

**KGRA Meeting Monday 1<sup>st</sup> October 2007 7.30pm.  
William IV upstairs bar Harrow Road London NW10**

Minutes

Present – as list

Chair: Hugh Byrne

Minutes Jay Venn

Apologies for absence: James Lee Duffy, Jude Allen, Frank Duddy, Laura Irwin, Andy Bradfield

Welcome to PCSO Chris Adams

Cllr Jean Tulett and Cllr Emily Tancred were invited to the meeting but neither attended – Cllr. Tulett sent a message in advance saying she would try to attend but might be delayed at work

Minutes of last meeting agreed

Safer Neighbourhoods Team report – PCSO Chris Adams

Little crime in the area in the past month.

7<sup>th</sup> Sept : a man was assaulted on a bus. Burglary on Wakeman Road, theft from car on Warfield – (car windows smashed,) one other burglary and baby buggy stolen. He brought leaflets about keeping sat.nav. devices safe. Make your car as uninviting as possible, park under a streetlight. – or drive an old banger.

Gary reported that two lads, one on a bike are going round looking round into car windows. Sometimes car damage is just vandalism.

18<sup>th</sup> Sept: operation on Harrow Road on traffic with a number plate reader in the middle of the day to pick up miscreants. A CCTV van on was placed in Berens Road for dodgers!

The community Support Team are working evenings doing reassurance patrols with some extra funding, which is coming to an end. Patrolling on foot too.

Negotiations with the Motor Spray shop on Warfield Road are ongoing.

Many burglaries are walk ins – so don't leave front doors open, or back doors unlocked.

Nearby someone walked into a house, while the family were in the front room, and took bags! Bold!

There was a question about bank holiday trading going on on Harrow Road – this was discussed at last meeting – it was noted that there was no response from council helpline numbers when called

Hugh noted that Carnival is growing, we should be more pro-active next year. – our area is out of K and C area and so less controlled than the main carnival events.

### Meeting with Queens Park RA and College Road RA

Both are active associations. Meeting next Monday – Avril is to attend to represent KTRA. QPRA is very strong, get lots done – 500 members, about 15/20 go to meetings! So we are not doing badly! Phil – lets get more people signed up. We have About 50 so far. So we have a 50% turnout, which is pretty good.

This Association is not a committee led body – if you have an issue, you can take it up.

### Wakeman Road Project

Dave Halbury has put forward formidable report

Dave: Sent it to Planning, the response was 50% positive. Main items in the report are

- 1) Junction of Wakeman is very wide, cars turn in really fast
- 2) Gun factory car park has sunken kerb, encourages truck/bus parking

Passed onto Haji Hirani in the Council, who has responded

- a) mouth is wide – thinks there has been no accidents
- b) flush kerb is redundant – more parking bays, possibly (need to narrow mouth of road
- c) overnight parking, is illegal, but number does not answer at 4am!

2) Every Residential Area other than ours is 20 mph zone, with signs and stuff the Council say that making ours the same is not currently feasible, needs traffic calming and traffic management order..... so..... Dave has written back saying what is the problem with doing it sounds like excuses The Council are saying there is no money, and that any funding would have to come from TfL, and there are not enough accidents to justify it.

All this sounds like excuses (not the word used by David Rajan), Dave will formulate a response both to officers and councillors

There are at least 3 building projects in area we could apply for money under section 106 from new developments. We should try to get the money spent on this area

Avril – got it in writing about money from developers.

Hugh – should we contact the student hostel about coaches? – Difficult, as the coach drivers are not employed by the hostel.

### Planning Act Money Section 106.

There is money paid to the Council with each new development - £25k for environment, traffic, education etc. We should campaign for the money to be spent locally from all the developments. – Pavements, traffic, environmental improvements, all work to support Dave's proposal and other bits of the area. We should keep a close eye on all of this

### Street Care

There is a lot of litter from pubs, - Andy at the Regent has been approached, he will try to tidy up, Paradise not so amenable, gets bad at weekends – bottles and fag ends. Each pub should clear up at the end of each night. Dave Rajan will chase them up.

### Trees on Bayford Road

Everyone wanted trees along the road, and signed a petition organised by one of the residents, and one was allowed one in front of the originators house!

This hugely embarrasses him, as this was not the point!

There was some discussion about Street trees. Jay suggested that trees are a can of worms worth a separate meeting if we want to have a useful discussion.

The planes on Harrow Road, which have been cut down, were salt damaged and dying.

### Planning Issue

#### Monumental Masons

Jay reported back on the campaign (see report presented for details) – essentially, we have failed to stop the demolition of the two Monumental Masons premises on the Harrow Road, but we should keep a close eye on any new planning issues, and we should ask the Council what their criteria are for 'local listing' ~Jay and Jude were thanked for having a go at saving these buildings.

### Speed Camera Update

Speed camera being installed! The Control box is in on corner of Harrow and Berens Road – it is a matter of weeks for it to become operational. Still wrestling with K and C to get other side too – being stonewalled by Councillor Moylan, who is slowly coming round, but results will be monitored from first camera.

### Communications

Will Waddington was to report on this, but was unable to attend.

### Web Site

Andy is working on the site – David Rajan is snowed under with twins – but things should progress

### Notice Boards and Communications

Notice boards could be paid for out of section 106 money. We are designing posters as one of the ways to get more members

It has been decided to use the Green Triangle symbol for posters and the equilateral triangle for correspondence. Dave Rajan thinks it mad to have two logos, but it was pointed out that the equilateral triangle is the logo, for letter headings and so forth, and the green triangle was for map/poster purposes.

How to get more members? A general leaflet drop has been ruled out. Phil suggested a limited drop in small areas – such as end of Wakeman Road for that campaign

Gail – happy to do a leaflet, but how many why not do street reps?

Some people thought that leaflet drops could be useful– a couple of times a year – things we have done, basic info, dates of meetings easy enough to do.

Dave we need the website – direct people to website for basic questions, we have not sorted out the communications yet; everything seems to be funnelled through Avril. Should we all swap details amongst our selves? This does not contravene Data Protection if we all agree to pass on our details to each other. Needs some sort of management team or structure so people can communicate with each other.

What is membership? There is no such thing as we have agreed to have no structure until the New Year

Gail will draft a prototype leaflet with basic information for the next meeting

#### Any other business

Fence at Gun factory – someone has crawled through it – so security is not that good! It has been graffiitti'd on occasion. Difficult to get in to see the management sometimes – we need to keep pressure up, and get them to keep the area clean

Cemetery Wall – nothing happening until at least next year, all trying to find out what can and cannot be done. Can we have a bus stop back? There is no stop going west between Ladbroke Grove and the one past Kensal Green Station as the one by the Cemetery wall is out of service.

Date of Next meeting – Poss. 29<sup>th</sup> October? Avril will arrange a suitable date.

Chair for next meeting Hannah Anderson. Jay will do minutes

Closed at 9pm.