

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

**PRESENT: CPCG BOARD:** Anna Tapsell (Chair), Doye Akinlade (Brixton Society), Paul Andell, Shane Collins, Gill Kenealy, Ros Munday (Clapham Community Partnership), Wesley Walters-Stephenson (Your Story)

**COMMUNITY AND VOLUNTARY MEMBERSHIP:** Lloyd Leon (Brixton Domino Club); Neil Flanigan, Brian Mantell (South London Synagogue), Nick Mason (LSPT), David Tomlinson (Stockwell Park Residents Assoc.); George Tuson (Streatham Southside NW); (Clapham Town NW); Arulini Velmurugu (Lambeth Road/Towers TRA);

**INDIVIDUAL MEMBERS:** Hope Barrett, Richard Dutton, Rosemarie Falaiye, John Howard, Veronica Ledwith, Richard Moore

**STATUTORY MEMBERSHIP:** *MPA* Caroline Pidgeon, Jude Sequeira *LAMBETH COUNCIL* George Marshman, Ukent Milwood *METROPOLITAN POLICE SERVICE* Det. Supt. John Corrigan, Det. Supt. Stuart Cundy, Det. Ch. Insp. Pamela Mace, Insp. Malcolm Nichol, Acting Ch. Inps. Simon Corbin, Sgt. Paul Bowen (TSG).

**VISITORS:** Shawn Collick (Chair Stockwell SNP), Robin Dahlberg, Leigh Hatts, Peter Hawkins, Miriam Hay (Iberoamerican Forum), Elaine Lilley, Sam Masters (South London Press), Mike Tuppen,

**APOLOGIES:** Canon Ivelaw Bowman, Rod Brown, Ch. Supt. Nick Ephgrave, Clare Moore, Cllr. Lorna Campbell, Wally Channon, Maude Estwick, Rowena Estwick, Gloria Gomez, Patricia Moberly, Sandra Moodie, David Prichard-Jones, Catriona Robertson, Fernando Senior, Jim Toohill, Peggy Tyler, David Warner, Jane Warwick, Hazel Watson, Hilary-Claire Wears

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

**Introduction**

- 1 Anna Tapsell (the Chair) welcomed Det. Supt. Stuart Cundy and Det. Ch. Insp. Pamela Mace to the meeting.

**Minutes of the Meeting 2 March 2010**

- 2 The minutes of the meeting 2 March 2010 were accepted without amendment.

**Matters Arising**

- 3 Jude Sequeira said that wanted to clarify a misunderstanding in relation to Caroline Pidgeon who had been reported in the Minutes as standing down from her MPA Link Member role. Mr Sequeira said that Ms Pidgeon remained in her role and would continue to do so [Min 6, 02/03/10].

- 4 The Chair said that the Group would probably wish to discuss a resolution about the service it would expect from the MPA's Link Member at the Group's Business Meeting on 27 April.

- 5 With regard to BME police officers working in Lambeth, Det. Supt John Corrigan said that the borough had one Superintendent, five Sergeants and one Detective Sergeant. Mr Corrigan added that the Metropolitan Police Service was piloting a Talent Management Programme for officers of the rank of Sergeant and below with the potential to reach the rank of Superintendent more quickly [Min 17, 02/03/10].

- 6 ***The Chair said that the response to Lee Jaspers question about the ethnic profile of police officers in CO19 Firearms Unit would be sought from Ch. Supt. Andy Tarrant at the next Group meeting.***

- 7 Lloyd Leon said that he was sorry to hear that the Group Administrator, Ben McKendrick, was leaving his post and he wanted to take the opportunity to thank him for his loyalty and preparedness to make himself always available. Mr Leon said that wished him all the best for the future in wherever he went and whatever he did.

**Lambeth Police Update**

- 8 Det. Supt. John Corrigan gave PowerPoint presentation on the Lambeth Crime Overview comparing the current and previous year to date (1 April 2010) with an update on the Confidence and Satisfaction Survey, and the Policing Pledge (see attached).

- 9 In response to Mr Leon, Mr Corrigan said that despite reports of £16 million cuts in the MPS budget, he could guarantee that there would no reduction in the number of police officers in Lambeth. Although the police had been asked to make savings, he said that this would be done through greater efficiency and effectiveness in areas of business such as reducing the number of uniforms issued to officers.

- 10 In relation to the murder of a 16 year-old boy in Larkhall Park, Stockwell, last April, Mr Corrigan said that the conviction [of Chrisdian Johnson, 22] was helped by DNA technology, used for the first time, to prove that a dog used in the attack belonged to the killer.

- 11 In response to Mr Leon's question relating to the refusal of the parents of a pupil in Manchester to allow police to take a DNA sample from their son following an incident in a school, which had described the affair as accident, Mr Corrigan said that he contacted Manchester police and they had told that they had no problems in collecting DNA samples after an arrest and acted no differently from Lambeth.
- 12 John Howard said that he had grave concerns about the police taking DNA samples from people after arrest, which could be kept indefinitely, as well as the police's growing database. Mr Howard asked when the Group was going to take a stance on this issue.
- 13 In response to Neil Flanigan, Mr Corrigan said that people were not happy about the screening out of crime and hence expressed their dissatisfaction.
- 14 Ros Munday said that there were issues concerning Safer Neighbourhood Teams (SNTs), not least in terms of their publicity budget. She said that it was difficult to discern between some SNTs and what they were doing. Furthermore, she said that SNT officers seemed to be more visible when they used their bicycles but a SNT Sergeant had told her that they didn't do so anymore because they could be stolen.
- 15 ***In response, Mr Corrigan said that the SNT communication budget was being looked at with a view to doing more leafleting.***
- 16 Myriam Hay, Ibero-American Forum, said that Safer Neighbourhood Panels and Lambeth Community Safety needed to promote greater inclusiveness and make themselves better known to the community by providing lists of meeting with times, dates and venues. She said that she had offered herself to do Portuguese and Spanish translations of leaflets and that she would like to see all the different communities in Lambeth attending such meetings.
- 17 Arulini Velmurugu said that SNPs were not reaching out to disabled people and older people while meeting venues were not accessible, especially for the blind and deaf. Myriam Hay added that it was not a good idea to use police stations to hold SNP meetings.
- 18 The Chair said that the Group would soon be publishing the findings of its Community Engagement Project which would provide the Safer Lambeth Partnership with recommendations for reaching out to the various communities and groups in Lambeth.
- 19 ***In response to David Tomlinson's question regarding the setting up of a meeting for Lambeth secondary school Head Teachers, Mr Corrigan said that two dates to discuss the matter had been postponed and had been rearranged for 26 and 28 April. Mr Corrigan said that the police would be present and that Commander David Zinzan was urging Head Teachers to attend.***
- 20 In response to Mr Tomlinson's question concerning liaison between hospitals and police with regard to the former reporting incidents of knife crime, Mr Corrigan said that information from Accident & Emergencies went to the local authority, as there was a problem with Lambeth Intelligence Unit in terms of capacity at the moment. He said that information was also picked up by Southwark and passed on. Mr Corrigan added that most serious youth and adult violence occurred in the home.
- 21 Richard Moore said that he would like to congratulate SNT police officer Mark Beale upon making the first arrest in a controlled Drinking Zone.
- 22 With regard to the presentation on Business Crime at the Group meeting in February, Mr Moore said that more research needed to be done, as 50% of crimes reported went unrecorded. Mr Moore referred the meeting to Lambeth Business Against Crime (LBAC) website. <http://www.lbac.org.uk/>
- 23 In relation to the Confidence and Satisfaction Survey, Doye Akinlade asked what yardstick was used to identify a 67% rating for how 'Police deal with things that matter'. In response, Mr Corrigan said that the police kept on trying to improve its service. Mr Akinlade replied that he would continue to monitor the police performance while John Howard said that he too would like an explanation about how they were compiled.
- 24 In response to Gill Kenealy, Mr Corrigan said in order to deter gang violence on the streets of Lambeth, police deployed officers with intelligence about gang activities to which they respond as soon as possible.
- 25 Mr Howard said that he was concerned about the worrying increase in gun and knife crimes

in the borough and he sought reassurances that it was not the result of diverting resources.

26 Wesley Stephenson asked about the work being done to reduce violent crime and whether the police were encompassing the work done by groups such as that carried out by the young people on Myatts Field. He said that he had put forward a suggestion to use portacabins for their use and that he would raise Safer Lambeth Partnership's promises at every meeting.

27 The Chair said that she wished Supt. Clive Wakely a speedy recovery following a serious injury during a skiing holiday in Italy. She said that her thoughts were with his family, friends and colleagues.

### Lambeth Police Custody Suites

28 Acting Ch. Insp. Simon Corbin gave a PowerPoint Presentation on Lambeth Police Custody Suites in light of Her Majesty's Inspectorate of Constabularies/Her Majesty's Inspectorate of Prisons report following a visit between 15-19 June 2009 (see attached).

29 In response to Richard Dutton, A/Ch. Insp. Corbin said that if disabled people were not able to gain access to Streatham Police Station then they would be transferred to another police station.

30 In response to Neil Flanigan's concerns that the police had neither the funds nor a timeframe to rectify the issues raised by the HMIC/HMIP report's 62 recommendations, A/Ch. Corbin said that all recommendations had been taken into consideration and those that could be actioned either had been or would be as a matter of good practice, such as digital upgrading of CCTV and training. However, he said matters such as privacy in booking people in at police stations was not practical as there was not enough space.

31 In response to Mr Akinlade, A/Ch. Insp. Corbin said that the majority of detainees in Lambeth, as across the MPS as a whole, did not yet have access to a shower but steps were being taken to deal with the matter. Mr Akinlade referred to Operation Emerald as an example of best practice in respect of Statutory Charging Centres.  
[http://www.vslondon.org/publications/Operation%20Emerald\\_final.pdf](http://www.vslondon.org/publications/Operation%20Emerald_final.pdf)

32 In response to Mr Leon, A/Ch. Insp. Corbin said that Appropriate Adults was a privatised service sourced by the Council and that he was aware of certain issues about the critical service it provided and its contracts were monitored.

33 **George Marshman said that he would undertake to look into Appropriate Adults' reports to see if there were any gaps and whether their performance was up to standard. He said that he report back to the Group with his findings.**

### Territorial Support Group (TSG)

34 Sgt Paul Bowen gave a report on report on TSG activities in Lambeth over the previous month.

35 3 March: TSG officers supported a local SNT officer in providing a visible presence after a series of gang related problem outside a school. TSG officers working with the local SNT team stopped a number of people involved in these problems.

36 17 March: PC Mark Howell, PC Hywel Stephens and PC Ricky Kenny undertook an initiative at Stockwell Gardens Estate youth club in conjunction with Clapham SNT.

37 The officers led a talk to 25 youths all of whom were active members of gangs on the estate. TSG explained their role and how they aimed to tackle gang violence and provide reassurance to the communities in Lambeth. This involved role play with the youths on Stop and Search including putting the youths in the position of the police and vice versa. This allowed both police and the youths to gain an insight into each others points of view and proved to be a big success.

38 The youth leaders thanked TSG after the talk and requested that they come back and do future projects around policing.

39 23 March: 'Citizenship Day' – TSG officers took children from Clapham Manor School on a guided tour around Lambeth CCC and then to the London Eye as part of a youth diversion and engagement project.

40 24 March: Growing Against Gangs - youth diversion project. The aim of the project was to dispel some of the myths about gang membership to year 7 pupils at Stockwell Park secondary school.

- 41 On the week of 29 March, Lambeth Borough Intelligence Unit contacted TSG to assist with executing a number of warrants on suspected burglars in the borough after a recent spate of burglaries. Between 29 March and 1 April, TSG5 executed four Level 1 warrants. Two persons were arrested and a number of items were seized, including stolen laptops, LCD TVs, digital cameras, phones and firearm ammunition.
- 42 On 19 March U52 attended the address of a known burglar and arrested him for a local burglary. He had been evading police and was wanted.
- 43 On 22 March U54 (Commissioners Reserve) attempted to stop a male acting suspiciously by a parked car near Clapham High Street. On seeing police he fled but was quickly chased and detained. On searching the area near the car a loaded automatic handgun was found which had just been used/fired.
- 44 In March, Crime Postings have been used to target burglars (surveillance). A number of burglary nominals were followed with good intelligence gained. On 17 March this work resulted in the arrest of a nominal for burglary committed that day.
- 45 Shane Collins said that while he welcomed the TSG undertaking community activities, the way in which they had policed the G20 protest had been disastrous and the operation would be remembered for the death of Ian Tomlinson and the court case involving Sgt Smellie. In response to Mr Collins, Mr Corrigan said the case of Ian Tomlinson was *sub judice* and could not be discussed publicly.
- 46 In response to Mr Collins, Sgt. Bowen said that no officer went out to work in the community without wearing their number identification and that it was his job to ensure that all his officers wore the correct uniform. He said that if accidents happened causing the numbers to come off, the matter would be addressed immediately.
- 47 In response to the Chair, Sgt. Bowen said that a higher ranking officer than he would need to be present to discuss the tactic of kettling [as used during the G20 protests] but it was used lawfully at the time. Veronica Ledwith, however, said that it was not used proportionately at Bishopsgate.
- 48 In response to Mr Leon, Sgt. Bowen said that reparation for damage done as a result of a 'quick entry' into a property where there was no evidence of crime was paid by the MPS.
- ### SCD7 (Flying Squad)
- 49 Det. Ch. Insp. Pamela Mace said that the Flying Squad was split to cover four areas of MPS District and was responsible for all commercial robberies involving firearms, including cash in transit and post offices. As well as investigating crimes, she said that Squad also targetted criminal gangs to disrupt their activities and worked with other specialist units.
- 50 Det. Supt. Stuart Cundy said that working with other specialist units the Squad targetted serious crimes not in these units' remit, as many criminals did not carry out one type of crime. For example, he said that the Squad was responsible for organising negotiators in response to kidnappings.
- 51 During the past year, Ch. Insp. Mace said that the Squad had been very busy dealing with 96 offences in Lambeth across a range of different premises including banks, off-licences, pubs and betting shops, while extending its work with local business, SNTs and in crime prevention. She said that while there had been a decrease in cash in transit robberies, convenience stores had seen an increase.
- 52 In response to the Chair, who had asked why the two Lambeth men shot dead in Hampshire had been allowed to carry out their robbery to the extent of producing a gun, Mr Cundy said that the Squad could call upon the help of CO19, as had been the case in this incident, but he could not discuss the matter as the Coroner's inquest was still awaited.
- 53 However, Mr Cundy said that police worked alongside Crown Prosecution Service in order that arrests could be made as soon as evidence allowed, thereby lessening the risk to members of the public. In this case, however, he said that the police did not have enough evidence to prosecute the men and therefore had to catch them in the process of carrying out their crime.
- ### Next Meeting
- 7.00 p.m. Tuesday, 11 May 2010**  
**Assembly Hall, Lambeth Town Hall SW2**