure convictions. With the advent of the new Brixton Square project, he said that the change in geography would assist police in dealing with problems in the Town Centre.
- 33 Due to significant community concerns about the House of Bottles off-licence in Coldharbour Lane, Supt. Musker said that evidence in relation to drug dealing had been gathered and put before Lambeth's Licensing Committee. As a result of the Committee accepting that the premises was in breach of its licence, five conditions had been appended to the shop's liquor licence. Supt. Musker said that he wanted to make it explicitly clear that he would not allow any drug dealing on the premises.
- 34 In relation to the dispersal zone, Supt. Musker said that in agreement with the Safer Lambeth Partnership and the community, it had been extended to include Brixton Town Centre. He said that he would be closely monitoring the Zones effect on a daily basis to make sure it was proportionate, reasonable and targetted, with the aim of stopping people involved in

- anti-social behaviour from congregating in Brixton Town Centre.
- 35 In response to Rod Brown, Ch. Insp. Sedgemore said that the drop in crime was 50% due to extra officers and 50% as result of the police operation.
- 36 While understanding that retailers had responsibilities, Gill Kenealy expressed her concerns that shopkeepers in Coldharbour Lane were unfairly expected to take action themselves against drug dealers, which she proposed could be quite dangerous.
- 37 Shane Collins said that until drug dealing came under regulation and control the problems in Brixton would continue to return. With regard to House of Bottles, he said that in his view the owner had not been in breach of his licence but had been found guilty by proximity and an inability to control a large number of people gathering outside the shop and from entering it. He added that others shared his view that it was a case of targetting the wrong person.
- 38 Supt. Musker said that the police's case had been disclosed to the House of Bottles' owner and upon examining the evidence it was found sufficient to revoke the licence. He said that people with a liquor licence had a responsibility to uphold the licence objectives, one of which was crime and disorder. If drug dealers had resorted to using the premises, he said that the owner had a clear remedy by talking to the police.
- 39 In response to other issues concerning Coldharbour Lane, Supt. Musker said that a business forum had been convened to look at how police could support businesses. However, he said that he was quite clear that the police were not security guards for people with liquor licenses who were making money from the local community.
- 40 Nick Horley, a member of the public, said that since a deal had been reached in relation to the House of Bottles' liquor licence, alleged drug dealing evidence, which appeared to consist of video footage, had not been seen at the Licensing Committee. Mr Horley said that the owner was insistent about his innocence and would not now be able to clear his name.
- 41 Mr Horley said that the real location of the reloading venue [a place for drug dealers to retrieve their drugs] was now an open secret and he found it hard to believe that two reloading venues could be operating in the same area at the same time, as in the past he believed it had led to open warfare with regular fighting.
- 42 Stuart Horwood said that he could understand the situation of the owner of House of Bottles, since he had been in a similar situation himself with market traders coming to him desperate to be rid of the violent drug dealers. Mr Horwood said that it was difficult in the extreme for individual traders to get rid of dealers, while police had the resources and back-up to do so. He also concurred with the view that the House of Bottles was only guilty by proximity.
- 43 Supt. Musker said that since Mr Horley hadn't seen the police evidence he would extend an invitation to him to attend Brixton Police Station where the evidential police tapes could be disclosed on a confidential basis.
- 44 Mr Leon said that he fully supported the objective of ridding the streets of drug dealers but somebody was needed to educate some of traders in Brixton about the drug dealing that went on and their responsibilities.
- 45 David Pinder said that many of people generating the drug dealing in Brixton were coming from outside of the area, and if there was no demand for drugs there would be no market. However, he said that label given to Brixton as a market for drugs was perpetuating the situation.
- 46 Supt. Musker said that Brixton's world class reputation needed to be about its cultural diversity and the richness of the people who lived there, which was something that the police and their colleagues were committed to achieving.
- 47 With regard to traders and businesses in Brixton, Supt. Musker said that the police would support them as much as they could but they also had to take their responsibilities seriously. If they didn't, he said that the men of violence would resort to using firearms and set up places where

- Class A drugs could be dealt, creating a policing situation that could get out of control. Supt. Musker said that he would therefore make no apology for being robust in his actions against drug dealers.
- 48 In response to David Tomlinson, Ch. Supt. Rowe said that she was confident in stating that the murder on Larkhall Park was gang related and that there were dogs involved. She said that figures could be provided in relation to dogs used by gangs having been seized by police.
- 49 In response to Mr Tomlinson, Supt. John Corrigan, Chair of the SLP's Violent Crime Positive Action Group, said that a gap in the intelligence picture between hospitals and the police in terms of where knife crimes had taken place had been identified. Therefore, he said the SLP was working with St Thomas' and Kings College Hospitals, and Southwark, to ensure that intelligence was up to speed in order that the police could respond accordingly to prevent crime. He said that as matters progressed more hospitals would become involved.
- 50 In response to Mr Tomlinson, Anne Corbett said that the SLP did have a critical incident procedure, and in relation to the murder in Larkhall Park an action plan was implemented, which included an action to update SNPs and to ensure that it was done. However, Ms Corbett said that there was a limit to how much information could be given during an ongoing investigation.
- Policing the G20 Summit**
- 51 Mr Moore said that in view of a petrol bomb having been thrown at police and an officer attacked with a metal pole, there should have been some balance in terms of the reporting of the G20 summit, which had shown the police in an appalling light, and he was concerned about how the police could achieve it.
- 52 In response, Supt. Roger Evans (TSG) said that the news that the press and news editors chose to put out was their business and that the police couldn't, and shouldn't want to, tell them what to publish.
- 53 Mr Collins said that he had attended the G20 demonstrations and the policing of it was similar to many other demonstrations since the mid-1990s, except this time someone had died. He said that on one occasion he and many others were enclosed in a public space for six hours without food, drink, access to toilets and information. He added that prior to the demonstration the police had been quoted as being 'ready for it' and 'up for it'.
- 54 In terms of accountability, Mr Collins said that there was new group within the police called the National Extremist Tactical Coordination Unit (NETCU), an offshoot of the Association of Chief Police Officers (ACPO), which was a private company and therefore unaffected by the Freedom of Information Act. NETCU, he said, gave advice to police about how to police demonstrations and supplied reasons for which people could be arrested.
- 55 Mr Toohill clarified that while ACPO was the Association of Chief Police Officers, ACPO was also a registered limited company for the purposes of trading.
- 56 Mr Collins said that there was a concern about the growing number of people unhappy about the government's response to climate change but were being treated like terrorists for complaining about it. To the vast majority of people on the demonstrations, Mr Collins said that it was the police who acted as violent extremists, particularly TSG, as shown by the striking of a man walking with his hands in pockets who later died. Later on in the day, Mr Collins said that the TSG started steaming into the totally peaceful Climate Camp and used violence against non-violent people.
- 57 Mr Collins said that policing was becoming more secretive and, at a time when the economic situation and climate change was worsening, nobody wanted branches of the police which were unaccountable using the wide range of laws introduced over the last decade to label ordinary people as extremists and terrorists.
- 58 In response to Mr Collins question about NETCU's accountability, Supt. Evans said that NETCU worked under the National Policing Improvement Agency.

Furthermore, in terms of press and television coverage, he said that the police were under greater scrutiny than any police force in the world.

- 59 In response to a member of the public, Supt. Evans said that police medics were highly trained first-aiders who were primarily present to work with police officers but he could not clarify whether or not they were expected to help members of the public.
- 60 In response to Kelly ben Maimon, Supt. Evans said that he was unable to say when TSG was last reviewed although they had recently been inspected in relation to accounting and inventory matters. In terms of chains of command Supt. Evans said officers kept in contact via radio and mobile phones. He added that during the two days of the G20 summit (1 - 2 April), 13,000 officer days were worked, of which the TSG had contributed around 750.
- 61 In response to Wesley Stephenson, Supt. Musker said that the majority of public realm CCTV cameras in London could be accessed through the main control room in Lambeth, which some people at the meeting had visited and seen the thousands of cameras involved. In terms of G20, Supt. Musker said that the complexity of the operation had been forgotten. For example, on 1 April, he said that there was a large policing operation spread across the city with the control room monitoring the entire sweep of the operation, using specific cameras to zero-in to control disorder.
- 62 With regard to the post-march investigation being managed by the IPCC, Supt. Musker said that police did not have the capacity to control camera recordings. Therefore, part of the IPCC's investigation strategy would be to seize all the public realm CCTV in the City and private recordings, which was one of the reasons for the length and complexity of the investigation. Supt. Musker said that police were not able to delete images or change direction of cameras but could only monitor. In terms of how much footage had been recorded, Supt. Musker said that it was for the IPCC to say.
- 63 In relation to the Climate Camp, the Chair said that as the evening drew near a number of elderly ladies were warned to go home, as things were going to turn nasty, thus giving the impression that there was pre-planned strategy for police to move [on the Camp].
- 64 Mr Toohill said that some people had already made their minds up about the policing of G20 and he hoped the Group would have a better picture following the IPCC's investigation and HMIC's Review. However, he said that the images of G20 had done damage to the police, particularly TSG, setting them back quite a way with many people wondering how anyone should be surprised, since they believed that police had been doing the same for many years.
- 65 In response, Supt. Evans said that many people demonstrating at G20 hadn't engaged with the police beforehand while more than 3,000 other events which took place in London every year mainly had an organiser who would talk to the police about their plans.
- 66 Supt. Evans said that if people broke the law, such as those at the Climate Camp did by blocking the road, offering no resistance and appearing reasonable did not alter that fact that the law had been broken. At some point, he said, people had to be moved. In terms of the use of force, he said that the police used Home Office approved techniques and the issue was one of officers justifying their use of force, which, at the top end of public order, did not look pretty when it turned into disorder.
- 67 A member of the public, Veronica Ledwith, said that none of those arrested at the Climate Camp had been convicted of violence and that she deemed the force used by police had been disproportionate.
- 68 Celwyn Wright said that Ian Tomlinson, the man who died during the protest, should have been administered medical care immediately from a trained person and not the member of the public who attended him, and that for him it was a tragedy.

Community Engagement Project

- 69 Catriona Robertson, the Group's Community Engagement Project Coordinator, said that the Project would

attempt to give everyone in the community the opportunity to have their say about community safety issues in Lambeth in a meaningful way. By looking around the meeting she said that it was clear that not everyone in the community was represented and that she needed people's help to contact those people whose voices were seldom if never heard. Ms Robertson said that she had left notices with contact details in the Hall and she was keen to hear about people's ideas and suggestions.

Lambeth Independent Advisory Group

- 70 Supt. Paul Wilson said that in January, 2009, an advert had been placed in Lambeth Life and other places inviting local people to apply for membership of Lambeth Independent Advisory Group (IAG). The IAG members would advise the police from their own individual perspective.
- 71 Supt. Wilson said that 80 application forms were sent out from which there were 23 replies leading to 19 interviews and 15 people being selected. The interviews were conducted by Lambeth Police's business manager, a Territorial Policing Headquarters police constable and a member of Southwark's IAG.
- 72 Since March, Supt. Wilson said IAG members had attended three in-house training sessions: the structure of the borough and the work of the police; partnership working and community engagement; preparation for critical incidents training. After two further training sessions, Supt. Wilson said that they would become fully fledged IAG members and meet on a six weekly basis to discuss issues that they believed to be important to the people of Lambeth..
- 73 Supt. Wilson said that the fifteen IAG members ranged between the ages of 25 and 65 years, 72% were male, 15% from LGBT communities, 17% from the disabled community, 66% white with the remainder from BME groups, predominately Christian but with members who were Muslim, Hindu, Rastafarian and a number with no faith.
- 74 In keeping with the findings of Bill Morris's Professional Standards Enquiry, Supt. Wilson said that the recruitment process had been open and transparent. Mr Wilson added that there was a keenness on the IAG's part to attend a Group meeting and speak to it in the fullness of time.
- 75 Mr Prichard-Jones said that at the Group's business meeting on 24 February, Ch. Supt. Glen Allison, Territorial Policing, had said that there was no necessity for the Group to have an IAG, and that the Group had previously indicated that with its experience and representativeness an IAG was not necessary.
- 76 With regard to the selection of IAG members, Mr Prichard-Jones said that he was appalled about the biased and inept way it had been carried out, and that he had applied to join not because he particularly wanted to be a member, but out of a sense of duty and because he was concerned about what kind of person would wish to be a member. He said that the last quality he would want from a person seeking to join the IAG was keenness to do so, and that he was told that one of the reasons why he was rejected was that he was not keen enough.
- 77 Mr Prichard-Jones said part of his concern about the selection process was that there were no questions on the application form that would indicate that the applicant had the ability, knowledge or competence for the role. Instead, he said that it was effectively a job description which the applicants had to write for themselves. However, he said that it was suggested that people who did not speak very good English could be assisted if they were successful, which raised the question of how they would have managed to put in an application in the first place.
- 78 John Howard said that he had received an email invitation regarding the IAG and that applicants didn't have to represent anybody of anything. However, he said that while he was glad to hear that the applicants had been chosen in an open and transparent manner, Supt. Wilson must have been aware of the Group's and Councillors' very strong concerns about an IAG and the fact is was neither wanted nor needed. Mr Howard said that Lambeth did not need an

IAG as it already had the CPCG, yet the matter had been continually pursued.

- 79 Mr Howard he wonders what Supt. Wilson would do should the Group put together a proposal stating that Lambeth did not want an IAG, which represented nobody and could, for example, with a vehicle of such nature, press forward British Nationalist Party ideals. Mr Howard said that the police could not impose models that *it* wanted and could puppet master onto the community.
- 80 Ms Deswarte said that she would not have anything to do with an IAG, as Norwood Forum already had a good working relationship with police in Gipsy Hill Ward and its SNP.
- 81 Ros Griffiths said that one issue about the IAG was that it did not have a clearly defined role to ensure that there was no ambiguity between it and the Group. She said that the IAG may have a role but so far it had not been properly defined. She added that it would have been helpful if examples of tried and tested models could have been shown to demonstrate their effectiveness.
- 82 Supt. Wilson said that he had noted certain reservations regarding the IAG and that if Group as a whole shared such reservations it would be helpful if they could be put in writing. However, he said that he knew that there were a number of IAG supporters at the meeting, and while he would not comment on individuals who were not successful applicants he was willing to listen to further representation if it was to be shared by the Group's Board.
- 83 Supt. Wilson said that the role of the IAG and the sort of advice it would give, and whether it would cut across the work of the Group and effectively make the Group redundant were key issues. However, he said that he had always seen the role of the Group as continuing and that there was no suggestion whatsoever to the contrary. The difference between the Group and the IAG was that the latter was made up of individuals representing an independent view and offering a different perspective, as did SNPs, which the police could accept or not. He said the fifteen IAG members were Lambeth people from different backgrounds who would give police a perspective around

short term critical incidents and longer term policing issues.

- 84 Mr Wesley-Stephenson concurred that there was some confusion surrounding IAGs and that there needed to be an understanding about command structure and, more importantly, step-change, as it would reflect on the Group. He added that the benefits needed to be pointed out and to show that strategically the IAG was a separate local entity to the Group and working alongside it.

MPA Link Officer's Report

- 85 Susan Doran, Metropolitan Police Authority Link Officer to Lambeth briefed the Group on MPA activity (see briefing attached).
- 86 Mr Prichard-Jones suggested that the Ms Doran could provide written report prior to Group meetings in order that members and others could prepare questions.
- 87 Mr Moore asked Ms Doran if she take back a message to Caroline Pidgeon, MPA Link Member, stating that the Group would appreciate a visit by her to a Group meeting.
- 88 In response to Mr Collins, Ms Doran said that the Mayor, Boris Johnson, had sought dialogue with protest organisers following G20, and that a statement had been made by the MPS Commissioner about police officers concealing the identity numbers.

Any Other Business

- 89 Gill Kenealy thanked police for their help and support recently with a young man involved in gang activities who had started to engage in positive activities.
- 90 Ros Griffiths also thanked the police for their help when she had lost her young son for an hour in Brixton, during time they had showed great professionalism.

Next Meeting

6.30 p.m. Tuesday, 7 April 2009

St John's Church, Waterloo Road
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