

Kensal Triangle Residents Association



Monthly Meeting

4 July 2011, 7.30pm Upstairs Room, William IV

Chair – Hannah Anderson, Minutes – Gail Gibson

Agenda

1. Welcome & Introductions

2. Apologies: Ruth Ward

3. Minutes Of Previous Meeting

3.1 Accuracy

3.2 Matters Arising - none

4. Policing - Safer Neighbourhood Team Report from Sgt Graeme Day

4.1 Crime Figures – 1 burglary reported, through an open door. 1 theft from a car & 1 theft of a moped. Burglary 50% down and car/vehicle crime down 10% from last year.

4.2 SNT team has assisted with traffic checks that have identified unlicensed waste disposal vehicles operating.

4.3 Street begging reported near local cafes.

4.4 Kids reported hanging around by petrol station near Rainham Road and at Hazel Road near the Youth Club. Residents to provide details if further problems, especially for vehicles.

4.5 Broken glass in car reported corner Wellington/Pember Road, suspect people leaving pub. SNT shifts finish at 11pm but will consider extending shift until 2pm to coincide with pub closing.

4.6 Traffic congestion on Kilburn Lane outside the Paradise bar due to minicabs, etc. Sgt Day suggested that this issue be reported by email to Brent Highways Dept.

4.7 Current burglary hotspot is Chamberlayne/Milson/Chevening/Harvist Roads area – 20 incidents reported in a quarter.

4.8 A resident reported an 'aggressive' dog which on Harrow Road.

4.9 Also complaints about dog fouling in Pember, Compton and Wellington Roads. SNT advise residents to report dog fouling to Streetcare and try and to get address of dog owner if possible so they can follow up.

Police can issue on the spot fines for dog fouling using littering powers.

4.10 Next SNT Ward panel meeting is on 13 July.

5. Highways & Byways

5.1 HS2 Rail Tunnel – little to report from Deepak (on KTRA sub committee investing HS2).

There are 2 sample letters now on the KTRA website protesting about HS2, one short, one a longer version – link: [http://www.ktra.co.uk/Hs2 Letter/Hs2 Letter.html](http://www.ktra.co.uk/Hs2%20Letter/Hs2%20Letter.html). Everyone urged to download one of the letter templates and personalise, plus add own comments before sending – important so these are seen as individual letters and not a proforma letter from KTRA residents (and therefore reduce number of complaints about HS2). Email or post (Freepost) as per instructions on KTRA website, by 29 July deadline. Do not be complacent, KTRA's previous campaign helped to relocate the HS2 escape shaft from Buller Road/Moberley Centre to Queens Park – we won this battle! Deepak thanked for his invaluable help so far.

Door to door volunteers will also be visiting all homes in the Triangle with a petition against HS2 – please sign. More door to door volunteers are needed, please contact KTRA or Jude Allen who is coordinating.

Brent Council have so far been reluctant to engage with KTRA (As they they feel it will rejuvenate the Harlesden Area and are in favour). However, thanks go to Rob Grover, who managed to speak to officials at Brent and obtain data about HS1 which could help us in our fight against HS2. Also we now have useful contacts in the Press should we need publicity - we can focus on this at the next meeting after the July 29 deadline.

Meanwhile, Avril is in touch with Mayor Boris Johnson's team, to try and get him to visit the Kensal Green Cemetery to focus on the implications of HS2 there. Boris has recently voiced negative feedback for HS2.

5.2 Ladbroke Grove / Harrow Road Crossing – Westminster Council have now agreed they have majority responsibility for this junction and now have offered funds to widen the pedestrian refuge in the Harrow Road at the lights. However, TFL has first had to carry out a traffic census and count before the refuge improvement can begin. We await recommendations from TFL in September. The KTRA are arguing for pedestrian controlled lights as this junction is the only one without them along the Harrow Road.

6. Planning & Development

6.1 Metro 88 - the very large development on the corner of Chamberlayne Road and Kilburn Lane will be monitored regarding new/revised planning applications for accommodation numbers. KTRA would not like to see over occupancy which could have implications on the local area (such as parking – no parking space allocated despite the size of this development), plus retail outlets will be situated at ground level.

6.2 A resident mentioned that a few properties in the Harrow Road are doing alterations that may conflict with conservation area restrictions – e.g. concreting over gardens for drives. Brent are apparently cutting down on drives and pave overs because of water run-off in certain areas, plus concern for the look of the area being spoiled.

7. Closure of Kensal Rise Library

This issue is now going to the High Court – helped by lots of petitions, publicity events and PR. Some very high profile people are backing the campaign. KTRA have donated £30 towards the campaign to help save Kensal Rise Library, you can too on the Save Kensal Library website: <http://www.savekensalriselibrary.org/>

8. Street Care & Cleansing

8.1 Michael Adeyeye to be asked to speak to Cllr James Powney regarding cleaning up after the Notting Hill carnival again this year. Previous years we have managed to get the streets cleaned, although last year this did not happen. The portable loos for carnival have been a success and will be needed again this year.

9. KTRA Membership & Organisation

9.1 Queen's Park day - Sun 18 September and Avril has asked for volunteers to coordinate/run the KTRA stall this year as she cannot in 2011. If there are no volunteers, then no KTRA stall/presence at Queen's Park this year. Two volunteers at tonight's meeting so will be discussed next meeting.

9.2 Street Party – Sun 11 September (1-5pm). Harry True has agreed to sponsorship boards again this year. More volunteers are needed to make the event happen – help on stalls/setting up/clearing up. Ruth Ward is coordinating and will review and report back next meeting.

9.3 Team London – is a scheme (mentioned by Mayor Boris on the radio), for mentoring children. There will be a fund from this – is it worth our approach for money? Jude Allen will monitor.

9.4 Ward Working Dragon's Den – the neighbourhood working fund offers £20,000 per year towards local areas improvement/projects. Short notice but a meeting on 6 July for applications if anyone wants to pursue. KTRA too late to apply this year, although have secured money previously – used for the notice boards.

10. Utilities - Nothing to report.

11. Notice Board & Website Updates

11.1 Andy Bradfield asked for volunteers to help write articles/updates for the KTRA website. Otherwise happy to coordinate the site. 1 volunteer for photography. Please get in touch if you are a budding writer!

12. Any Other Business

12.1 Noisy buses campaign by 2 local residents ongoing for the last 9 months. The 52 and 6 buses have very noisy engines. Campaign success reported – TFL have investigated noise and

now agreed to allocate £1 million towards fixing the problem in Volvo buses, though this will take time to resolve.

13. Date & Chair of Next Meeting - Monday 1 August. Jay Venn – chair, volunteer needed for minutes.