

## Minutes of KTRA Meeting - Monday 4 October 2010

Chair: Jay Venn  
Minutes: Gail Gibson

Apologies: Hugh Byrne, Andy Bradfield, Avril Mackintosh, Gill Allis.

Minutes from last meeting - not on website to view  
Matters arising - none

### 1. Policing / Community (PC Helen Hanber and Graeme Day)

Safer Neighbourhood Team (SNT) report:

- Crime - vehicle crime has reduced by 50%.
- Burglaries - only 2 in the Triangle this month, one a shed burglary.
- Ward panel meeting reports that the crime hotspot has moved north of the railway lines.
- Anti social behaviour - nothing local to report.
- SNT remind us that the clocks go back in late October, darker nights so be street aware and lock windows/doors.
- SNT say there has been a Tri Borough Strategy meeting involving SNT - this was held prior to the Notting Hill Carnival to meet and share information on crime activity and gangs expected there. This has proved useful to SNT as crime activity crosses the three borders and meetings will be ongoing.
- KTRA resident reported that older teenagers are riding around the Triangle on bikes again - regarded as suspicious and want SNT to monitor them.
- Cllr Michael Adeyeye asked to comment on the request for a CCTV and safety issues in Buller Road - he will discuss next time as he has to cut short this meeting to attend another this evening.

### 2. Streetcare & Cleansing

- Carnival - carnival street steam/pressure cleaning was not done. One month on and grease is still reported on Harrow Road. John Rymer of Streetcare said in an email to the KTRA:

*The Streetcare pavement team ceased in July as part of the efficiency savings that are ongoing. I inspected the section of Harrow Road from Wakeman down to Berens and it had been cleaned of litter and this section is not stained... None of the current cleaning equipment available can remove grease effectively. This requires steam cleaning. We are currently trying to find a contractor who can offer the pavement cleaning/degreasing on an ad hoc basis for a reasonable cost.*

Cllr Michael Adeyeye was asked (before leaving the meeting), to try and get the Triangle officially recognized as part of the Carnival so we get street trading and cleaning equality.

- Brent Waste & Recycling Strategy - Cllr Michael Adeyeye suggested that all residents of the KTRA be aware of the date of consultative forum for the Waste & Recycling strategy and to make yourself heard by 20 October. Brent has a current cost of £9 million for landfill - they want to substantially reduce this and other costs, hence the new proposals. Have your say about the Waste & Recycling strategy on Tuesday 5 October, 7pm, at The Granville Centre, Kilburn, and we are all recommended to fill out the questionnaire on Brent's website (also appearing in this month's Brent Magazine). After the forum date closes on 20 October, there will be an executive meeting at Brent on this issue, on 15 November. The aim is to have this new waste & recycling scheme in place by early 2011. Pros of the new strategy: there will be more recycling facilities and more items will be recycled. Concerns: space for bins in front of all properties and Cllr Simon Green also recommends opposing fortnightly grey bin collections because it could increase the rat problem already reported in the Triangle. Residents at the meeting wanted clarification on what can be recycled but the majority are happy to see any recycling increased. However, everyone agrees that an increase in the number of bins outside properties is a major concern - most properties do not have space for more bins, plus they would be an eye-sore. One resident suggested a levy on Sainsburys and other traders because of their contribution to waste because of excessive packaging (creating a long term problem). Another resident suggested that Brent have a design competition to come up with one bin that can hold landfill waste/recycling/green waste. It was proposed that KTRA send a response to Brent, stating that we are a small and unique area, and that most properties have tiny gardens/multi-occupancy therefore lots of bins are not practical. Plus we are adjacent to a cemetery/railway/shops, therefore rats could increase if there are fortnightly collections of landfill waste. However, we are all happy with recycling. Proposal seconded and passed by all present. Jay Venn to formulate the response from KTRA.
- Cllr Simon Green said there had been an abolition of the £25 charge for bulky item waste, it is now free for 3 items per year.

### **3. Highways & Byways**

- The Pember Road Cycle Access Public Consultation - Brent proposes a cycle lane to run through the closed and recently re-landscaped end of Pember Road. Also to drop some kerb on Kilburn Lane and install tactile paving for blind pedestrians. A lot of residents, cyclists included, think the cycle lane is a waste of time and money - all at the meeting agreed it is pointless and non-beneficial to the Triangle. Worries are it will increase motorcycle traffic through the Triangle and encourage cycling on the pavement. Suggested that Regent Street is a better alternative for a cycle lane as this is open, has not been re-landscaped and is only a few yards further south. Query - is it part of the Ilbert Street cycle lane policy or just part of a wider initiative for cycling policy? Probably a TFL funded strategy therefore money cannot be spent elsewhere. Motion passed to respond as an association as nobody at the meeting thinks the Pember Road cycle lane is a good idea. Jay Venn will draft a response.
- A High Speed Rail Tunnel (HS2) has been proposed to go under the Triangle. Looks like this is going ahead. Robert Grover has read that a well organised action group has been started in Amersham and they are inviting others to join them to oppose HS2 - more next meeting.
- Ladbroke Grove/Harrow Road Crossing. As this sits on the border of 3 boroughs (Kensington, Westminster & Brent), there are moves to get all 3 together with Glenda Jackson MP, to resolve crossing issues - watch this space.

### **4. Planning & Development**

- Post Office Enquiry/Collection Office, Harrow Road - Cllr Simon Green has written to ask that residents in the KTRA can pick up post from here (this is currently only a service for W10 residents). No news as the main contact is on holiday. Simon will report back next meeting.
- Cemetery Wall - fencing has gone up along the Harrow Road for work due to take down any unstable parts of the wall. Quip; the wall is "listed as listing".

### **6. KTRA Membership & Organisation**

- Queens Park Day - was held on Sunday 12 September. It went well and KTRA stand a success.
- Street Party - was also a success. There will be a debrief after this meeting on Wednesday for organizers and helpers to attend.

### **7. Utilities**

Nothing to report.

### **8. Noticeboard / Website**

- Ruth has been too busy to update the noticeboard but will update soonest.
- Andy is currently sorting a new web server and updates will be up asap.

### **8: AOB**

- Cllr Simon Green said that Brent Council has proposed an increase in car parking charges - graded per vehicle. Although he has no idea about visitor parking voucher charge increases. More on this next meeting. Simon stressed it is only a proposal but he will investigate further.

Next meeting: Monday 2 November 2010

Chair: Dave Halbury

Minutes: Jude Allen