

St Johns Waterloo SE1

PRESENT: CPCG BOARD: Anna Tapsell (Chair of Meeting), Doye Akinlade (Brixton Society), Ivelaw Bowman, Gill Kenealy, Jim Toohill, Sandra Moodie (Cressingham Gardens TRA), Jane Warwick

COMMUNITY AND VOLUNTARY MEMBERSHIP: John Frankland (Herne Hill Forum); Nick Mason (Lambeth Summer Projects); Catriona Robertson (Clapham and Stockwell Faith Forum), George Tuson (Streatham Southside N'hood Watch), Peggy Tyler (Clapham Town N'hood Watch), Arulini Velmurugu (Lambeth Towers TRA)

INDIVIDUAL MEMBERS: Richard Dutton, Rosemarie Falaiye, John Howard, David Prichard-Jones, Patricia Moberly, Richard Moore, Cheryl Sealey
STATUTORY MEMBERSHIP: MPA Susan Doran
LAMBETH COUNCIL Cllr. Rachel Heywood, Cllr. Graham Pycoc, John Readman, Claire Belgard, Ann Corbett, Ukent Milwood,
METROPOLITAN POLICE SERVICE T/BC Supt. Alistair Sutherland, Supt. Dave Musker, Ch. Insp. Rob Harper, Ch. Insp. Jon Kirkpatrick, Insp. Adrian Elgstrand (TSG), Sgt. Ronnie Whelan, PC Errol Patterson, Zenobia Cowan-Davies
BRITISH TRANSPORT POLICE Sgt. Ricky Lucas

VISITORS: Tim Boxall, Renford Carr, Zenobia Cowan-Davies, C. Frank, Veronica Ledwith, E. Owusu (LWA), Wayne Rowe (Straight Aims).

APOLOGIES: Paul Andell, Rod Brown, Cllr. Lorna Campbell, Wally Channon, John Cheetham, Shane Collins, Maude Estwick, Rowena Estwick, Cllr. Betty Evans-Jacas, Neil Flanagan, Lloyd Leon, Brian Mantell, George Marshman, Clare Moore, Caroline Pidgeon, June Pilgrim-Ndure, Fernando Senior, Nora-Anne Sheehy, David Tomlinson, Wesley Walters-Stephenson, Hazel Watson

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

Introduction

1 Anna Tapsell (Chair) welcomed Lambeth's Young and Safe Team to the meeting: John Readman (Dir. Community Learning), Dean Woodward (Asst. Dir. Specialist Youth), Claire Belgard (Strategic Lead, Young & Safe Programme), Neville Hayles (Head of Youth Support Services), Temidayo Oladimeji and Dennis Skinner (Youth Opportunity Fund).

Minutes of the Meeting 5 May 2009

2 Minutes of the Meeting 5 May 2009 were accepted without amendment.

Matters Arising

3 ***The Chair said that following the verdict of the inquest in to the death of Jean Charles de Menezes, and the publication of the Coroner's report, the Group was still minded to produce its own conclusions of events and needed to find time to discuss the issues that had arisen. However, bearing in mind that the Group had two meetings and the Lambeth Country Show to cover throughout July, she said that she would look into when that could be done.***

4 The Chair reported that there had been a meeting of the Safer Lambeth Partnership's (SLP) Mental Health and Community Safety Working Group (MHCSWG) earlier in the day.

5 Ann Corbett said that the MHCSWG had been established in February 2009 to look at a national report into the use of Section 136 in relation to police custody suites being use to hold people with mental health problems. She said that the MHCSWG would also consider the Group's Mental Health Paper [submitted to the Metropolitan Police Authority in 2005] and that it would draw up an action plan to improve services for the borough.

6 ***Ms Corbett said that George Marshman, Chair of the MHCSWG, had identified a dedicated project resource to support the work and that she would return with an update on how matters were progressing.***

7 Jim Toohill added that about five years ago there had been a joint MPS and NHS report into mental health with one of the things asked to be considered being the use of, as in the USA, crisis teams for people with mental illness who come into contact with the criminal justice system.

8 Mr Toohill said that the report had concluded that due to costs, crisis teams could not justified London-wide, although he said it could now be worth revisiting as such teams may be justified for boroughs such as Lambeth, Southwark and Lewisham with their particular mental health issues and the ongoing problem with encounters with the police over many years.

9 The Chair said that she and June Pilgrim of Lambeth Women's Aid (LWA) had met with Council officers regarding the tendering for Domestic Violence services but needed to meet people of seniority to further discuss the process [Min 19, 05/05/09].

10 Supt. Alistair Sutherland said that as a result of Arulini Velmurugu, a member of the London Disabilities Independence Advisory Group (IAG), raising her concerns, there was work in progress looking at implementing a system of how crimes against the disabled could be flagged, recorded and reviewed. However, he said that while such a system did not yet formally exist, Safer Neighbourhood Teams (SNTs) were made aware of vulnerable victims via the Crime Desk.

11 In response to Mr Prichard-Jones, the Chair said that the matter of disquiet about the Lambeth IAG had been brought to the attention of the Area Commander, Maxine de Brunner [Min 75-77, 05/05/09].

12 Jim Toohill said that IAGs had also been raised at a meeting of the London Communities Policing Partnership (LCP2), where a number of boroughs expressed general concerns about them, and at a meeting of LCP2 and Her Majesty's Inspectorate of Constabulary about the policing of G20, where it was learned that the prior consultation and the provision of observers involved IAG members, whom nobody knew.

13 Supt. Sutherland said that he would ask Supt. Paul Wilson to give a further presentation on the IAG, its formation and the rationale behind it, and how it links in with the Group.

14 Canon Ivelaw Bowman said that he would like to know the composition of the IAG and the constituency it represented, as it was important for openness and transparency.

Crown Prosecution Service

15 Martin Ryan, Borough Crown Prosecutor for Lambeth, said that he and his team were based at Frank O'Neill House, Kennington, which enabled him to work more closely and efficiently with the police.

16 Mr Ryan said that the CPS, an independent and national service, advised the police, sometimes in the early stages of investigations, and gave counsel with regard to appropriate charges. The CPS would keep and review cases, prepare for court and provide prosecuting lawyers. Last year, he said that his thirteen prosecutors had dealt with around 10,000 cases.

17 Having been in existence for 22 years, Mr Ryan said that the CPS was well known to many people within the criminal justice agencies and amongst other things was involved with London Criminal Justice Board, community engagement and hate crime scrutiny panels.

18 However, having sounding out local communities, Mr Ryan said that the CPS appeared to be less visible, which, consequentially, had an impact on confidence. Therefore, one of the Attorney General's initiatives to address this concern was through a community prosecutor approach; identifying someone, in Lambeth's case Claire Holder, to assist the Borough Prosecutor to provide information about the CPS's role locally, and to be better informed about local priorities for consideration in decision making, which it could bring into its relationship with the courts to engage them in the process.

19 Mr Ryan said that there was an issue about CPS's visibility in terms of what it actually contributed in relation to tackling the various crime and disorder issues, and, although much had been done, there was still much more to do. He added that he wanted make sure that his team was up to date with the current, local issues in order that they could be better addressed.

20 For example, Mr Ryan said that he was aware of the work done on community impact statements such as the nuisance and harassment in relation to drug dealing in Brixton, which may not have quite got through effectively into the court system. Equally, he said that obtaining information from the courts about outcomes was also an issue and in this respect he had met with a steering group to look at how information could be made better available.

21 Mr Ryan thanked the Group for the invitation and said that he would be prepared to listen to and take away questions and seek answer which may have appeared to have been missing in the past. ***The Chair thanked Mr Ryan for attending and asked those present to consider questions they would wish to put to him at another meeting when there would be more time.***

Lambeth Police Update

22 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).

23 Supt. Sutherland reported on the Growing Against Gangs Programme, based on an American model, which had been developed by an Oxford academic for schools and run over the past eighteen months by Lambeth Summer Projects Trust (LSPT) and Lambeth Police. Supt. Sutherland commended Nick Mason (LSPT) for his work in this respect.

24 The Programme targeted primary school children in ten Lambeth schools who were about to move to secondary school, and was delivered by youth workers working alongside police officers. Five secondary schools had recently signed up to the programme and Supt. Sutherland suggested that the Group may wish for a more detailed briefing about it.

25 Highlighting problems in relation to gangs, Supt. Sutherland said that since Christmas problems with gangs (from Southwark and Peckham in particular) coming into the borough and violently challenging Lambeth youths had led to Lambeth gangs responding. Since February, Supt. Sutherland said that Operation Numantime, involving Lambeth and Southwark officers, Trident officers and community safety personnel, had seen a significant rise in the levels of violence in the past couple of week with six stabbings linked to Peckham and Lambeth gangs with two youths stabbed 21 times and 17 times respectively. There had also been five shootings. Fortunately none of the incidents had led to a fatality.

26 Supt. Sutherland said that on 29 May there had been a significant arrest of a 19 year-old male Lambeth gang member with a loaded revolver, believed to be on his way to cause some serious harm.

27 In response to Celwyn Wright, Supt. Sutherland said that identifying gun supply in the borough was a matter for Lambeth's Proactive Firearms Team, while nationally the Serious Organised Crime Agency undertook the task. He added that he shared concerns about how easy it was to smuggle firearms into the country.

28 Supt. Sutherland said that it was a fact that Lambeth and Southwark suffered from a large number of youth gangs involved in serious violence and unfortunately where there was a market for firearms there would be a supply.

29 In response to a member of the public, Supt. Sutherland said that there were full-time police officers working with 11-18 year-olds in Lambeth Schools while Lambeth's Young and Safe action plan was recognised nationally. Apart from diversionary work, he said that in terms of enforcement Lambeth was one of the only London boroughs to have a full-time team committed to firearms.

30 Canon Bowman said that he received complaints from the elderly about dangerous dogs in Brixton Town Centre whose owners hardly appeared to strong enough to control them, while there appeared to be no police intervention. He said that the police needed to redouble their efforts.

31 In response, Supt. Sutherland said that the police used Section 1 of the Dangerous Dogs Act, which prescribed certain breeds, and Section 3 which related to dogs behaving dangerously and being out of control, and that currently there was a Dangerous Dogs action plan in existence aimed specifically at such dogs. He added that over the past four years there had been a 500% increase in dogs being seized by police in London.

32 In relation to gang violence, Canon Bowman said that there was trouble on the horizon and it was only going to get worse. He said that last week he had seen a crowd gather following a shot being fired in Solon Road off Acre Lane.

33 In response, Supt. Sutherland said that it was a particularly dangerous time in terms of gangs but police in Lambeth and Southwark were conducting a substantive operation to deal with the problem.

34 ***In response to Gill Kenealy, Supt. Sutherland said that an update on the murders of James Smaart-Ford and Billy Cox would be brought to the next meeting.***

35 ***In response to Arulini Velmurugu, who had said that disabled people were twice as likely to be victims of Domestic Violence, while having a lower detection rate, Supt. Sutherland said that he was unable confirm the statistics but would seek to bring them to the next meeting.***

36 Wayne Rowe, Straight Aims, said that he wanted to bring to the Group's attention his perception of racism by Lambeth Council in not embracing black, voluntary and community centred organisations to do the work they undertook.

37 In respect of the Phoenix programme, Mr Rowe said that while the programme board was meant to directly help, no assistance had been received, and that failing to provide evidence to the programme's funders and Phoenix was –racist .

38 Mr Rowe said that £150K had recently been taken out of the Phoenix budget without any consultation, which had left fifteen young men vulnerable, with one young person who had been given a trial for Manchester United now in prison. He said that the original members of Phoenix had walked away because they couldn't be heard by the Council, which had its own agenda.

39 Mr Rowe said that there were many people in the community who had the ability to connect with young people but were not being utilised while youth workers who could not relate to the youth were being employed. He said that unless someone was shot and killed nothing was done, and that he could not work in Lambeth because all the Council's promises came to nothing.

40 Ann Corbett said that, set up by former Borough Commander (Martin Bridger) in 2006, Phoenix was a response to young people and

gun crime. In respect of funding, she said that many of the reasons for there being issues stemmed from being funded by grant funding streams from central government, which had changed over the years. She said that Phoenix was currently under the Y&S programme and that the third sector's contribution was recognised and that there had been significant investment.

41 Mr Rowe said that Y&S was a just a glorified version of Phoenix but the latter was not backed by the Council.

Young and Safe

42 John Readman introduced the Young and Safe (Y&S) team to discuss the Y&S programme to tackle violent youth crime (see presentation attached) and talk about the Youth Service development.

43 Dean Woodward gave an account about how Y&S grew out of an Executive Commission on youth crime to Professor John Pitts' report Young and Safe, a Young People and Violent Crime Summit, a Strategic Action Plan and a Parliamentary launch.

44 Mr Woodward spoke of the five Priority Areas of Y&S:

44.1 Information Sharing: Without this, partners could not support young people as individuals nor protect the community from individual. Gangs would be faceless and people's specific needs could not be targeted and resources could not be effectively and efficiently used.

44.2 Targeted & Diversionary Activities: Working with schools and Youth Offending Services (YOS) to help the most vulnerable young people, developing their self esteem and communication skills.

44.3 Pathways to employment: One of the key points to emerge from the Pitts' Report. Focusing on helping young people finding meaningful paid employment and routes to employment.

44.4 Supporting Family Life: Broad measure to support families, from Parenting Orders to providing individual and group support for parents, safeguarding children and referring parents to other needs.

44.5 Improved Enforcement: By definition, law enforcement but also in other areas such as making sure that young people participated in their court orders and their bail conditions.

45 In terms of broad objectives, Mr Woodward said that Y&S wished to reduce first time offenders, many of whom did not repeat offend, and ensure that they did not come to the attention of the police a second time. He said that one of the myths that many young people held to be true was that you could not go to prison for a first offence.

46 With regard to re-offenders, Mr Woodward said reducing re-offending was a mainstay of Y&S's aims and something which was focused upon for continual improvement.

47 In relation to reducing youth violence, a great deal of intensive work was being undertaken with a small number of young people who committed offences that had a big impact.

48 Speaking of the progress made with the Y&S programme, Claire Belgard said that in terms of identifying young people many meetings had been held with the right people cooperating with each other to try and ensure that everyone had a complete picture and nobody was missed.

49 In respect of commissioning, Ms Belgard said that Y&S had an amount of money and was looking at commissioning for a broad range of services for young people, primarily from the third sector. With regard to some early projects, Ms Belgard said that Parentline Plus had been launched and the rollout of the X-it gangs programme, 2XL.

50 With regard to community involvement, Ms Belgard referred to the Public Partnership Action Group (PAG) meeting on 27 June, organised with help from the Group, and the creation of a Y&S Community Advisory Panel, which the Group had been asked to join along

with other representative forums across the borough.

51 Speaking about the Youth Service, Neville Hayles said that the watch words were more places to go and more things to do, and in the Summer a whole range of additional activities would be launched with increased opening hours of youth centres with seven day access. There was also a mapping exercise being undertaken throughout the borough to identify any gaps in provision to which funds and resources could be directed..

52 Referring to 2XL, formerly the X-it programme, Mr Hayles said that 120 young people over the next two years would be on the programme which was to be launched in two week's time.

53 Temidayo Oladimeji, Chair of the Youth Opportunity Fund (YOF), and Dennis Skinner, YOF Panel Member, gave a presentation the YOF and its work, achievements, events and funding (refer to Young & Safe handout).

54 Cheryl Sealey suggested that the YOF should look at supporting dyslexic young black men, many of whom only discovered the problem when they were in prison. Celwyn Wright said that he was the former Chair of the Adult Dyslexic International Group, which was started in Brixton, and that he could provide statistics about prisons and on other matters.

55 John Howard said that with the decimation of the Youth Service in 1995, and the failure to rebuild it since, it was no wonder that there were youths on the streets with nowhere to go and committing acts of violence and becoming involved in crime.

56 In response, Mr Readman said that as a Lambeth resident for twenty years that he shared some of Mr Howard's views, in that Lambeth had been one of worst funded youth services in London. However, under the current administration he said that there had been significant growth and while £1.7 million over three years may not completely deliver everything needed there was some match ed funding from national government and funding from the national Youth Crime Action Plan.

57 In response to Mr Moore's comment about keeping things simple and less

bureaucratic, Mr Readman said that he had some sympathy with the view but central government funding came attached with all kinds of stipulations such as scrutiny, monitoring, performance targets etc. and Y&S needed to manage how that was passed on to bidders from the Third Sector.

58 Supt. Sutherland said that in his six years of working in Lambeth he had not seen as much going on in terms of youth provision in the borough as there was at present.

59 In response to the Chair, Mr Readman said Y&S was a Partnership document signed by SLP, which included police, probation, health, child adolescent and mental health services amongst others. He said that the health element was key, particularly in terms of mental health, and that there were mental health practitioners working within the YOS.

60 In response to Ms Velmurugu, Mr Readman said that Parentline Plus had been set up to give parents and teenagers advice about young people who may drift into trouble or risky behaviour, and wider support about parenting. He added that Y&S would also be promoting a Family Information Service.

61 Celwyn Wright said that he hoped that the YOF did not have to work in a stop/start environment like he had done, working voluntarily and using his own money to organise a Brixton carnival, only for Lambeth to force him to cancel it.

62 The Chair said that it was a problem for voluntary groups who wanted to run projects but did not have the security of funding. For example, she said that the two year 2XL programme did not seem long enough to be able to establish itself and employ people of quality. She said that the second year could be spent looking for funding to continue.

63 In response, Mr Readman said that the Council had moved away from annual grants towards three year commissioning, which had made a huge difference for groups to be able to plan and develop. However, since the Y&S was so new, he said commissioning was for one year only but would be three years for the next round. For small or short lived projects, Mr Readman said that groups could apply to the Emerging Needs Programme.

64 Mr Readman said that groups could also look to YOF for small sums of money, e.g. £5K, for short run projects with not so much red tape as the commissioned projects.

65 Mr Readman said that there was still some work to be done in respect of how Phoenix crossed over to Y&S and how the good work of Phoenix was reflected. He added that the Group may wish to return to subject at another time.

66 A member of the public said that the problem for 11-18 year olds was that they did not have any money and could not find work, which was very frustrating, while poor conditions at home pushed them onto the streets. She said that the Council and government should be seriously looking into it. The Chair said that the question of poverty was the one thing to which nobody responded.

67 Mr Prichard-Jones congratulated Temidayo and Dennis for their presentation and said that he was glad to see that young people had some ownership of the Y&S programme. However, he said that he was concerned that none of the issues of concern raised by members and councillors at previous meetings concerning the Youth Service had been addressed.

68 Mr Prichard-Jones said that the Y&S programme appeared to concentrate far too much on bad people, and trying to reform people who were possibly incorrigible, and not paying any attention to the decent, hardworking, normal youngsters.

69 Cllr. Graham Pycock said that in March the Group had raised some serious questions related to the Youth Service about which it was still waiting for answers from Lambeth CEO Derrick Anderson, and that the letter from Mr Readman answering some of serious charges was misleading. In response, Cllr. Pycock said he had written a letter to the Chair (see attached) raising the same questions.

70 Cllr. Pycock asked why Mr Readman had not mentioned Connexions, the Career Service and Lambeth College in his presentation. Connexions, he said, was a success story which was responsible, with its partners, for bringing about a serious reduction in youth crime: young people Not in

Employment, Education or Training (NEETS) had been cut from 500 to 300 over the past two or three years.

71 Referring to the Old Library in West Norwood, Cllr. Pycock said that very expensive media equipment stored in its basement had been stolen but it had never been reported to the police and only discovered when the Council made an insurance claim. Cllr. Pycock said that it was a pattern of the Youth Service; serious things had gone wrong in the past that had not been reported to the police.

72 Last November, when the Old Library was taken over by the Youth Service, Cllr. Pycock said that there had been fewer activities and various groups expelled whilst being almost deserted for the past four months. And thanks to the commissioning process, he said that three groups who had been using the Library were no longer going to receive support or be invited to relevant meetings. He added that there was no accountability to the people in Norwood in terms of how such decisions were made.

73 In relation to the Youth Service trip to Birmingham, Cllr. Pycock said that various allegations about drug taking and other matters had been made while two members of the Youth Service, as a result of industrial relations or the trip, had left the Council. If there were matters so serious, he asked why the Council had not invited the police to make enquiries. He said that it appeared to look like a repeat of what had happened in Norwood; an embarrassment that was much better to cover up.

74 Summing up, Cllr. Pycock said that there were outstanding questions about the conduct of the Youth Service, the gap between presentations and public relations and reality, which, if what Wayne Rowe had said was true, represented an indictment of the huge gap between reality on the ground and promise. He said that he was not satisfied that Lambeth Youth Service was in a fit condition to be able to do what needed to be done with the borough's young people, many of whom were already in serious trouble.

75 In response, Mr Readman said that the presentation had focused on the 'bad' young people because the issues were of policing and

crime. He also thanked Cllr. Pycock for mentioning Connexions, which had reduced the number of young people NEETS from 20% in 2002 to 7% today. He added that young people in Lambeth were doing well with 62% of 16 year-olds getting at least 5 GCSEs.

76 With regard to Norwood, Mr Readman said that since the last Group meeting that Susan Deswarte (Chair, Norwood Forum) attended there had been significant progress. He said that there had been difficulties with youth provision in Norwood with the library perhaps not being the best place, and having met with Norwood Forum there had been a move forward to making the Library an inter-generational venue open to people of all ages.

77 In respect of the concerns raised by Cllr. Pycock, Mr Readman said that Council, police and SLP would take any formal allegations seriously and if there was any evidence of wrongdoing it would be fully investigated. However, to date no formal allegations had been received. Internal to the Council, where personnel issues were taken up, Mr Readman said that there were well developed human resources policies and procedures which were applied in terms of management of services.

78 In terms of the Birmingham gangs mediation trip, Mr Readman said that it had been authorised at the highest level by the Council and the police over a weekend in 2007 and had also involved two voluntary organisations and three Council officers joining a group of identified key gang leaders who attended voluntarily. At that time, Mr Readman said that the crime figures were not looking too good, and there had been five murders, so new and innovative ways to address the issue were sought.

79 Mr Readman said that while he thought the trip had good aims and intentions, and did make some impact, two years later, and with the advent of Y&S, perhaps some things would be done differently. He said that theory about gangs was still developing and at the time the trip was part of an approved cease-fire initiative. He added that the trip had been reviewed internally and nothing untoward had been discovered and there had been no allegations to the contrary. The trip had cost £4,500 and the Council had all the invoices and financial statements relating to it.

80 ***In response to the Chair, Supt. Sutherland said that he did not have any detail with him about the funding but he would make sure that the Group would be informed of any police contribution.***

81 Canon Bowman said that he would like to see the young people who go through the Youth Offending Service who gain qualifications turn them into tangible jobs instead of returning to the poverty of their lives. He added that the word on the street was that better money could be earned selling drugs.

82 In response, Mr Readman said that a significant amount of money was going into Y&S Priority Three, which was concerned about getting young people into jobs, work experience and training.

83 Cheryl Sealey said that she had been working in the area of gun crime for many years and she would be interested to know where she could access funding in Lambeth to help victims of gun crime.

84 In response to a member of the public from Newham, who said that his borough had a two year youth strategy, Mr Readman said that Lambeth had had a youth strategy since 2005 and it was being refreshed this year.

85 Mr Toohill asked if the Group could have information about the total spend on youth over four or five years. With regard to Phoenix, Mr Toohill said that he recalled at its launch that its intention was to address the 50 young people most at risk of being drawn in serious crime, with the point made that it was good for those selected but what about the rest? However, he said that Y&S appeared to want to address a much larger group of youths whose needs were lesser and losing the smaller group who were very in difficult circumstances, unless 2XL was effectively replacing Phoenix, which may be a direct answer to that.

86 With regard to claims of racism involved the commissioning and the need for transparency, Mr Toohill said that while the Group could be a forum for challenge it could not be a forum for scrutiny, which was the roles of the Council's scrutiny committees, and it was beholden on the Council to make its committees work, and beholden on us to take our issues there because they have been set

up formally and legally to investigate issues of concern.

87 ***Mr Readman thanked the meeting for its input, its challenges and support around young people. He said that there had been a lot questions and he would provide a written briefing around Y&S finances and Phoenix.***

88 In response to Jim Toohill, Supt. Sutherland said that there was a huge emphasis within Y&S in terms of enforcement activity and the focus on those who pose the biggest threat to the Lambeth community. He said that Operation Layer Cake was targeted at enforcement and diversion towards those risky gang members and having reviewed it himself he believed there was a good balance.

89 A member of public said that the question about where the £150K taken from Phoenix had gone had not been answered. She also asked what risk assessments had been made in relation to the extended opening times for youth clubs, particularly since youths from Southwark were constantly coming into the borough.

90 Wayne Rowe said that what had come out of the meeting had been heard years and years ago, repeating the same old things until someone was stabbed or shot and replying with a knee jerk reaction. He said that Lambeth needed get itself in gear as there were a lot of gangs out there who were serious. Some of his youths he said were terrified and joined gangs for reasons of safety.

91 With regards to YOF funding Temidayo said that they did not just hand out money to anyone and the funding they released was monitored to ensure that it was spent on positive things, that people benefited from it and that funding covered Lambeth's diverse communities.

92 ***The Chair said that it had been suggested that Group should invite a government minister to a meeting to hear all the things that people had said, and that is something that the Group would try to do.***

Next Meeting

6.00 p.m. Tuesday, 7 July 2009

Room 8, Lambeth Town Hall SW2