

**KINGSTON COMMUNITY AND POLICE PARTNERSHIP  
MINUTES OF MEETING  
held on  
20<sup>th</sup> September 2010**

**PRESENT:**

**Metropolitan Police Representatives**

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

**Community representatives:**

Sandra Flower (Chair)	The Groves RA
Jim Taylor	Chessington District RA
Nicholas Man	St James Church
Warren Day	Kingston Learning Disability Parliament
Fen Ryan	Kingston Learning Disability Parliament
Prabha Shetty	Kingston Independent Custody Visitors
Tony Skehan	Kingston Independent Custody Visitors
Mark Ripley	London Fire Brigade
Jeffrey Nakar	Kingston, Surbiton & District Synagogue
Iain Wilson	Downs View Lodge Residents Assoc
Marion Todd	Safer Kingston Partnership
Nazim Ghauri	Ahmadiyya Muslim Association
Rafique Javed	Ahmadiyya Muslim Association
Martin Maggs	Police Volunteer Programme
Alan Percival	Pensioners Forum
Darius Baird	Youth Parliament
Rhommel Afflick	Youth Parliament
Cllr Tim Denner	RBK
Jill Preston	Cambridge Road Estates Comm Group
John Azah	KREC
Francis Brannan	Kingston & Surbiton Conservative Ass
Sarah Walker	MPA
Heather Bruneau	Age Concern
Stella Simpson	Labour Party
Hiren Patel	KGS

**Also in attendance:**

Dr Mike D'Souza	Canbury Medical Centre
Jonathan Crook	Office of National Statistics

**Apologies were received from**

G. Symmonds, M Hoare, B Smith, G Speed, Suzanne Godwin, Penny Shelton, John House, Rashid Laher

**1. WELCOME**

The Chair welcomed new members and guests.

**2. PRESENTATION BY DCI Jess Ruddell**

DCI Ruddell explained that the effect of drugs on the community is a very complex subject and the human misery drug use causes is immense. Intelligence is often reported by the public along with information on other crime.

In Kingston 6% of crime is linked to drugs.

In 2007/08 there were 671 offences

2008/09 there were 641 offences

2009/10 there were 561 offences

Grove ward has the highest number of drug offences in the borough; this is due to the high concentration of people in the ward. These offences range from possession of cannabis to dealing class A drugs. Kingston remains one of the safest boroughs in the metropolitan area to live and work. The key is partnership working.

- Q. Is there a list of offenders who are methadone users. Is there a link between Grove ward and the University. Is crime higher in relation to physically addictive drugs.
- A. Grove ward has a higher concentration of people than most of the other wards. Lists of methadone users who commit crime are not kept, but a very close eye is kept on people we know are drug addicts. Crime is higher in users of physically addictive drugs (class A), Class B drugs can also be a significant driver.
- Q. What indications are there that drug dealing is going on. What makes people take their first drug.
- A. There are signs that drug dealing is taking place but if you are not looking for it you wouldn't see it. There are many reasons why people start taking drugs.
- Q. Drug intervention programmes give people a choice between prison or treatment, many of the people who take the treatment option go back to taking drugs. From a medical view this needs to be dealt with as the complex situation it is. There needs to be partnership between medics and police.
- Q. Are we aware that drug users/dealers are coming in from outside the borough.
- A. Yes but only if these people commit an offence whilst in the borough.
- Q. Are there any ethnic or age links
- A. There is nothing to show any ethnic link.

The Chair thanked DCI Ruddell for a very informative presentation.

### **3. MINUTES (APPENDIX A)**

AGREED that the minutes of the meeting held on 19<sup>th</sup> July were a correct record.

### **4. MPA CIVIL LIBERTIES PANEL DNA SCRUTINY**

Sarah Walker, MPA Engagement Officer introduced this item.

Q. What is the accuracy figures for the results of DNA.

A. Figures will be obtained and forwarded to the group

Comment: If you were 16 and suspected of a crime, once your DNA is taken it is on the database whether you are convicted of that crime or not. There is a huge disproportion of black and ethnic minorities on the database.

Comment: DNA should be taken at birth

Comment: DNA has ramifications – some people have genuine fear of anyone knowing who they are.

It was agreed that the questionnaire would be filled in individually outside of the meeting and sent to Linda in order that a response can be put together for the MPA.

## **REPORTS**

### **5. BOROUGH COMMANDER'S REPORT**

The Borough Commander reported:-

A significant reduction in residential burglary  
Gun crime is very low  
Knife crime has seen a significant reduction  
A decrease in theft of vehicle  
Slight increase in theft from vehicle

The recent robbery at Fraser Hart Jewellers is the subject of subjudice.

Chessington SN base should be open late November.

Budget cuts in the region of 25 – 40% are expected, details of how this will impact of Kingston should be available by the December meeting.

Q. Is there a difference between residential and commercial burglary figures

A. The Borough Commander stated that he would obtain the figures for commercial burglary.

Q. Is the CPS wanting a 100% guarantee of a conviction a help or hindrance to the Police.

A. The CPA wanting a guarantee of a conviction makes no difference to us at all.

Q. Will there be a reduction of PCSOs and PCs when budget cuts are made

A. Until we have the figures we cannot be sure of what cuts need to be made. There are several departments that could be centralised and this will reduce budgets somewhat.

### **6. REPORT FROM THE FIRE SERVICE**

Figures from 1<sup>st</sup> April to 31<sup>st</sup> August 2010

Total number of fires 425

Accidental dwelling fires 95

Slight increase in all arson - this is mainly due to the way these incidents are now recorded.

Incidents of note:

Small fire in Kingston College (confined to one room)

800 Home Fire Safety visits have been carried out.

### **7. MPA UPDATE**

Noted

### **8. CHAIR'S ORAL REPORT**

- Attended briefing for Notting Hill Carnival with Ch Inspector Pendleton
- Attended LCP2 AGM

- SKP meeting – which included a presentation from London Probation Area
- The KCPP report included an update on the safer cycling campaign
- Linda & I went to an LCP2 training day on media
- NSY meeting report:

**Early intervention & the anti-violence strategy** – included in presentation

- Short briefing by the DCS in charge
- A very informative talk by the WAVE Trust which is dedicated to reducing violence by tackling its root causes and has reviewed early intervention across the world.

**Policing white paper** – Assistant Commissioner outlined areas of Police response and LCP2's response to the white paper had already been circulated to which we had contributed.

**Territorial policing update** – briefing on programme of managed change and complexities. Resounding commitment to SNT.

**Question raised by Kingston**

KCPP had asked what the MPS view in respect of the enforcement of 21 moving traffic offences - this had been raised at an executive committee meeting some time ago. Whilst not completely resolved at the meeting the Assistant Commissioner will write to LCP2 with detailed information.

**9. MEMBER ORGANISATION REPORTS**

**Independent Custody Visitors**

Noted

**10. PRESENTATION BY OFFICE OF NATIONAL STATISTICS**

Jonathan Crook reported that the next census will take place on 27<sup>th</sup> March 2011. He stated that there is a great need to ensure the Borough has a good return. Census statistics are used when it comes to funding.

In order to ensure that forms are returned people need to be engaged with. Target populations are students, over 80's, ethnic minority groups and the disabled. Mr Crook asked KCPP members representing any of these groups to speak with him after the meeting.

Q. How are the homeless counted.

A. We work with the Local Authority and centres etc are identified.

Q. Will you produce an electronic flyer that can be circulated to groups.

A. Yes, these are available.

**11. DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

6<sup>th</sup> December 2010

**12. MATTERS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES**

None

**13. MATTERS FOR INCLUSION AT NEXT MEETING**

None