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# KATESGROVE NEIGHBOURHOOD ACTION GROUP

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*Date & time of meeting:* 8<sup>th</sup> January 2009, 7pm.

*Location:* New Christ Church Primary School, Milman Road, Reading, RG2 0AY

*Chair:* Kath Langdale (KLA).

*Present:* David Boobier (DBO), Uda Chalk (UCH), Peter Kennedy (PKE), Mary McManus (MMC), PS Pete Moody (SPM), James Schlackman (JSC), Carol Shepherd (CSH), Maria Soulsby (MSO), Cllr. Warren Swaine (WSW).

*Apologies:* Insp. Kevin Sinfield (IKS)

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## MINUTES

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### 1. REVIEW AND APPROVE MINUTES OF LAST MEETING

The minutes from the October meeting agreed.

### 2. MATTERS ARISING

SPM reported that all planned tri-signs have been put up, and that they are waiting for more stock to come in.

SPM : Crime stats circulated for the Sep-Nov period:

- Overall recorded crime is **down 22.3%** compared with the same period in 2007.
- Most categories of crime are down, except for Criminal Damage and Anti-Social Behaviour, which saw rises of 27.3% and 17.2% respectively.
- Incidences of all types of burglary and theft have at least halved.

DBO noted an expected upturn on vandalism figures next month due to large one-day spate of vandalism by group of children

*Operational details were discussed by SPM\**

KLA requested car crime figures from TVP over the Christmas period.

KLA reported that the Vehicle Visual Audit took place on 13<sup>th</sup> December and expressed thanks to those who took part. 56 vehicles were identified as at-risk, and PCSO Rod Homles has forwarded details of each vehicle to John McNicholas at TVP Crime Reduction for action.

KLA announced that MDW has resigned from the post of Vice Chair. A NAG AGM will be held in March, but post is open immediately.

WSW suggested opening the AGM to the community. KLA prefers to have the AGM for past attendees only, but to hold an 'outreach' meeting in the near future.

JSC, KLA, IKS, and SPM to meet before next meeting to discuss NAG progress over the past year.

SPM reported that a new PCSO (Kaley Baker) is in training to replace Katie Gillan, who left the post last month.

### ATTENDANCE

KLA expressed disappointment at lack of attendance to the NAG by RBC representatives.

CSH reported that RBC consider the wardens to be the required RBC representatives, and explained that that James Sankar would normally also attend but is off ill.

KLA asked WSW to investigate why RBC appear to not be fulfilling their commitment to the NAG.

CSH noted that housing association representatives have also not been attending. KLA suggested RBC should send reports from housing associations.

WSW reported that representatives from the University of Reading have committed to attend in future. WSW to supply contact details so that KLA can send formal invitations.

CSH is concerned that NAG area is so spread out and diverse that a co-ordinated approach for the whole area is difficult, and that quite few residents are attending.

JSC asked if drafted flyer had gone out. KLA reported it had not yet.

JSC to find details of the Kennet Island management company to pass to KLA so that they can be invited to the NAG.

KLA suggested finding specific area problems, and reported that during previous 'door-knocking' exercises, some people had been burgled but were still not interested in attending.

### ASB

*Operational details were discussed by SPM\**

KLA mentioned that noise complaints can be forwarded onto ASBAG by the NAG if they are passed to us by residents.

### PUBLICITY

KLA reported that fire service vehicle will be in Morrisons in the near future and offered to distribute crime reduction leaflets at the same time.

DBO suggested that members from the NAG could also attend. KLA to investigate whether this is an option; may need to clear with Morrisons management.

DBO reported that he asked whether NAG chairs should be invited to Safer Reading Forum (SRF) meetings, and that this was taken under consideration.

KLA reported that the NAG noticeboard is up, ready to have notices put in it, and called for suggestions?

- Flyer
- NAG & EVA dates
- Web address
- Community police details

Three copies of each of these are to be supplied to DBO for distribution.

MSO is conscious of fact that newsletter did not get produced.

Possible funders for future publications:

- Reading Gate
- Brunel Retail Park

It was noted by TVP that there is little interest in BusinessWatch in these areas, though this is to be revisited.

MSO suggests inviting to NAG, with option of 'donating'. MSO to draft a letter to his end.

KLA suggested supplying sat-nav security leaflets to give to Halfords to give out with sales. SPM to task crime prevention team to supply these and make the request.

WSW discussed website content.

- JSC will post minutes.
- SPM to check with IKS on whether EVA details need sanitising before posting.

JSC will also distribute an updated contact sheet.

### 3. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

New Christ Church School, 7pm, Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> February.

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### ACTIONS FOR NEXT MEETING

1. WSW to investigate why RBC appear to not be fulfilling their commitment to the NAG.
2. WSW to supply contact details for University of Reading representatives so that KLA can send formal invitations.
3. JSC to find details of the Kennet Island management company to pass to KLA so that they can be invited to the NAG.
4. KLA to investigate whether NAG attendance at RBFRS leafleting event is an option.
5. MSO to draft letter inviting businesses to NAG.
6. TVP to supply sat-nav crime reduction leaflets to Halfords and request distribution.
7. JSC to post minutes on website.
8. SPM to check with IKS on whether EVA details need sanitising before posting to website.

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### NOTES

*\* Details of some items discussed by Thames Valley Police cannot be publically minuted so as not to compromise police operations.*