

Minutes of KTRA Meeting - Monday 10 May 2010

Chair: Jude Allen
Minutes: Gail Gibson

Apologies: Andy Bradfield, Will Waddington

Minutes from last meeting - agreed
Matters arising – none

Re-elected councillor Simon Green, and newly elected councillors Michael Adeyeye and James Denselow welcomed.

1. Policing / Community (PC Richard Rossington)

Safer Neighbourhood Team (SNT) report:

- Crime - 1 robbery from a client leaving the Paradise bar and 2 burglaries reported. Motor vehicle crime often occurs in the Triangle, especially motorbike crime. There has been 1 theft from and 1 theft of a motorbike in April.
- Operation Bumblebee has a new website set up to register your valuables. If they are stolen, they then can be identified if recovered. Go to www.immobilise.com for more information and to register.
- Burglaries - Queens Park has a higher rate than the Triangle. Smartwater Scheme being tried - if this scheme is in operation, signs will be posted in that street/road. Buller Road is the first to see if Smartwater Scheme works in the Triangle, residents have to register to take part - get in touch with the Safer Neighbourhood Team.
- More members for SNT police panel were requested, if interested, please contact Russell Smith at russellsmith.ldn@btinternet.com.

2. Highways & Byways

- A High Speed Rail Tunnel (HS2) is proposed to go under the Triangle. Jude Allen and Rob Grover have investigated some concerns and options. Registration for the "Exceptional Hardship Scheme" (EHS) CLOSES THURSDAY MAY 20, so anyone concerned is encouraged to go online to register for this, or write a letter in reply. See the KTRA website for further information www.ktra.co.uk.

The KTRA website has advice on HOW TO RESPOND and has provided a sample cover letter.

It will also direct you to the weblink:

<http://www.dft.gov.uk/consultations/open/2010-18/>

There are 2 documents of interest here:

1. Covering letter - High Speed Two - Exceptional Hardship Scheme Consultation

<http://www.dft.gov.uk/consultations/open/2010-18/coverletter.pdf>

AND

2. High Speed Two - Exceptional Hardship Scheme Consultation

<http://www.dft.gov.uk/consultations/open/2010-18/consultation.pdf>

page 11 of this document pdf quotes the following on how to respond:

Please send consultation responses to: High Speed Two Ltd - Exceptional Hardship Scheme Consultation, 55 Victoria Street, London SW1H 0EU. OR e-mail: ehsconsultation@hs2.gsi.gov.uk.

When responding, please state whether you are responding as an individual or are representing the views of an organisation.

August 2010 - "Safeguarding the Route" consultation – comes into play. This will clarify where the preferred route will run. There is no time limit on the route/work going ahead but the route will be established by August.

A Town & Country planning act then will come in and claims can be made for what you have suffered – should your area suffer from "blight" (noise, vibrations, subsidence, etc, and property prices go down). In terms of any legal process you should show you observed and registered for the May 20 deadline. Although the EHS scheme says it will only compensate for houses knocked down or those who prove they can't sell property over 85% of the true value because of the HS2 go ahead – it is a restrictive scheme.

In addition to KTRA's formal response to EHS on behalf of local residents, it was agreed that individual responses are better. Therefore, everyone should respond by 20 May and KTRA will also send an association letter stating that we do not agree with the proposed criteria underpinning the EHS.

Other points: Any HS2 building is not expected until 2017. Positives - Old Oak Common will become a new station. A Kilburn Times reporter is interested in the HS2 story, so may follow this up. Other London areas also have their own action groups opposed to HS2. Jude and Rob will be door-stepping with a leaflet to make as many residents aware of HS2 as possible. Posters will also be going up in the Triangle. Councillor Simon Green suggested we get in touch with the newly elected Brent Central MP, Sarah Tether, to get her support.

- Harrow Road pavement repairs – Andy Bradfield has had a meeting with the JMS pavement contractor representative, Rudy Hall. They have redone bad paving works and this is awaiting inspection again.
- Ladbroke Grove crossing. Jay Venn says this is a “political ping-pong” between Brent, Westminster, Kensington & Chelsea (as the crossing borders all 3 boroughs), they and TFL do not accept full responsibility for this junction. An article will appear in the Kilburn Times on May 14, along with a photo taken of local residents and children. All local MP’s in all 3 boroughs will be lobbied to get the crossing made safer. Another accident was recently reported involving a 77-yr old man. Residents are asked to gather evidence of near misses or accidents, skids, etc, so we have a stronger case to present to TFL and boroughs.

3. Planning & Development

- Post Office Enquiry/Collection Office, Harrow Road – Simon Green has written to ask that residents in the KTRA can pick up post from there (currently only a service for W10 residents). More news next meeting.
- Cemetery Wall – no update.

4. Streetcare & Cleansing

- Carnival – Hugh confirmed that 9 toilets have been ordered, to be located on Wellington Road, Berens Road and near Kensal Green tube (as in 2009). Police will meet to discuss carnival and the Triangle. Simon Green is happy to oversee local concerns. Avril will co-ordinate after carnival street cleaning with Selvin Rodney of Brent.
- Rodents/drains – Jesse Trace reported more rats have been seen in the Triangle and other residents at the meeting also had rat complaints. Thames Water have previously baited drains and the council bait homes if requested but the problem persists. Please report rat sightings/problems to the KTRA website so we can get the main drains baited again.
- Harrow Road drains - are the responsibility of Kensington & Chelsea, who cleaned them after July 2009 flooding. Another minor flood near Pember was reported recently after heavy rain, suggesting the drains there need cleaning. Avril will look into this. It was also suggested that recent pavement works might have contributed to building debris going into drains.
- Broken glass reported in Pember/Warfield Roads, a resident had glass thrown at them. This needs to be monitored. Is it a regular occurrence, are kids throwing bottles deliberately? Is there a connection with glass left in recycling bins for Monday collection? Follow up next meeting.
- ‘Messy Bins’ – Will Waddington to follow up next meeting.

5. KTRA Membership & Organisation

- Queens Park Day – volunteers wanted to help organize the event, get involved with projects or to help run the stall on Sunday 12 September. A lovely event, great for all the family – please give us your support!

6: Utilities

Nothing to report.

7: Noticeboard / Website

Nothing to report.

8: AOB

- “20 is plenty” – A 20mph speed limit exists in streets in Queens Park and this is the slogan. Michael Adeyeye asked to look into this for the Triangle.
- Kensal Green station – the green outside has not been re landscaped after works there. Job not considered finished yet. Ruth Ward will chase to see what is happening but this area is not part of our ward.

Next meeting: Monday 7 June 2010

Chair: Jay Venn

Minutes: Ruth Ward