

Old Library, West Norwood London SE27 0H7
Tuesday 06 March 2012

Apologies: Shane Collins; Maude Eswick; Rowena Estwick; Neil Flanigan; Rev'd Norman Grigg; Jan Oliver; Penny Klees; Sandra Moodie; Patricia Moberly; Clovis Reid; Jim Toohill; Arulini Velmurugu; John Wainwright.

Ann Corbett – late arrival

Attendance – see end of the minutes.

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

Welcome

- 1 The Chair, Clarence Thompson MBE welcomed everyone to the meeting particularly Ann Corbett (LBL Asst Dir. Community Safety Services); Ch Supt Matt Bell (Borough Commander of Lambeth Metropolitan Police); Commander Bob Broadhurst (Olympics Commander) and Chuka Umunna MP.
- 2 Media representative(s):-
 - Rachel Blundy – The Streatham Guardian
 - Tim Dickens - Brixton Blog

Minutes of the 10 January 2011

- 3 The Minutes were agreed with the following amendments:
 - 3.1 Amend [Minute 1, 07/02/12] add Dr Brian Mantell to the Apologies list.

Matters Arising

- 4 None

Commander Bob Broadhurst
2012 MPS Olympics Gold Command

- 5 Commander Broadhurst provided an overview of how the MPS were preparing for the games this year. He stated that there would be:
 - 5.1 Joint-up plans with Borough Commanders
 - 5.2 70% of the action would be in London, albeit a national game, at a cluster of venues i.e. in Greenwich for Equestrian, Woolwich for Shooting etc
 - 5.3 The Para Olympics would be 2 weeks after the Olympics
 - 5.4 The Olympics Torch would begin its journey on 19 May 2012 from Land's End via Scotland, Wales and Northern Ireland
 - 5.5 Police officers are in training specifically for running alongside those carrying the Torch
 - 5.6 The closing ceremony was on 12 August.
- 6 Four things were needed to be ensured that:

- 6.1 Core policing were dealt with i.e. calls to 999 and 101
- 6.2 Continuation of enduring events such as changing of the guard, protests etc
- 6.3 Adhering to the Olympics timetable (5 million additional visitors were expected and those without tickets would be around the various London boroughs)
- 6.4 Parallel events – ones being run by local authorities, private companies such as concerts (over 1500 in the 2 weeks period). Organisers should be certain that their events could be managed without the police.
- 7 The Olympics and Events would be managed by a Gold Commander (Cmdr in charge - Bob Broadhurst) who would decide on the plans; a Silver Commander (tactical side - Cmdr Michael Johnson) managing the operational side and the Bronze Command would oversee the performances / action side – there are principal Bronzes i.e. one looking after the river, one looking after Central London, one looking after road events etc. 250 Senior Officers would be involved and during the period all training would be cancelled and there is a “cap” on annual leave. Every force in the country would be providing support (2000) and these officers would be put up in university accommodations.
- 8 The Olympics events would be quite safe due to the security procedures that would be put in place. There will be a 24/7 strategy in place – Officers would be on duty especially from night to the early hours.

In response to questions put to him Cmdr Broadhurst stated:

- 9 Pall Mall, St James and Green Park would be closed largely due to construction work. There was ongoing discussion with regards to providing limited access and how to best help those with disabilities.
- 10 Everyone was aware of what happened last summer and no one wished for it be repeated. He had requested 30 additional units to be available if such incidents re-occurred. For Lambeth, there would be sufficient officers. The amount of Officers provided from Lambeth would be decided by Ch Supt Bell. ***The exact number of officers would be provided.***
- 11 Although only a fraction of officers were to be provided by Lambeth, he could not guarantee

- that response times were not likely to be increased.
- 12 There would be a large amount of military assets but not on the street during the Olympics. He stated that he believed that any disorder would be resolved. Historical sites / buildings are always protected.
 - 13 London 2012 security would be MPS-led. Countries made their requests to the Home Secretary to carry arms - 99% of requests were not given approval. USA's FBI (less than 50) officers would not be armed and they would have no special policing powers.
 - 14 Reassurances were being provided by him, other officers and the MPS publicity department but he had no influence how the media did their "write-ups".
 - 15 He believed the MPS was close to their target of recruiting 6000 "Specials".
 - 16 Enquiries that followed various past incidents had resulted in partnership (with fire brigade, transport police etc). Arrangements had improved year on year and he believed that any future enquiries would provide further changes.
 - 17 Transport for London (TFI) has done a great job and alternative transportation was being looked at to ensure that people were kept safe. TFI website would provide updates.
 - 18 In the last 2½ years an Events Calendar has been raised with over 1600 events on the calendar.
 - 19 Only Territorial Support Group (TSG) uses Tasers and in the times it had been used no one had been hurt.
 - 20 The planning for Jubilee Celebrations as with the Olympics is thorough and the same officers would be involved.
 - 22 On 02 March 2012 there was an attempted murder – the man 37 stabbings resulted in the man being blinded in one eye. There was good CCTV footage and two people were arrested and bailed. A suspect had "gone to ground" but he would be found and arrested.
 - 23 Four hours after the attempted murder Kwame Oforu-Asare a 17 year old youth, from Lewisham, was murdered on the Moorlands Estate from multiple stab wounds inflicted in a matter of seconds. There was no certainty whether these incidents were linked.
 - 24 Specialist help was called upon. TSG and other colleagues are providing help. They were surprise by the lack of information coming forward. Kwame's murder appeared to be a random attack on a completely innocent victim. Someone identified was actively being. He was shocked at the lack of unwillingness of people to engage or those who gave false "particulars". Ch Supt Bell provided details of people who were not willing to engage - this created difficulties in taking action i.e. arresting people. He stated that the Police would continue investigating these attacks with or without the aid of the victims.
 - 25 There was a S60 pan borough since Friday. A number of warrants had been expedited.
 - 26 There had been a series of violent incidences involving school aged children particularly in the past few weeks. Following Friday's incidents there had been a disproportional amount of violent and random attacks. A young man on a bike was arrested after a shot gun was found during a Stop and Search (S&S).
 - 27 GAS gang members were currently standing trial at the Old Bailey. There was a need to be careful that the actions of gang members were not sensationalised. People were aspiring to fill the shoes of those they follow.
 - 28 Ch Supt Bell stated he was grateful to those who participated in key meetings held. It was very important that officers coming into the borough were made aware that the community was supporting the police. He gave thanks to Chuka Umunna MP for his work in tackling these issues.

Below are some useful Olympics links:

<http://www.london2012.com/visiting/getting-to-the-games/index.php> (Transport)

<http://www.london2012.com/> For Route Network +

Lambeth Police Report Chief Supt Matt Bell

- 21 Ch Supt Bell thanked stated that there were significant incidences the previous Friday.
- 29 Ch Supt Bell ended by saying that the police, would continue to be an inconvenience to those who commit such crimes.

A one minute silence was held in memory of Kwame Oforu-Asare.

In response to questions asked Ch Supt Bell stated:

- 30 Some parents were desperately trying to keep their children out of gangs. These children behave well but in response to a text can go off and commit horrendous crimes.
- 31 After being informed that the residents of Moorland Estate sent their condolences he stated that there had been a lot of police activities on the estate.
- 32 When informed of concerns about a particular youth club he stated that it was difficult when people do not want to talk with the Police. Also the activity on the internet especially around the time of incidences, monitoring of the internet i.e. twitter would ensue as it forms part of investigations.
- 33 He stated in response to Cllr Jennifer Braithwaite he stated that drugs played a part in some gang network it's about kudos – no one works in isolation. He also stated that the Glasgow programme she mentioned was being considered in Lambeth.
- 34 In response to Tim Dickens' from Brixton Blog query he stated that the current S60 was reviewed daily and was focused. It is not used lightly or more than necessitates. He was not convinced of the effectiveness of knife amnesty bins but he would consider everything.
- 35 Ann Corbett (LBL Asst Dir. Community Safety Services) in response to the question of what role Lambeth Council was taking stated that there was no simple answer, it was an entrenched problem. Young people were working with Young and Safe – some parents do want to engage and others are desperate. Young and Safe had worked with over 500 young people. She stated it is shameful that those who were victims were not coming forward to provide help.
- 36 Cllr Rachel Heywood (Cabinet member for Community and Community Safety) stated that there were a number of pieces of work that is being supported. Young people had 28 different agencies with which they may engage with.
- 37 Cllr Heywood was thanked by Felix Ogbogoh (Safer Neighbourhood Panel) for helping out the Black Families Forum. He also stated that the laws should be reviewed as parents were afraid of disciplining their children.
- 38 Ivelaw Bowman stated that gangs were still being discussed a generation later. Parents were looking for help. This was a society problem not a police problem. He was glad that a MP was in attendance.
- 39 Chuka Umunna MP stated that he was at the meeting on behalf of himself Tessa Jowell MP and Kate Hoey MP, his colleagues
- 39.1 This was a difficult time – not an easy solution as this was a cultural thing. Gangs had become surrogate family. Two crucial things had to be done:
- 39.2 Joined-up approach i.e. at centers youths should be engaged. The Council had done good things - crime reduction summit action points would be revisited
- 39.3 London-wide action i.e. the exchange of intelligence and best practice with other boroughs such as Hackney, Lewisham etc
- 39.4 He was shocked by the small amount of funding being given. He did not believe that the police funding should be cut at the moment.
- 39.5 Gang lifestyle via social media is dreadful. A Bill was introduced in November and hoped that the "green light" would be given.
- 39.6 He had communicated with Blackberry who informed him that shutting down their system in a particular area would affect the whole of Europe.
- 39.7 He also stated that it was not rocket science - work hard, not just rely on funding albeit important. Not every community is suffering. We had to shout loud to get the resources.
- 40 A member of the public, Sonia Timlett spoke or her traumatic experience of being confronted by a 10-year old or thereabout who wanted her mobile phone. She stated that as a community we need to say what is happening.
- 41 Omar Abdi a Somali community Advisor stated that S&S alienated the youths as they felt they were constantly being targeted – the police did not talk with them.
- 42 Kevin informed the meeting of his experience the previous Friday and concluded that the police should have been aware of the tension within the borough.

43 John Howard stated that the Police had alienated young black youths. When this Council had lots of funding they were slashing youth services. He stated that people would not come forward with information to the police due to the bad experience of others who did so which he highlighted.

44 Cllr Pete Robbins (Cabinet Member for Children and Young People) stated he disagreed with comment about the youth services over the years. The council is changing its mindset; there was a place for the Community Leaders forum, Black Families' Forum etc. As stated at this meeting, what was needed was honesty, openness etc.

45 David Tomlinson stated that there should be a representative from secondary schools at this meeting.

Any Other Business

46 The Chair thanked everyone for attending.

47 The sound recording of this meeting can be found on our blog:
www.blog.lambethcpcg.org.uk

DATE OF NEXT MEETING

6. 00 p.m. TUESDAY 03 April 2012

Lambeth Town Hall-Assembly Hall Brixton Hill, SW2 1RW

6. 00 p.m. TUESDAY 01 May 2012

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Attendance

Signed in Members

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Doye	Akinlade	Brixton Society
Hope	Barrett	
Pauline	Bower	
Ivelaw	Bowman	
Rod	Brown	
Richard G.	Dutton	
Rosemarie	Falaiye	
Myriam	Hay	Forum for Port & Spanish ...
Stuart	Horwood	Brixton Market Traders Fed.
John	Howard	
Adrian	King	
Lloyd	Leon MBE	Brixton Domino Club

Elaine	Lilley	Tulse Neighbourhood
Brian	Mantell	South London Synagogue
Nick	Mason	Lambeth Summer Projects Trust
Richard	Moore	
Clare	Moore	
Felix	Ogbogoh	Streatham Wells SNP
Cheryl	Sealey	
Fernando	Senior	
Clarence	Thompson MBE	Queen Mother Moore School
David	Tomlinson	Stockwell Pk Residents Assoc
David	Warner	Brixton Society
Jane	Warwick	Lambeth Women's Aid
Hazel	Watson	Milkwood Res. Assoc.
Ann	Corbett	LBL - Officers
Ch Supt Matt	Bell	MPS - Lambeth
Sgt Matthew	Hinton	MPS - Lambeth
John	Jeffrey	MPS - Police Federation
Michael	Taylor	Metropolitan Police Authority
Chuka	Umunna MP	House Of Commons
Cllr Jennifer	Brathwaite	LBL
Cllr Shirley	Cosgrave	LBL
Cllr Rachel	Heywood	LBL
Cllr Kita	Ogden	LBL
Cllr Mike	Smith	LBL

Signed in Visitor

Cllr Judith	Best	LBL
Jeremy	Clyne	LBL
Niranjan	Francis	LBL
Ann	Kingsbury	LBL
Peter	Robbins	LBL
Christopher	D'Souza	LBL
Omar	Abdi	
Kelly	ben Maimon	
Rachel	Blundy	The Streatham Guardian
Anna	Coffey	Office of Chuka Umunna MP
Terry	Curtis	Tulse Hill Ward SNP
Abdullah	Demas	
Tim	Dickens	Brixton Blog
James	Fox	
Christine	Frank	
David	Hale	Office of Chuka Umunna MP
Adam	Kerr	
Sonia	Timlett	
Selwyn	Wright	