

## MINUTES KTRA: April 4<sup>th</sup>, 2011

1. Welcome & Introductions.
2. Apologies: Andy Bradfield; Rob Grover; David O'Brien, Bernard Anderson, Ruth Ward; Jay Venn
3. Last minutes were accurate – no matters arising
4. **Policing**
  - 4.1 Policing:
    - Safer Neighbourhood Team Report.
    - Ward panel meeting in January - Triangle was not considered a Hot Spot.
    - However running up to Summer it will be monitored as a hot spot with the SN team in plain clothes with high visibility throughout the triangle.
    - Focus will be on catching thieves who are targeting customers leaving the Paradise on busy week-end nights with open handbags etc.
    - Note to all Triangle residents: homes with front Sash Windows need to put on extra locks, as these premises are being targeted.
    - Ward panel meeting Wednesday 06/04/2011.

## 5. Highways & Byways – HS2 Rail Tunnel Consultation

- Following the last KTRA meeting, an HS2 Sub committee was formed comprising the following KTRA members:-

- Andy Bradfield, Deepak Nambisan, Dave O'Brien, Rob Grover, Peter Watmough, Avril Mackintosh, Jude Allen
- Deepak and Avril gave a report back having attended one of the scheduled HS2 London Roadshows open to the public:-
- CEO of HS2 was present and tried to allay public concerns by advising no need to worry about noise & vibration since residents are unlikely to feel anything.
  - The Sub committee recommended not taking this comment at face value, and will do some follow up comparative research on impact on local residents when HS1 was being built.
  - It was noted that Government consultation (to approve route for proposed building of 3 underground rail tunnels) ends 28<sup>th</sup> July 2011

It was agreed that the subcommittee would pursue the following 4 strategies on behalf of KTRA members:-

- (1) Lobby for change of route under existing rail lines,
- (2) Lobby for access to relevant engineering data related to HS2 proposals.
- (3) Set up an online Forum group " The Kensal HS2 Forum"
  - Andy to set up website/ logo shown to KTRA meeting and approved.
  - The Forum group would be an information online communication tool /discussion board for any interested/concerned residents both in the Triangle and outside in Kensal Green/Rise catchment area.

(4) The meeting agreed at this stage KTRA will remain open whether to align ourselves with other campaign groups eg. Primrose Hill, or to maintain an independent voice, however it was noted that we may have greater effectiveness if we added our voice to other groups.

- A decision to be taken once the Subcommittee reports back at the next KTRA meeting in May.,

- Additional concerns of local residents due to impact of the HS2 tunnel were noted including, possible subsidence, noise nuisance, vibration, impact on local community, downturn in property prices, 'Blight' uncertainty and crucially, the lack of provision for adequate compensation for anyone affected.

Action plan:

- Deepak recommended there was no merit in sending a formal or informal response ahead of the consultation period deadline.
- It was proposed that sub committee would draft an official KTRA letter raising concerns on behalf of Triangle residents which would be posted on KTRA website, which could be downloaded and personalized by individual residents who could follow up with individual letters.
- It was agreed that KTRA members would wait until the next meeting for the Sub Committee report back before taking a vote on what our official position should be:-

Examples could include the following:-

KTRA is against the HS2 Tunnel

*Or* KTRA wants to lobby for an alternative route

*Or* KTRA agrees with the route but wants guarantees that tunnel will be built at a lower depth

*Or* KTRA agreed with the route but wants guarantees of adequate compensation for any potential noise nuisance, subsidence, loss in property value etc.

## 6. Kensal Rise Library Closure

- It was confirmed that Brent Council still want close Kensal Rise library.
- Members were urged to write to Cllr Anne John leader of the council to ask her and her colleagues on the executive to change their minds on the closure of the Library before the executive meeting next week when they have the final vote takes place.
- KTRA is against the closure of our Library see KTRA Library Resolution October.

## 7. Street Care & Cleansing

- Concerns raised about rubbish tipping in Wakeman Road
- It was recommend taking photos as evidence of illegal fly tipping then submit findings to Streetcare team to take appropriate action.

## 8. Planning & Development

### 8.1 Cemetery Wall update

- Rebuilding work will commence this year. Sourcing bricks to replicate original Victorian brickwork.

### 8.2 Post Office Enquiry/Collection Office

- No news. Simon Green to follow up.

### 8.3 Kensal Green/Rise Bridges Project

This seems to have got bogged down in red tape Member asked for it to be removed from next agenda.

## 9. KTRA Membership & Organization

Nothing this month

**10. Notice Board & Website updates**

- Brent council have agreed to fund additional (3<sup>rd</sup>) KTRA notice board, corner of Chamberlyne Road/Wakeman Raod out of Neighbourhood Working fund.
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**11. Next meeting – May 9<sup>th</sup>** – Chair: Dave Halbury Minutes: Ellie Shepherd