

Lambeth Town Hall, 6:00 pm

PRESENT: CPCG BOARD: Ivelaw Bowman, Sandra Moodie (Cressingham Gardens TRA), Ros Munday (Clapam Community Partnership), Doye Akinlade (Brixton Society), Jim Toohill, Jane Warwick (Lambeth Women's Aid), Gill Kenealy., Paul Andell

COMMUNITY AND VOLUNTARY MEMBERSHIP: Jim Fairweather (WIESA), Lloyd Leon (Brixton Domino Club); Stuart Horwood (Brixton Market Traders Association) Lena James (Churches Together in Clapam), Irena Kowaleska (Leaseholders Council), Joan Francomb, Brian Mantell (South London Synagogue), Nick Mason (Lambeth Summer Projects), George Tuson (Southern Sector Working Group), John Frankland (Herne Hill Society), John Wainwright (Clapham Sector Working Group), ,

INDIVIDUAL MEMBERS: Hope Barrett, Richard Dutton, Rosemarie Falaiye, Clare Moore, John Howard, David Prichard-Jones, Richard Moore, Rod Brown, Cheryl Sealy

STATUTORY MEMBERSHIP: MPA Val Shawcross, Jude Sequeira **LAMBETH COUNCIL** Cllr Rachel Heywood, **METROPOLITAN POLICE SERVICE** Ch. Supt. Nick Ephgrave, Insp. Malcolm Nichol, Supt Andy Howe.

VISITORS:, Myriam Hay (Portuguese and Spanish Speakers Forum – Lambeth), Clovis Reid MBE Patrick Sullivan, Christine Frank, Terry Curtis, Karen Moore, Clarence Thompson MBE, J Gill, R Shado, Belinda Washington, Marguerite Alexandro

Apologies: Patricia Moberly, Cllr Alexander Holland, Cllr Mike Smit, Cllr Julia Memery, Veronica Ledwith, June Pilgrim, David Tomlinson, Lee Jasper

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

In Memoriam

- 1 Peggy Tyler, Jane Warwick and John Wainwright paid tribute to Wally Channon, a CPCG member (Clapham Town Neighbourhood Watch) who sadly had died quietly in his sleep just days before the meeting. He was 89, close to his 90th birthday. As well as remembering his considerable contributions to both the Neighbourhood Watch and to CPCG over many years, both Jane and Peggy reflected his warmth, plain speaking and helpfulness. John recounted Wally's experiences in the Merchant Navy during World War II, particularly in enduring the horrors of the Arctic Convoys.
- 2 Tia Henry-Lindo paid tribute to a young police officer, Marcus McKenzie, who had died in the previous month having been diagnosed with cancer in May. She described Marcus, who had been based at Kennington, as a former paratrooper who was a brilliant all-rounder and noted for his commitment and loyalty. Already

with substantial achievements to his credit, he had seemed destined for further success.

- 3 Chairing the meeting, Sandra Moodie (Vice-Chair) offered the Group's condolences to Wally Channon's son and daughter, and to his many friends. She said he had been a valued member who would be missed. She also extended the Group's sympathy to the family, friends and colleagues of Marcus McKenzie.

Minutes of the Meeting 6 July 2010

- 4 The minutes were agreed with the following amendments
 - 4.1 Add Rod Brown to apologies.
 - 4.2 Add to Minute "John Howard said that all these comments have an impact of the view people have of the police".

Matters Arising

- 5 In respect of [Minute 48, 6/7/2010] Paula Witchell (a resident of Tulse Hill), raised her concern at the number of young people being stopped and searched coming out of the estate. She cited instances of young people who were recognised on the estate as being of good behaviour, being stopped repeatedly. On one occasion she had asked an individual who had been stopped whether he had been given a stop slip; he said not. She felt there was a need to tighten up procedures. She feared relationships slipping back to those of the 1980's
- 6 The borough commander, Chief Supt Nick Ephgrave, responded that any intervention by the police should start at a low level and only escalate if needs be. He explained the specific circumstances of the Friday and Saturday evenings following the murder of Zac Olumegbon, and more generally the rivalries that played in Tulse Hill between two groups, with routinely active individuals being known to the police. These tensions had to be resolved on a daily basis by the police. Nonetheless, he was clear that there had to be 'good grounds' to execute a Stop and Search and that stop slips should always be given.
- 7 Selwyn Wright queried what action was being taken to interact with young people on the estate, to 'turn them round' Chief Supt Ephgrave pointed to the considerable amount of work being undertaken through a number of

- initiatives, such as Young and Safe and Growing against Gangs. Anne Corbett pointed specifically to the work being undertaken by '2-XL' programme with groups of up to 25 young people. In response to questions from Cheryl Sealy and Clovis Reid, **Anne agreed that she would check if this work included counseling and whether it included young people from both 'sides' of the estate.**
- 8 Richard Moore added that, as Chair of Thurlow Park Safer Neighbourhood Panel, he was aware of visitors to the estate being chased off with threats of violence.
- 9 Councillor Rachel Heywood (Cabinet Member for Communities and Community Safety, LBL) said that she had spent time in discussion with a number of people in relation to the estate and she recognised that feelings were running high. She agreed with Paula Witchell that there were many good members of the community on the estate. She said that she supported a proportionate use of Stop and Search.
- 10 Lloyd Leon drew attention to a recent incident in the Midlands (involving mistreatment of a detainee in custody) and said he felt this would not have happened in Lambeth given the history of Independent Custody Visitors and Appropriate Adults. He explained that the issues concerning Appropriate Adults were not the same as those relating to detainees with mental illness and was unclear why the two topics should be combined [Minute 17, 6/7/2010].
- 11 Jim Toohill explained that it was not being suggested that AA's, ICV's and detainees in police custody with mental illness were topics all of a piece, but rather that they might usefully be addressed together at the same time, since they did all relate to the general issue of custody.
- 12 In that regard, Anne Corbett (Ass Dir Community Safety, LBL) reported that the Mental Health Working Group had now produced its report on the back of which it was planning to make a £1m bid to trial a new approach to mental illness in custody. She said she hoped that this report would be presented to a future meeting. Councillor Heywood thanked Anna Tapsell and Jane Warwick for their involvement with the Mental Health Working Group, which she said had produced a very good piece of work.
- 13 With regard to impending changes in the Youth service, Councillor Heywood said that, as lead for Equalities, she would looking carefully for any disproportionate effect on young people. She suggested a future Group meeting might benefit from a presentation from Young and Safe. Anne Corbett said that restructuring of the department was still underway and that, in its most recent iteration, the cuts were not as severe as those initially proposed. **She said she would be in a position to report the final configuration at a future meeting.**
- 14 There was a general discussion of issues relating to young people.
- 14.1 Belinda Washington expressed concerns about young people who, on arrest, were not receiving due process eg the attendance of an Appropriate Adult – Chief Supt Ephgrave said that, if given specific details, he would follow up;
- 14.2 John Wainright drew attention to a stabbing outside the Youth Referrals Office which was frightening other young people away from turning up for their appointments. He said it was notable how often parents were unaware of quite what their children were involved in;
- 14.3 Julia Cordero, a member of the public, pointed to petty crime and uncivil behaviour in the vicinity of Dunraven School whilst Richard Dutton reported on small groups of young people operating on Valley Road, causing problems for an off-license shop there, and on the 315 bus. He said police presence was rare.
- 14.4 A youth worker raised the issue of a young person in the Clapham area with whom she worked who, she said, was being repeatedly arrested because of an error on a police database which wasn't being properly updated. **Chief Supt Ephgrave arranged to obtain the details and said the case would be followed up.**
- 14.5 Lena James said that she had experience of working with young people and that there was a need for people who could talk to young people. She had seen officers swearing at people and had had to correct them.
- 14.6 Cheryl Griffiths said there was a need for work with schools, explaining the seriousness of violence to young people. Selwyn Wright emphasised the importance of such work in September, when young people were transitioning from primary to secondary schools and were particularly vulnerable.

14.7 Referring to a suggestion of Youth Panels being set up, to run in parallel with Safer Neighbourhood Panels [Minute 52, 6/7/2010], Ros Munday highlighted the dangers of duplication in a time of severe resource limitations. She alluded to work being done on youth engagement by Lambeth Council, Lambeth Voluntary Action Council, amongst others, and called for greater partnership working. Rosemarie Fallaiye reported that the Norwood Forum now had its own Youth Panel.

15 Irena Kowalewska, of Arlington Lodge, followed up on her comments about Safer Neighbourhood Policing [Minute 28, 6/7/2010], explaining the difficulty she had in persuading an SNT officer to attend residents' meetings. She added that meetings of the Brixton Hill SN Panel were held some distance away (at the police station on Clapham High Street, Ros Munday interjected) and hard to reach. Myriam Aquilar Hay said that the Brixton Hill SN Panel has fallen away since its Chair had been elected Councillor for another ward. **Chief Supt Ephgrave said he was concerned to hear this and would follow up.**

16 John Howard developed further his point made under Minute 3.2 (above). He said that when there was a pattern of serious concerns being recurrently raised, it could appear that 'things were slipping away.

17 Jim Toohill suggested that whilst the Group's public meetings had the strength of being open to all and of addressing issues as they were raised, this could have the disadvantage of fragmenting debate and its resolution. He suggested that it might be useful from time to time to vary the format and to take a more considered look, perhaps in smaller groups, at the broad sweep of issues coming to the Group over a period and to agree priorities for the period ahead.

18 Chief Supt Ephgrave said that, whilst he would welcome varying the format of the meetings, he would take issue with any suggestion that they were ineffective – he pointed to the outcome in respect of the church group on Myatt's Field or the improved interaction with specialist units within the MPS. He said he attended the meetings not simply because he had to, but because he wanted to, believing as he did in local accountability.

Lambeth Police Report

19 Chief Supt Ephgrave presented his monthly police report (attached). In particular he drew attention to:

19.1 Increases in Most Serious Violence (a category which includes everything from murder down to assaults causing bodily harm) – up by 106 offences, year to date.. He felt this to be the most serious issue facing the borough, a view he knew was shared by LBL.Community Safety. He said he had commissioned a review of the underlying factors and that there was early indication that there had been an increase in the severity, rather than the number, of domestic violence offences and so a greater proportion were falling into the category of Most Serious Violence and contributing to the increase in numbers,

19.2 He said there was also work underway, led by the Deputy Commissioner with responsibility for Territorial Policing, across a number of boroughs with similar concerns over Most Serious Violence, bringing together borough Community Safety as well as MPS Borough Command Units.

19.3 Commenting on the increase in Robbery (around 12 per cent year to date) he said that there was some good news in that the rate of increase appeared to be leveling off. The same was true of Gun Crime and Serious Youth Violence, whilst the detection rate for Knife Crime was up (and likewise that of Robbery – many knife crimes are associated with Robbery). Chief Supt Ephgrave pointed to the deterrent significance of detection. Burglary, in contrast was coming down – a very positive position.

19.4 Motor Vehicle crime remained low, but with a rising trend. He had commissioned a review of the underlying factors.

19.5 In respect of hate crimes, Chief Supt Ephgrave said that, with relatively low numbers which were inevitably subject to random variation, it was hard to discern any underlying trends.

19.6 Chief Supt Ephgrave added that there was a new emphasis from the Deputy Commissioner (Territorial Policing) on Total Notifiable Offences, in addition to the focus on priority crimes.

- 20 Richard Moore queried the value of statistics, given variations in the difficulties or reluctance people may have in reporting crime. Cheryl Sealey pointed out that this was particularly true of gun crime, many instances of the use of guns go unreported. Richard Dutton queried the absence of any analysis of hate crime against people with disabilities. Mr Dutton took the opportunity to congratulate the local police on the policing of the Country Show in July – the meeting showed its support by applause.
- 21 Chief Supt Ephgrave acknowledged that there was under-reporting of crime, and to an extent that was variable across crime types (he cited Business Crime as an example) and that this could confuse the picture painted. He pointed out that he was ‘between a rock and a hard place’ in that improved reporting would in itself increase Total Notifiable Offences. Nonetheless, he felt it important that the best understanding of crime patterns that could be obtained, should be, and that he would always encourage reporting.
- 22 In response to Richard Dutton, he pointed to a survey which MPS Lambeth had undertaken in response to queries from CPCG which had established that generally there was no apparent dis-proportionality in offences, towards disabled people. He acknowledged that this was a different issue from hate crimes committed against disabled people because of their disability and was aware of pressures for better categorisation of such crimes and would report back at a later date on progress in that area.
- 23 Chief Supt Ephgrave agreed that Gun Crime is generally underreported.
- 24 John Wainwright suggested that the under-reporting of gun crime should be contrasted with the widespread perception of an underlying build up of possession of firearms. He worried what the implications might be in any re-run of the events of 1981. Lloyd Leon stressed that it was not enough to talk about the scale of possession of firearms – anyone with certain knowledge should report this to the police. He pointed to the situation in the USA where, he said, 1 in 3 Black men will die by the age of 20, due to firearms. Cheryl Sealey referred to press reports which, she said, suggested that there were 1,400 gun certificates issued to people in the borough and that one of them was 13 years old. She asked if a list of those holding certificates could not be published. (Rod Brown warned that this could encourage burglary for weapons).
- 25 Chief Supt Ephgrave responded that the growth in the number of firearms held was certainly a serious issue but he cautioned that information collated from seizures suggested that in many cases these were imitation or air weapons. These were often used in street robbery, for example, as a means of intimidation and control. He said he could not conceive that juveniles would be issued with a gun license, It was suggested by Supt Andy Howe that in very restricted circumstances juveniles might have controlled access to weapons (eg in the Army Cadets) but certainly they would not be issued with certificates.
- 26 Roz Griffiths, pointing to the borough MPS organisation chart in the monthly statistical report and alluding to Supt Paul Wilson’s retirement, asked what was being done to promote diversity within the borough police. She said that while much had improved since the 1981 Uprising in Brixton, some things were getting worse. She felt that the local police service should reflect the diversity of the borough and that aggressive advertising was needed.
- 27 Chief Supt Ephgrave agreed with the sentiment of Roz Griffiths’ comment. He said that the proportions of BME employees within the borough were:
- Police Staff – 42%
 - PCSOs – 25%
 - Police Officers – 10% (but rising)
- 28 Of these, the proportion of BME people amongst Police Staff was higher than in the borough population, whilst those amongst PCSOs and Officers were lower.
- 29 He felt that this was due to the catchment areas used for recruitment. For Police Staff and PCSOs, this was local but for Officers it was national. The MPS is successful in attracting candidate officers from across the country because it is seen as a premier service and a good place to start a police career.
- 30 He wondered whether there might be value in restricting recruitment of officers to within the M25 but thought that when this had been tried in the past it had failed to yield sufficient candidates of the right calibre.
- 31 He acknowledged it remained a problem and a difficult nut to crack.

- 32 Stuart Horwood (Brixton Market Traders) drew the meeting's attention to proposals to build an ice rink on the site of the Pope's Road Car Park. He pointed to the crime issues that had been associated with the ice rink in Streatham (including the murder of James Smart-Ford). He said that the ice rink would be open from 6 am to 2 am and asked what new police resources would be put in place.
- 33 Ann Corbett (Ass Dir Community Safety, LBL) said that the council was required (s17, Crime and Disorder Act 1998) to review all such applications in terms of their impact on crime and disorder. She said they would be looking at CCTV, lighting and family friendly branding. Mr Horwood said that he understood that the CCTV system in Brixton Town Centre was working at capacity. If additional cameras were to be provided for the rink, from where would they be removed? ***Ms Corbett said she would report back on this.***
- 34 Reflecting on the changes since 1981, Lloyd Leon said that whilst he felt that relationships between the police and community had much improved, he felt that in some aspects things had got worse. Back in 1981, the incidence of murder was not such that the media don't bother reporting it, which he felt to sometimes be the case today.
- 35 He congratulated the police on their achievement in cleaning up Coldharbour Lane and he was heartened to hear of the activities of the Safer Schools initiative. He could remember the time when the local police were not allowed into schools.
- 36 Belinda Washington raised the case of a lady who had witnessed a crime but had not been followed up by the police. ***Chief Supt Ephgrave said that, given details, he would ensure it was pursued.***
- 37 Jim Toohill said he was concerned that a switch of emphasis towards TNOs would move away from the community's priorities, which time and again had been shown to be crimes which cause harm. He was also concerned that it might lead to the police being accused of focusing on particular crime types, perhaps those easy to apprehend, in order to 'get their numbers down', an accusation made in the past.
- 38 Chief Supt Ephgrave said that the attention to TNO's would not be at the expense of priority crimes but in addition to them.

- 39 Roz Griffith's took the opportunity to thank Lambeth MPS, and particularly Supt Andy Howe, for the policing of Brixton Splash which had taken place over the summer. With an extended footprint to include Windrush Square and the Peace Gardens, and higher attendance, the event had nonetheless passed off crime-free. She felt the event, over which she would now be handing on the reins, which she felt had an important role in countering the negative image of the area sometimes put across in the media.

The Role of Appropriate Adults

- 40 Supt Andy Howe and Insp Morag Palmer gave a Powerpoint presentation of the role of Appropriate Adults (attached).
- 41 The presentation covered the statutory requirements, duties, obligations and restrictions relating to Appropriate Adults and, given the constraints on time and the fact that the whole issue of custody was to be addressed at a future meeting, there was no extended discussion.

Information from Board/Group Members

- 42 Jim Toohill drew members attention to the tabled briefing (and in particular to the MPA's survey relating to their CPEG Value for Money Review) and also the Government's Policing White paper.
- 43 He said that if there was sufficient interest, he would convene a small group to draw up a response to the white paper. Members were asked to contact the Group office if interested.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING

6:30 pm TUESDAY, 5 October 2010
West Norwood Old Library,
Knights Hill

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Year Crime Data

Compared to previous year - to 22 Aug	(total 10-11 to date in brackets)	
Most Serious Violence	106 more offences	(344)
Robbery	106 more offences	(1054)
Burglary (residential)	345 fewer offences	(873)
Motor vehicle crime	54 more offences	(1387)
Knife crime	37 more offences	(314)
Gun crime	2 fewer offences	(85)
Serious Youth Violence	28 more offences	(169)
Domestic Violence	15 more offences	(822)
Racist & Religious Hate offences	9 fewer offences	(116)
Homophobic crime	9 more offences	(49)
Total notifiable offences	336 fewer offences	(14273)

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Confidence and Satisfaction 2010-11 Qtr 1 Figures

MPS Public Attitude Survey (PAS):	Lambeth	MPS
Confidence in Police & Local Council	61% (-1%)	49%
Police doing a good job	65% (same)	63%
Police listen to local concerns	69% (+4%)	64%
Perception of ASB (people worried)	10% (-2%)	12%
Police are helpful	72% (+2%)	70%

MPS User Satisfaction Survey (USS):	Lambeth	MPS
Satisfaction with initial action taken	70% (-2%)	76%
Satisfaction with follow-up	60% (-1%)	67%
Satisfaction with treatment	87% (-2%)	88%
Overall satisfaction	77% (same)	79%

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Customer Service - Lambeth

Pledge Topic	Indicator	MPS score	Lambeth
Treatment and access	Satisfaction with treatment (USS)	88%	87%
"	Police would treat you with respect if you had contact (PAS)	79%	85%
"	Respond to voicemail within two working days	64%	21%
Know your SNT's	Have you heard of your local SNT (PAS)	37%	32%
"	Police dealing with things that matter to the community (PAS)	66%	73%
Emergency call response	Within 12 minutes	80.6%	85.8%
Non-emergency response	Within 60 minutes	87.8%	89.3%

Customer Service – cont'd

Pledge Topic	Indicator	MPS score	Lambeth
Keep victims informed of progress	Satisfaction with follow-up (USS)	68%	60%
"	Victim updated at least once every 28 days	94%	94%
Road Traffic Collision victims	Contact after Road Traffic Collisions within 10 days	87.7%	93.7%

The Role of Appropriate Adults

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Who can be an Appropriate Adult ?

- Family member
- Friend or often a volunteer
- Social/health care professional
- Organised groups of trained personnel

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Roles & Responsibilities

- To support, advise and assist
- To observe
- To assist with communication
- To ensure that rights are protected.



It is not your role to provide the detained person with legal advice.
Your conversations with the detained person are not covered by legal privilege

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Detainees Rights

The right to have someone informed of their arrest.

The right to consult privately with a solicitor and the fact that independent legal advice is available free of charge.

The right to consult the Codes of Practice setting out the powers, responsibilities and procedures of the police.

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Appropriate Adults Rights and Responsibilities

- To see a copy of the Codes of Practice
- To assist with communication
- To ask for a break in any interview, either to seek legal advice or consult with the detained person

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Appropriate Adults Rights and Responsibilities Contd

- To be told why the detained person is being held.
- To speak to the detained person in private at any time.
- To inspect the custody record at any time.
- To see a copy of the notice of rights and entitlements

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When is an Appropriate Adult entitled to be present

Information to be given by or sought from the detained person.

When consent is sought from the detained person or signatures required

When the custody officer informs the detained person of their rights and entitlements.

When the judicial decision is made relating to the detainee.

When are you entitled to be present

- During any police interview
- When the detained person is charged.
- Subject to strictly limited exceptions, during any search
- When the need to keep the person in detention is reviewed.

When are you entitled to be present

- Identification Parade.
- During the taking of fingerprinting or photographing and samples
- You are not entitled to be present during private legal consultations between
- The detainee and their legal representative.