

Minutes of KTRA Meeting Tuesday May 5th 2009

Chair: Avril Mackintosh

Minutes: Gail Gibson

Guest speakers: none

Apologies: Will Waddington, Andy Bradfield, Dave Hallbury, Molly Wilkinson, Joseph Jones, Rob Grover, Martin Ward.

Minutes from last meeting approved.

1: Policing (PCSO Chris Adams)

Safer Neighbourhood Team (SNT) report:

- Crime levels - 2 burglaries reported - Harrow Rd (March) and Berens Rd (April) – no details on these or any other crimes as Sergeant Pilkington away – details next meeting.
- Burglaries - call Safer Neighbourhood Team's mobile number or dial 999 if you believe a crime is in the process of being committed (not after the event).
- Paddington Housing Scheme flats on Harrow Rd (parking area at rear is being used for petty crime) – Cllr Simon Green says discussions are in progress with them to secure this area.
- The centralisation of crime calls, to a 'central police station' in Wembley was queried (making response time longer?) Simon Green thinks it's a rumour and SNT can't confirm.

2: KTRA Membership & Organisation

- Queen's Park Day – request to get together a 2009 committee - KTRA members to please express their interest in joining.
- KTRA Noticeboards are finally installed – will get them filled asap.
- Summer Street Party – Bayford Rd residents were leafleted a second time and no objections raised by deadline of 1 May, so party given go ahead. Ruth Ward asked for more to join the party planning committee or to offer any help/ideas.
- Cllr Simon Green to check if we can use 'Neighbourhood Working' money to help fund the party – meanwhile Ruth/Jude to give a rough idea of money needed for this request. Local sponsorship welcome to help fund party as long as no conflict with Queen's Park day sponsorship.
- Summer Street Party date agreed on Sun 27 September (2 weeks after Queen's Park day).

3: Carnival

- Cllr Simon Green said SNT aware of local problems that arose during Carnival 2008 and he will request a meeting with Sgt Mick Pilkington and Ian Vincent (Chief Inspector, Brent SNT), to discuss trouble hotspots and issues.
- Portable toilets have already been arranged.

4: Planning & Development

- Conservation Area signs – Cllr Emily Tancred says there are general cutbacks on 'street furniture' so Brent Council not keen on conservation signs (Both Environment & Planning suggest a small round metal badge to go on 1 or 2 lamp posts instead). General consensus at meeting prefers that the wording 'conservation area' should go on street name signs as more impactful than lamp post badges. Our conservation area is along Harrow Road only, so not many signs needed. If a logo for the signs (or badges) is needed, the Cemetery Arch was suggested.
- Car Wash Development on Wellington Rd – have gone back to planning; amendments requested for bigger development.
- Harrow Road development (ex Monumental Masons site) gone bust - all scaffolding has been removed – Cllr Simon Green to ask Brent Council to force owners to keep site secure and tidy as it is showing signs of neglect.

5: Highways & Byways

- Wakeman Rd and Pember Rd rejuvenation – works completed and looking good.
- Wakeman Rd and Harrow Rd junction is nearing it's revamp. Pavement has been widened and a pedestrian island has been installed. Thanks to Dave Halbury for all his hard work driving this.
- Harrow Rd and Ladbroke Grove junction – Cllr Emily Tancred says 3 deaths needed before any action taken to provide a pedestrian crossing. TFL has to be persuaded the crossing is dangerous. Jay is still on the case.

6: Streetcare & Cleaning

- Hole at end of Wakeman Rd is getting deeper – Cllr Will Motley suggested it best to complain about a group of pot holes in the area to get better repair response – holes also developing in Rainham Rd – please let us know of others.
- Green recycling bins – difficult to get hold of. Brent Council not keen on multi-dwelling properties (such as flats), having several bins outside. With flats they also believe bin contamination can be an issue (grey and green getting mixed up).

7: Utilities

- No issues raised.

8: AOB

- Cemetery wall – no progress on rebuilding. Cemetery reportedly applying for a grant for internal restoration works – the wall could be a lesser priority.

Next meeting: Monday 1 June 2009

Chair: Dave Halbury

Minutes: Ruth Ward