

MINUTES KTRA: 6 July 2009

1. Welcome & Introductions.
Guest Speakers: Alex Bird, Kingston University
2. Apologies
3. Last minutes were accurate – no matters arising

4. Kensal Green Flood

- 4.1 Flash flooding in Harrow Road and surrounding area on Sat June 27th at 5pm likely to be caused by blocked drains (including reported dead rat blocking one drain hole).
 - a) Potential hazard to Harrow Road properties caused by moving cars and buses creating a tidal wash onto the pavement. Local residents halted traffic as emergency services failed to arrive in time. Vote of thanks to Michael and Jayne from Hairdressers for their prompt action.
 - b) Request extensive drain clearing to avert future problems. Drains on both side of Harrow Road are responsibility of Kensington & Chelsea. Simon Green to follow up.
 - c) Could William IV store sandbags?

5. Alex Bird, (Kingston University Planning, MA) – Area Action Plan for Kensal Green

- 5.1 Vacant site between Sainsburys and Gasworks – Crossrail initiative to temporarily relocate Westbourne Bus Garage. Alex requested residents complete local residents questionnaire re future 'mixed use' scheme for the vacant site. eg Sainsburys multi storey car park, Cross Rail station (TBC)

6. Policing

- 6.1 Safer Neighborhood Team Report
 - a) A resident reported concerns about groups of young kids loitering on the Harrow Road
 - b) Local residents encouraged to notify police of any suspicious activity as and when it happens.
 - c) Concerns raised regarding late night disturbance around Kilburn Lane. Police advise there is no "quick fix" to this problem but plan to have a presence in Kilburn Lane to monitor.
 - d) More burglaries in June. Possible new criminal activity in area or just opportunistic crime due to Summer weather. ie) people tend to leave their windows open. Local residents urged to be vigilant.

7. Planning & Development

No activity

8. Highways & Byways

- 8.1 Wakeman Road Project - vote of thanks to Dave Halberry to acknowledge the successful completion of this project.
- 8.2 Ladbroke Grove Traffic Lights – big car crash on Thursday. Photos sent to T for L to support KTRA campaign to get a pedestrian crossing or phased pedestrian lights Jay to write to Boris Johnson asking him to review our request since Westminster council seemed happy to take on the crossing project. Jay to send all relevant correspondence to Emily (Brent Council)

9. Carnival/ Toilets & Parking

- a) Confirmed that we will get the same allocation of Toilets for Carnival as lat year.
- b) Dave Halbury requested council look into extra provision for parking during Carnival since parking restrictions still apply in KG parking zone roads on Bank Holidays.

10. Street care

- a) Proposal put forward to locate additional bottle banks & waste bins in KTRA area. Concern by residents that this will create unsightly refuse dump if located on residential paved areas. Suggest we notify Dennis to resite on derelict road space on Chamberlyne Road where the old garage used to be.

11. Utilities

- a) Jay noted low water pressure during July

12. AOB

- a) Pember Road – local resident raised concerns about parking issues .
- b) Dave Halbury raised issue about requesting Gun Factory clean up the area outside their property. Emily (Brent Council) will give Dennis Lewis a ‘heads up’ about the problem, but it was agreed we will start with a polite request for action before bringing in the Council.

13. Date & Chair of Next meeting

Monday Aug 3rd 2009
Chair Hugh
Minutes Jay Venn