

MINUTES KTRA: May 9th 2011

1. Welcome & Introductions.
2. Apologies: Gail Gibson, Gary Smith, Andy Bradfield, Avril Mackintosh, Cllr James Denselow
3. Last minutes were accurate – no matters arising

4. Policing

4.1 Policing: Safer Neighbourhood Team Report. – Sgt Graeme Day: brentqueenspark.snt@metpolice.uk 020 8721 2960

At present the Safer Neighbourhood team identify three type of crime in and around the Kensal Triangle area. These include:

- Burglary
- Motor Vehicle Crime
- Antisocial Behavior

- Since to last meeting there have been four burglaries, however they have not been in the KTRA area. These are primarily attributed to inadequate locks being forced and as previously mentioned, the forcing open of sash windows.

- There has been an increase in Motor Vehicle Crime in the area. Berens Road has had two out of the six reported crimes both of which were stolen motorbikes as a result of cutting the chains. There have been a total of seven robbery and theft cases since the last meeting, one of which was in the KTRA area namely on Rainham Road on 16th April. However this was an isolated incident. There is a general trend for robberies around schools. Sgt Day reports a 20% decrease in crime in the area due to policing at appropriate times along with plain clothed patrolling. There was a short discussion with the SNT about the importance of reporting any incidents whatsoever of concern so as to help them maintain the huge improvements seen in recent years.

5. Highways & Byways – HS2 Rail Tunnel Consultation

- Following the last KTRA meeting, an update of the HS2 Sub committee comprising the following KTRA members - Andy Bradfield, Deepak Nambisan, Dave O'Brien, Rob Grover, Peter Watmough, Avril Mackintosh, Jude Allen.

Update: Time getting closer to the July 28th cut off point. Therefore essential for KTRA to establish its stance. It is agreed that for the

June meeting a sample letter will be finalised so that it can be discussed and made ready for July deadline. The idea is to write a letter as an organization and also individually.

- Please refer to the update note on HS2 strategy kindly prepared by Deepak and the map of the route kindly provided by Peter

- We are currently looking at a three-pronged strategy

1. Opposition to the principle of HS2

2. Proposing an alternative route which

- (i) is deeper than currently proposed by HS2

- (ii) follows the line of the existing railway tracks instead of the current route

- KTRA must decide what their stance is on the idea of generating a press strategy? Given the fact that four properties have fallen through in the last two months should we go ahead with raising awareness about it? Or is it feared that it might generate unwanted attention. The feeling at present is that seeing as it is now in the public domain that all should be done to get recognition before the July cut off.

- Should we align with the taxpayer's alliance and/or the Kensal Cemetery? If it is decided that we proceed with a press campaign then we must carefully consider our timing and which publications we approach

- During the meeting the motion was put to the vote: Is KTRA in favour of a press strategy for June?

The motion was carried with 24 for and 2 against. Therefore a plan must be considered in the next meeting on Monday 9th June.

- The meeting agreed at this stage KTRA will remain open whether to align ourselves with other campaign groups eg. Primrose Hill and/or the W9 stop HS2 group, or to maintain an independent voice, however it was noted that we might 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 June

Kensal Rise Library Closure

- Regrettably the motion has been passed that the library is to be closed. However there is up to three months for a judicial review but it is generally believed that the cost of appeal could mount to £30,000

6 Street Care & Cleansing

- It was raised that if any rubbish left out illegally can and will be

removed by Brent council simply by emailing:

streetcare@brent.gov.uk

- Concerns raised about rubbish tipping on the Harrow road namely around the crossroads near Boys Café. It is believed that this is under the jurisdiction of RBKC. Therefore please email:

waste@rbkc.gov.co.uk to report

7 Planning & Development

- Cemetery Wall update: rebuilding work is scheduled to start this year but as yet no word on exactly when
- Sourcing bricks to replicate original

8 KTRA Membership & Organization

- Nothing this month

9 Utilities

- Issue raised about the drains in Pember road

10. Notice Board & Website updates

- HS2
- Fly tipping

11 Any other business

- Members BE AWARE that parking permits have now changed so that now they are dependent on CO2 emissions
- The idea of a street party was raised. The general feeling was that it would be something that members were in favour of. However this is something that needs further discussion in the next meeting

Next meeting – June 9th

Chair: Rob Grover

Minutes: Ruth Ward