

Kensal Triangle Residents Association

Minutes

3rd September 2007

Present: Jude Allen (Chair), PCSO Ollie Pearson-Wright, PCSO Chris Adams, Alan Neve, Rob Grover, Nydie Bent, Michael Adeyeye, Elsie Smith, John Smith, Hannah Anderson, Bernard Anderson, Amanda Riley, Mandy Kimpton, Hugh Byrne, Avril Mackintosh, Tom Wilkonson, Molly Wilkinson, Dave Hallbery, Andy Bradfield, Frank Duddley.

Minutes:

Accepted as a true record

Safer Neighbourhoods:

The Community Support Officer Ollie Pearson Wright reported that, since the last meeting, there had been

- 2 burglaries
- 1 robbery (after carnival)
- 4 cars broken into.

The CSO stressed that residents can do a lot to deter crime e.g.

- ensuring that all windows are locked when leaving home (or asleep)
- ensuring that no items are left in view in a vehicle. In addition to removing sat-nav units, it is important to remove the holder and to wipe the windscreen as the holder can leave marks that can be detected by a would be thief.

The Safer Neighbourhood Team will be conducting an Environmental Visual Audit (EVA) of the Triangle to log graffiti, litter, damaged planting, etc. They will then liaise with L B Brent to rectify the situation. Update to be provided at next meeting.

Proposed meeting with Queens Park Residents Assoc and College Rd Residents Assoc

Sgt. Pilkington had proposed that representatives from the three groups meet to identify any common issues. The meeting suggested that issues could include:

- Planning issues on the border of each area that would affect residents in the neighbouring area
- The need for safety camera's on the towpath by Sainsbury's
- Harrow Rd Traffic Crossings.
- Litter and lack of cycle parking at Kensal Green Station
- Parking congestion on the Harrow Rd at College Park shops.

Article on speed calming for Queens Park Labour Party newsletter

Avril outlined the article and noted that it would help to publicise the work of the Residents Association. The meeting agreed this was a good idea.

Monumental Masons/Grants: Bid for 'listed' status.

Jude reported that she had spoken to English Heritage, who have visited the site and met the Developers. Apparently the Officer has prepared a report on whether the building should be listed, but the report has to be signed off before it goes to Department of Culture, Museums and Science (DCMS). If the DCMS agrees to spot-listing then the process will take at least a further week. Under pressure from Jude the officer agreed we had a good case, but he flatly refused to indicate whether he thought we would be successful.

Member expressed concern that the internal timbers, that are a major feature of the Grants building, may have already been removed. No one in the meeting was able to confirm or deny this.

Members also discussed the wall-mounted memorial in the entrance of Farrells. Apparently this was the plaster model of the 6th Earl Poulett (the finished marble item is in St George's, Hinton St George, Somerset) Some discussion as to whether, in the event of demolition, this could be rescued and housed in the Cemetery. Noted that the Friends of the Cemetery manage the Dissenters Chapel and may be able to help.

Development of Land next to 864 Harrow Rd (i.e. next to the petrol station)

The meeting was told that members of the KGRA had recently attend the Planning Meeting. The general view was that the proposed building was an appropriate size and that the building and garden would be attractive. The main concern was that finish to the front of the building would not be in keeping with the neighbouring properties. Though the Planning Committee ignored the concerns, and agreed Permission with condition, the architect contacted KGRA members after the meeting and assured them that the building would be faced with brick up to the second floor, with timbering only on the top floor which would be set back.

Noted that, in line with Brent policy the residents will not be allowed to apply for parking permits, and that there is no parking on the site.

Development rear of 30 Chamberlain Rd (r/o shop on corner of Wakeman Rd)

A resident had queried this as he was concerned that he flat roof and pvc porch was out of keeping with the neighbourhood.

L B Brent Planners have agreed to visit. Apparently the original permission was given in 2002.

Harrow Rd Speed Cameras

Hurrah! Brent have agreed and the camera for the Brent side of the road should be fitted in 6 – 8 weeks.

Cllr Moylon, Deputy Leader, Royal Borough Kensington and Chelsea, in spite of agreeing to a camera 'in principle' at a meeting with Transport for London, still wants to delay the final decision for a camera on the RBKC side until he has seen the results of the Brent Camera. A letter urging a quicker decision has been sent to Cllr Moylon, copied to the Mayor of London, TfL, Police, London Assembly member, Brent Councillors.

A separate letter has also been sent to the Mayor, highlighting key issues and asking for his help (also copied to other parties)0

Communications

No report – to be carried over to next meeting.

Logo:

Three designs were passed round. After some discussion, a very close vote agreed that the third one was best.

Kensal Triangle Residents Association website www.kensaltriangle.co.uk

David Rajan is looking after this. At the moment there is a fault with the email link so that emails to info@kensaltriangle.co.uk are not getting through. Andy commented that this was probably not a serious technical fault and could be rectified quite easily.

Also noted that the website does not come up on a Google search.

The Chair suggested that David report back on what needed to be done to sort both issues out.

Queens Park Funday, Sunday 9th September

Meeting agreed that it was too late to have a stall this year. But that we should review options next year.

AOB

Ward Councillors – Concern noted that they were no active in the area. Noted that Cllr Jean Tullet had been supportive re speeding and attended 1 meeting giving feed back to the Association but others had not attended. They will be invited to KGRA meetings.

Pubs – concern that there was often broken glass and litter on the streets outside Regents, in Regent Street, after closing. Alan Neve agreed to speak to the publican who had previously been supportive of KGRA.

Next Meeting 7.30pm, 1st October 2007 Chair: Hugh Byrne

