

## KTRA

Monday 6<sup>th</sup> September 2010

1. **Chair:** Rob Grover, **Minutes:** Jessica Trace
2. **Appologies:** James Denselow, Michael Adeyeye, Simon Green
3. **Minutes** – No Comments

### **4.0 Safer Neighbourhoods** - Helen Handler, Brent Police.

No serious crime reported. Vehicle crime in August is only area of increase. Carnival perhaps added to things. Patrolling as a result. Please report any crimes or suspicious behaviour. Russell Smith pointed out that the Ward panel meeting scheduled for Thursday has been moved to later in the month.

Carnival was quieter than previous years with no serious crimes reported.

KTRA showed appreciation to Helen Handler for attending meeting on day off duty.

### **4.1, Resident Complaint**

A Berens Road resident has reported that he/she is fed up with crime in the area. Helen explained that priorities do change reflecting crimes taking place on an on-going situation, sometimes victims of crime believe more crimes are taking place purely due to their own experience. The figures for the area show that crime is below the ward average and is improving in most categories. She suggested the resident should attend Ward Consultation Meeting. Vehicle crime in Kensal Triangle has reduced, so priority has been moved to another area of the Borough for the time being. This will be reviewed at the end of September at the Ward consultancy meeting. In the meantime, with two area constables now available visible presence is higher than before and the local police force will continue to battle crime in the area.

Westminster CCTV and closing off the pedestrian pass on Buller Road is ongoing. Expect an update from Michael Adeyeye at the next meeting.

### **5.0 Environment**

#### **5.1 Fortnightly Rubbish Collections**

Brent are planning changes to the collection of household rubbish due to come into play in July 2011. At this time there are conflicting reports in the press that collections will alternate each week between recyclable rubbish and landfill rubbish but there are also reports that food rubbish will be collected once a week with recyclable rubbish every two. Not clear if this is a money-saving venture or a move towards reducing amount of rubbish going into landfill.

Many of those present expressed dismay at these plans, saying they do not want variety of bins in frontage, many properties within the triangle do not have large enough space at front of property for any more containers, that having rotting food sitting for 2 weeks is unacceptable and that there is already a problem with rats and foxes in the area and these new plans will only make that situation worse.

On a more positive note, certain members expressed delight that tetra packs, cardboard, and drinks cartons will now be recyclable.

When asked for a show of hands as to whether these plans were positive or negative there was an overwhelming vote against. 2 votes expressed a positive reaction to the environmental impact however these 2 people remained concerned with other issues pertaining to the new rubbish removal plans.

A consultation will be taking place in the October issue of Brent Magazine and Jude suggested that KTRA should request an extension to the consultation period which is due to close on October 20<sup>th</sup> 2010. Jessica Trace will compose a letter on behalf of KTRA to be sent to Michael Read at Brent Council. KTRA will raise awareness within the triangle by putting posters on notice boards. Residents can put posters in windows. Posters at QP Day and Street Party.

## **5.2 Carnival Clean Up.**

Steam cleaning promised. Brent replied to email, but a poor response. Steam cleaning hasn't happened. The pavements on Harrow Road are filthy. Individual emails suggested if no action taken by mid-September.

## **6.0 Highways and Byways**

### **6.1 HS2**

No further update. Consultation on route in autumn. New resident concerned by the tunnelling and resultant damage to property. Jude summarised the report from Peter Watmough and Avril will pass on all information KTRA has managed to gather on the subject. A house on Berens Road sold recently without a problem (survey). Further updates to come.

### **6.2 Ladbroke Grove Crossing**

Talking to Glenda Jackson. Will try to get a meeting with all three boroughs, but a lengthy business. Email from Paul Dimoldenburgh. 4x4 crashed into gym. Debate as to whether KTRA should agree to widening the central island but decided not to until we have tried to get pedestrian phasing introduced as the widening of the island may bring negotiations to a halt.

### **6.3 KG Station**

Regarding the "green" space outside the station: Received an email, via Brent, but it did not really answer questions. This is a Network Rail issue. Also need departure Boards inside station. Need a contact at Network Rail. This is an on-going situation. Suggestion from the floor that the Community Payback scheme could be used. KTRA (Avril) to contact the manager at the station and make this suggestion. A friendly approach will probably work best in the first instance.

## **7.0 Events**

### **7.1 Queens Park Day**

Volunteer raffle ticket sellers required. Stand D30, 12-5pm, Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> September.

Prizes – Meal at William IV, Paradise, Regent, The Dinar and Bazar Maro. Tour of Kensal Green Cemetery. Photo Printing. Voucher for Rise, and many more

### **7.2 Street Party.**

Lots of prizes have been supplied including: Box Organic Wine, Beauty Salon 25% off. Booze Sport, Bazar Maro, Boys Café, Lexi, Scarlet + Violet, Funky Colour, The Diner and many more

Posters are up on all roads within the triangle but not on the Harrow Road to avoid non-triangle residents turning up.

Harry True has kindly sponsored the event and any further True Associates Boards put up will raise £7.50 each for KTRA.

Gail Art Gallery, Terry Cakes, Martin Orange Man, Dave + Noreen, cheap toys stall. Jay fun Games – Bash the Rat, Human fruit machine, History area, face painting, Riverford Organic, Amanda Riley Fashion Factory, Pravia + Gregory will provide a Caribbean food stall, Lexi – to have popcorn stall possibly. Bowls of food from everyone. Warwick A's Music. Weather could be an issue, Plan B could be William IV, need to speak to manager.

**8.0 Utilities** – Nothing to report

**9.0 Notice Board** – Nothing to report

**10.0 AOB**

**10.1 Carnival**

Resident reported that on Bank Holiday Monday his gate was closed on his property on Rainham Road, however the garden was used as a toilet. The resident reported that he spent 6 hours clearing rubbish and cleaning the area. KTRA residents request that the area has to be cleaned to the same standard as properties in Kensington and Chelsea. Complaints that Brent do not protect/support residents in the Triangle to the standard of those on Ladbrooke Grove were heard.

**10.2 Car Removals**

The aforementioned resident almost had his/his relative's car removed whilst unloading it on Bank Holiday Monday. Parking – Brent should provide better notices warning that fines will be incurred on Bank Holiday Monday.

**10.3 Four Bridges Project**

3 councillors agree in principal + various Assoc are supporting. KTRA to put forward 2 x participants to agree design aspects and logistics.

**Next meeting**

October 4<sup>th</sup>

Chair: Jay Venn

Minutes: Gail