

Kensal Triangle Residents Association

6th July 2010: Minutes

1. **Present:** Hannah Anderson (Chair), Rob Grover (Minutes)

2. Apologies: Phil Davenport, Martin, Cllr James Denselow

3. **Minutes:** Accepted as a true record

4. Safer Neighbourhoods:

- The Community Support Officer reported that there had been
 - 3 burglaries in the Triangle, but there had been a general decline in incidents across the ward
 - An apparently pregnant young lady had talked her way into a house on Wakemen Rd, claiming to be a new neighbour who had lost her keys. While the house owner went to get her a glass of water she stole a purse from a handbag
 - Further thefts at the Paradise
- KTRA representatives had been invitee to a meeting on the 22nd July to hear the policing arrangements for the Carnival .
- Buller Rd/Kilburn Lane junction CCTV: residents had proposed that a camera be set up to cover this junction as it was a focus for crime. Cllr Paul Dimoldenberg was keen to support this. To be referred to QP councillors with a view to putting it forward as a joint Brent and Westminster project.

5, Congestion Charge – Western Extension Zone

- .The Mayor had proposed to abolish the extension and was now conducting a consultation to decide whether to go ahead. Consultation closes 2nd August. Proposed date for removal 24th December.
- A booklet on the consultation can be found on the TfL website
- Most members the meeting thought the zone should go.
- Agreed that KTRA would encourage individual members to respond individually.

6.1. High Speed 2

- Our MP Glenda Jackson had asked two parliamentary questions of the Minister of Transport and the answers were read out but all they said was that the consultation was on-going.
- Some views that we should oppose the route all together, but most concern about the proposed large access shaft next to Buller Rd.
- Noted that the Dept for Transport had previously said there would be a consultation on the route in the autumn (now indicated for early 2011) and that would be the time to protest about the shaft.
- Agreed that Peter would draft a letter on technical issues to go to the DfT official

6.2. Ladbroke Grove/Harrow Rd Traffic Lights – need for pedestrian phase.

- Jay and Avril reported on a site visit with Martin Lowe the Head of Transportation for the City of Westminster. – Martin has been previously supportive but after his visit, commented that he had seen a lot worse.
- Suggested we try and get Navin Shah (London Assembly Member for NW London) involved again as the TfL regard Harrow Rd as a strategic route.

Planning

- **PO Collection Office** – no news
- **Iman's Café Roof Terrace** – Cllrs Green and Adeyeye had been in touch with Planning who had agreed to issue an enforcement notice within 2 weeks. Major concern that this could be a focus for problems during the Carnival.

Street Care and Cleansing

- **Carnival**
 - Concern at level of illegal street trading
 - Agreed to ask that all roads in the Triangle be closed off to visiting cars to avoid road rage incidents arising from traffic and parking problems.
 - Also Buller Rd to be closed off to reduce fouling of pavements and gardens.
 - John Rymer (Brent Street Care Team Leader) had confirmed there would be steam cleaning after the carnival as in the last 2 years.

- **Harrow Rd Student Hostel**
 - After lobbying, K&C issued an enforcement notice and the sacks of rubble have been cleared. Congratulations to Hugh

KTRA Membership Issues

- QP Day is 12th September – agreed to have a stall and raffle
- KTRA Street party – 19th September in Bayford Rd
 - Agreed that it would be important to have the Safer Neighbourhoods team in attendance
 - Proposed that we should invite our new MP
 - Agreed to produce a flyer noting some of our achievements and inviting residents to the party. Est £250 for printing.
- KTRA Website – articles invited

Utilities

- Extraordinarily smelly drain outside 35 Pember Rd. Agreed that the householder should write to Thames Water quoting the support of KTRA

AOB:

1. Noted that our new MP was holding monthly surgeries at St Mark's Church in Mortimer Rd
2. Noted that the green outside Kensal Green Station needed reseeding/relaying. Apparently this was meant to be done by the contractors who have now left the site.
3. Residents Parking Permits. Concern expressed that it appeared that reminders were no longer being issued automatically.
4. Railway Bridges Decorative Panels: Harry True (Chair Kensal Rise Business Assoc) reported that APARATA and QPRA were in favour in principle, but he had not spoken to the new Cllrs yet.
5. Kilburn Lane Bus Shelter; Harry also asked for KTRA support for his concerns re the positioning and structure of the new bus shelter on Kilburn Lane. The new shelter was a few yards from where the old one was, but this section of pavement is very narrow and the advertising hoardings on the shelter were blocking the view of the shop premises. It was suggested he speak to the Cllrs.

Next Meeting 7.30pm, 2nd August 2010

Chair: Jude Allen, Minutes: Ruth Ward