

KINGSTON COMMUNITY AND POLICE PARTNERSHIP MINUTES OF MEETING

held on
23rd May 2011

PRESENT:

Metropolitan Police Representatives

Det. Ch. Supt Martin Greenslade
DCI Jess Ruddell
Insp Iain Goble

Community representatives:

Sandra Flower (Chair)	The Groves RA
Warren Day	Kingston Learning Disability Parliament
Marie Cummings	Kingston Learning Disability Parliament
Jeffrey Nakar	Kingston, Surbiton & District Synagogue
Marion Todd	Safer Kingston Partnership
Nazim Ghauri	Ahmadiyya Muslim Association
John Azah	KREC
Sarah Walker	MPA
Marianne Lytton	St John Ambulance
Sheila Griffin	Cambridge Road Est Community Group
Rashid Laher	ICV
Jim Taylor	Chessington District RA
Simon Browning	London Fire Brigade
Nick Man	St James Church
Cllr Penny Shelton	RBK
Ian Wilson	Downs View Lodge RA
Stella Simpson	Labour Party

Apologies were received from

Suzanne Godwin, Maria Cabrelli, Bruce Stuart, Tony Arbour, Julia Metcalf, John House, John Elwell, Rev Dongwan Kim, Mike Hoare, Cllr T Dennen

1. WELCOME

The Chair welcomed new members and guests.

2. MINUTES (APPENDIX A)

AGREED that the minutes of the meeting held on 7th February were a correct record.

3. PRESENTATION - SEXUAL OFFENCES.

DCI Jess Ruddell gave a breakdown of sexual offences:

- Rape female, Rape male
- Sexual Assault female, Sexual Assault male
- Penetration female, penetration male
- Exposure, voyeurism

In 2009 – 2010 there were 144 offences reported in the borough
In 2010-11 a total of 159 offences were reported

Sexual violence within the town centre has to be seen as the area of greatest concern
2009-10 rape = 4, sexual assault female = 20
2010-2011 rape = 9, sexual assault 32

A quarter of all rapes and nearly half of sexual assaults have occurred in Grove Ward over the past financial year.

In order to combat these figures, bi-weekly visits to major nightclubs in the Town Centre, joint patrols by police and club security staff inside premises and covert operations inside nightclubs are undertaken to look for licensing breaches.

Victims are primarily lone white females aged 18 -25 years old.

Q. Could a profile of offenders be given.

A. Lone white male aged 18 – 25. Our advice is for young people to look after each other, not to drink too much and be aware of the effects of alcohol.

Q. I have concerns about the under 18's who hang about along the river and Canbury Gardens.

A. We are trying to engage with the under 18's via the Schools Intervention Team. SN teams do speak to young people in the area.

Q. What does the University do to alert their students

A. During Fresher's week, leaflets and posters are handed out; the Student Council has done a lot of work on this.

Q. Are women gaining confidence in reporting incidents.

A. Yes, I have no doubt that women are gaining confidence in reporting incidents.

Q. Is there evidence of fake mini cabs in the Borough.

A. There is no evidence of fake mini cabs in the Borough; a lot of work is done around this.

The Chair thanked DCI Ruddell for a very informative presentation.

4. REPORT FROM FIRE SERVICE

Commander Simon Browning reported on:-

- A fatal dwelling fire in Surbiton.
- A house fire in which an elderly lady had died in a house fire caused by her smoking in bed.
- Kingston fire station which has just become an Incident Support Centre and now has more Equipment.

Q. Have your industrial problems been resolved.

A. Agreement has been reached on the shift system.

Q. Does LFB have any input as to where recycling facilities are placed across the Borough.

A. No, decisions on this are made by Planning.

Q. Does LFB still run the LIFE course.

A. Yes, but due to budget cuts less funding is available now.

5. INDEPENDANT CUSTODY VISITORS REPORT

Noted

6. MPA REPORT

Noted

7. BOROUGH COMMANDERS REPORT

The Borough Commander reported:-

Year to date 2011/12

	% change	Total number
Total notifiable offences	-2.5%	1365
Residential Burglary	7.1%	75
Theft of M/V	-39.3%	17
Violence with injury	-12.3%	128

An employee of Kingston Police stole from the property store; this person has been given an 18 month custodial sentence.

We have a vibrant town centre and this presents a challenge; licensed premises need to take more responsibility for their clientele. Oceana night club has been informed that certain issues need to be addressed.

There are concerns around the number of people jumping into the river for various reasons, some of my officers have jumped in to save these people.

Comment: Life belt with signs above stating eg. that 3 people have died locally may be a deterrent.

Q. Are there many stabbings in Kingston.

A. Knife crime offences are very low in Kingston. Other boroughs across London can be very different.

Comment. John Azah stated that KCPP, KREC and Kingston Police are organising a number of events with schools in the Borough to raise awareness of knife crime; this will take place in September.

Q. Do you anticipate problems due to budget lines being held centrally.

A. I am concerned that previously I made operational decisions as to whether we needed vehicles etc; this decision is now made by non-operational people.

8. CHAIRS ORAL UPDATE

The Chair reported that she continue to attend meetings at NSY. A debrief meeting was held with the Inspector following on from SuperSNAP; it was agreed that new ways need to be explored to take this event forward in future years.

Police Station Open Day 26th June – KCPP have been given a table, volunteers are needed to man this, please contact Linda if you are available.

Learning Disabilities Week 20th – 26th June

9. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

18th July 2011

10. MATTERS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES

Gala Bingo Hall – no update at this stage

11. MATTERS FOR INCLUSION AT NEXT MEETING

None

Meeting closed at 9.00pm