

## Kensal Triangle Residents Association

### Minutes Monday 6<sup>th</sup> April 2009.

Present: see attendance list

Chair: Jay

1. Minutes of Previous meeting: Cllr Simon Green & Cllr Emily Tancred requested that their apologies be noted for the previous meeting.
2. **Proposed Street Party:** Ruth told the meeting that:
  - The plan was to organize the party in Bayford Road, as this would cause the least disruption to traffic.
  - Residents in Bayford and neighbouring streets had been consulted by leaflet. The few replies were very favourable.
  - Currently planning for late September
  - Denis Lewis (Brent Streetcare) has indicated that there would be no difficulty in arranging temporary street closure and cleaning.
  - It was suggested that KTRA apply to Neighbourhood Working for funding
  - Ideas for activities for the afternoon:
    - Stalls, games, live music, talent contest, etc

Concern expressed that the organisers of the proposed Crediton Rd street party (last year?) had been told that it would cost £2,000 for the road closure

Update to be put on the KTRA website as plans develop.

3. **Queens Park Day 2009: 13<sup>th</sup> September:** Noted that last year the day raised £470 for KTRA funds and generated c. 20 extra members. Agreed to support the event again this year. RG to provide awning if possible.

- 4, **Safer Neighbourhoods Report:** Sgt Mike Pilkington reported that:
- The team now had 3 PCs and were due to have a new recruit from Hendon
  - There was a vacancy on the Ward Panel for an additional rep from Kensal Green. The Panel meets in the evening, for two hours, every three months and its function is to indicate priorities for policing in the area.
  - The team are due to get training on Speed Lasers, they will then be able to borrow laser equipment and conduct speed trap exercises.
  - The team had also received 138 'Smart Water' kits, and would be distributing these where they thought they would do the most good.

#### **Crime Report:**

- 5 burglaries in March – windows or doors forced – in Pember, Wakeman, Berens, Harrow Rds.
- 3 vehicle crimes
- Assault in the Paradise pub
- Robbery on Wakeman Rd – women robbed of jewelry – Mike commented that this was most unusual in the area.

There was a brief discussion about criminal activity in the yard r/o PCHA flats on the corner of Wellington Rd. Cllr Green volunteered that Cllr Mike Cummings was a LB Brent representative on the PCHA Board. Mike was asked if this was a typical level of crime in the triangle. He commented that there had been a recent surge of crime along, what he termed, the A5 corridor. Across the ward crime levels were fairly constant, but this month they were concentrated in the Triangle. Often there were no crimes in this area.

#### 5. **Carnival 2009:**

- Cllr Green informed the meeting that L B Brent would provide portaloos as last year (Berens Rd and Wakeman Rd)
- Noted that Harrow Rd and side streets were pressure-washed immediately after last year's Carnival – hope expressed that this would be repeated this year.
- Noted that Parking restrictions apply on the bank holiday Monday, but are not enforced.
- Noted that unlicensed stalls in gardens are legal, but that street-traders need licences

#### 6. **Planning and Development:**

- **842 Harrow Rd:** after some months of inaction, work seems to be progressing on this property. Noted that this is Grade II listed.
- English Heritage had confirmed it was not eligible for entry on to the 'building at risk' register.
- **Flats under construction by Harrow Rd bus stop** (on site of Monumental Masons)– concern at cessation of activity. Assumed that the developer had become bankrupt. Cllr Green to enquire through the Council to see if it was possible to identify the current owner.
- Concern expressed at lack of lighting in the tunnel created by the scaffolding over the pavement.

#### 7. **Highways and Byways:**

- **Ladbroke Grove Lights: Request for Pedestrian Phase:** No recent developments. Noted that the City of Westminster is responsible for the junction, but TfL have to agree any changes as it is a red route. Cllr Dimoldenberg (CoW Queens park Ward) has been lobbying in support.
- **Pember Rd/Kilburn Lane & Wakeman Rd/Chamberlayne Rd junctions repaving:** Noted that the work was underway. The new KTRA notice board would be installed at Pember Rd once the repaving was complete

#### 8. **Street Care and Cleaning:**

- Noted that Brent was instituting a 'Green Zone, but no one had details of what this meant. Cllr Tancred volunteered to find out and report back.

#### 9. **Utilities and Waste Collection:**

- Noted that only some streets have brown recycling bins. Cllr Green mentioned that residents could request recycling bags. Jay proposed to leaflet her rd to see what interested there was in lobbying for bins.

Some discussion as to whether we should leaflet the whole triangle but agreed to try one street.

**10. KTRA Membership and Organisation:**

- Noted that over 100 households are on the mailing list.

**11. AOB**

- **Conservation Area Signs:** Cllr Tancred thought that signs had been agreed for Harrow Road. She offered to make enquiries and would report back.
- **Next Meeting: TUESDAY 5<sup>TH</sup> MAY** (not Monday due to Bank Holiday) – if Ok with William IV. Chair Dave Hallbury. Minutes: Gail Gibson.