

Royal Borough of Kensington & Chelsea SAFER NEIGHBOURHOOD BOARD

**Minutes of the board meeting held Monday 13 May 2019,
6.00pm to 8.00pm
CR2, Kensington Town Hall, Hornton Street, W8 7NX**

**Chaired by: Kim Howell (KH)
Minutes taken by: Sylvia Nissim (SN)**

1	Welcome, apologies and introductions	ACTION
	Kim Howell (KH) welcomed the board members to the meeting and asked for declaration of interest. No interest was declared.	
2	Minutes of the last meeting, AGM 9 March 2019 and actions pending	
	<p>The minutes were reviewed for accuracy and approved. The following actions were discussed.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Rob Jones to look into issue with contacting DWO's. <p>Helen Harper (HH) confirmed that the DWO have mobile phones and are allowed to share their details with board members. The council's list with landline numbers is accessible but it can take officers up to 24 hours to respond, since the system is set with answering machines. HH is in the process of collecting the detailed information and will share it with the board members.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Stuart Priestley to share link to the Council's response to the Community Safety review (click on link and find A7 in the list). 	HH to share DWO's numbers
3	Presentation from Kids on the Green – Zoe LeVack (ZLV)	
	<p>Kids on the green is a Creative Arts community organisation, set up in the aftermath of the Grenfell Tower tragedy, supporting families, children and young people using Music, Arts and performance, alongside a range of alternative and holistic therapies and activities. They were funded through the SNB grants programme last year and applied for further funding this year. ZLV presented a short video of their theatre workshop and gave some information about the project.</p> <p>The workshop dealt with issues such as Peer pressure, stereotypes, youth violence and knife crime. The young people (YP) participating in the 12 sessions decided not to use a script and produced the play themselves with support from a local director Angel Issacs. 9-14 YP attended each workshop ranging from 12 to 15 years old.</p> <p>Q&A/ Discussion Session:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A board member asked how the workshops were advertised and the YP recruited. ZLV said they already had a good cohort from the immediate aftermath of the fire who came regularly to KOTG's activities and that they advertised on social media and received referral from other youth providers. • Given the rising concerns with violence against women and girls, the application for this year's funding focused on this issue and a bigger piece of work was planned with girls in mind. • The Chair asked if the issues that KOTG faced in the past with finding a venue were resolved. ZLV responded that the borough provided KOTG with a venue in Latimer road and that they were building a music studio with donated time and material there that they were planning on using more. 	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Another board member raised the concern around prevention for Youth violence and how to teach YP how to know when to walk away. ZLV confirmed that most YP in her workshop know someone who had a knife or who had been hurt by one. The workshops help them reflect on this and not get caught up in the hype. They also discuss the very real consequences of knife crime. • The vice chair asked if the board members could visit. ZLV said they would be happy to welcome visitors and that the drama club met on Wednesdays. • SP reported that the activities delivered by the drama club - especially the signposting to youth services - are really important. Whole families were impacted not just the YP up to 16-17yo attending. ZLV confirmed KOTG receives referral from local community groups such as Dalgarno Community Trust. KOTG once properly situated will also receive referrals from the statutory service. They provide a holistic approach to a small group of YP and provide mental health support and alternative healing including Reiki and kinesiotherapy. • HH said she would be happy for the police youth engagement officer to meet with KOTG. ZLV said that some of the YP in her workshop were also cadets. • Another board member asked about the review of youth service and whether KOTG had been invited. SP said the consultation only just started with a first meeting on the 11th of June and he would share details with KOTG. 	
4	Basic Command Unit (BCU) report and local crime report – Helen Harper, MET Police	
	<p>See here the Basic Command Unit (BCU) report and local crime report presentation</p> <p>HH reported that the recruitment was almost done and that once the local BCU was at full capacity delivery would pick up. They have taken 1800 officers through a massive change. They have also recruited 4 analysts who will join the team and help make better sense of all the figures collected so this type of presentation on crime statistics should be improved.</p> <p>See all crime figures in the presentation.</p> <p>Q&A/ Discussion Session:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A board member asked if it would be possible to share the figures before the meeting so board members could review and ask questions. HH said that the figures should be available 2-3 weeks before each meeting. • SP encourages other board members to have a look at the Met crime data dashboard where anybody can get real time figures and search for statistics by borough. • Cllr Hargreaves stated that there was always a degree of perception regarding crime figures so that it's good to communicate the real picture. Since the board is meant to hold the police to account, this information should be circulated in advance. • Another board member said it was interesting to see moped enabled crime across categories. It's a good news story this year but last years' figures were horrendous. • Another board member asked if they had seen an increase in intervention by youth community groups. Simon Brooker (SB) responded that he had seen some personally in Hammersmith and Fulham and that he thought everybody had a part to play in preventing youth violence, cadets, youth engagement officer, plain close officers in school and after school. In K&C the Harrow Club extended their hours to 2am to offer a place to go to those YP who wanted a community activity and that has been very successful and it's very well attended. 	HH to send crime report 2 weeks before next SNB
5	MOPAC funding update and SNB Chair report – Kim Howell (KH), Chair	
	The chair presented on the grants programme that the SNB manages.	

	<p>Last year the SNB received 27,760 to allocate to local projects. The Chair gathers the application selected by a shortlisting committee and sends them to MOPAC for approval.</p> <p>This year MOPAC warned the SNB that there was going to be less funds, it's still unclear how much or when we will know.</p> <p>For 2019/20, the SNB received nine applications from local charities and entities. The subcommittee scored and assessed them and the top five were selected and sent to MOPAC. Additionally, an amount was asked for the running of the SNB AGM (Neighbourhood Watch crime summit in March).</p>	
6	Written updates from Executive board members	
	<p>See here the link to the written updates from:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Neighbourhood Watch Caryl Harris • Stop and Search Community Monitoring Group Lucy Smith-Ryland • Independent Custody Visiting Panel Vassiliki Stavrou • Community Safety Programme Board Stuart Priestley 	
7	Future dates:	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Monday 22 July 2019, 6pm to 8pm Public meeting at the Dalgarno Trust Hall • Monday 28 October 2019, Board meeting • Monday 20 January 2020, Public meeting • Saturday 28 March 2020, AGM 	
8	AOB	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • SP reported on a new development regarding CCTV. The borough decided to update the current park and to spend some funds on acquiring new CCTVs. Out of the £536,000, £400,000 will be allocated to buy new CCTVs. There will be a careful review of the best use of space and type of camera before there is any spending. There will be a CCTV stakeholder event to hear any concerns and priorities from residents and Councillors. Additionally, a CCTV advisory board will be set up and this entity would sit under the SNB and be chaired by KH. The CCTV review does not yet include traffic cameras but might in the future. • Cllr Hargreaves commented that this would be an opportunity to review what type of camera to get, demountable or fixed, and look at resident's association setting them out as well. It needs strategic approach before acting. £400,000 will not be spent this year but it's a longer-term project. • The Neighbourhood Watch coordinator will share this information at her AGM. • A board member stated that there were sometimes other solutions such as lighting or higher fences that would solve problems better than CCTV. SP agreed and said CCTV would not solve all issues, but can be one of a number of solutions at the disposal of residents and the Council's Community Safety Team. The advisory group will have to consider all options. There are also issues around the monitoring of the cameras, as it is very resource intensive. Many cameras do not meet legal installation requirements and as such the resultant videos cannot be used as evidence in court. 	