

The Kensington and Chelsea Partnership

Minutes of the meeting of the Partnership Steering Group
held at 6.00 p.m. on Thursday 23rd May 2002
at The Town Hall, Hornton Street, London W8

PRESENT

Members of the Steering Group

Councillor Merrick Cockell (Chairman) - Leader of the Council (RBK&C)
Ms. Zrinka Bralo - Representative for Education & Employment (VOF)
Councillor Nicholas Paget-Brown - Cabinet Member for Regeneration,
Community Safety & External Relations (RBK&C)
Councillor Timothy Coleridge - Cabinet Member for Housing (RBK&C)
Ms. Similola Towry-Coker - substituting for Ms. Kate Aldous, Director of
Kensington & Chelsea Social Council
Councillor Keith Cunningham - Leader of the Minority Party (RBK&C)
Ms. Pat Deacon - Kensington & Chelsea Residents Association
Ms. Celia Rees-Jenkins - The Kensington and Chelsea Societies
Ms. Menghi Mulchandani - Action for Disability Kensington & Chelsea
Mr. Dez O' Neill - Representative for Children and Young People (VOF)
Mr. Malcolm Spalding - Kensington & Chelsea Chamber of Commerce
Ms. Karin Woodley - Representative for Arts and Culture (VOF)

Others in attendance

Mr. Derek Myers - Town Clerk & Chief Executive (RBK&C)
Mr. Mark Elsworth - Audit Commission
Miss. Shirley Fryer - Policy & Partnerships (RBK&C)
Mr. Ali Khan - Governance Services (RBK&C)
Mr. Paul Morse - Assistant Chief Executive
Mr. Tony Redpath - Director of Strategy and Performance Improvement
(RBK&C)
Mr. Colin Richardson - Head of Economic Development & Strategic
Partnerships (RBK&C)
Ms. Liz Walton - Government Office for London

A G E N D A

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were received from Rev. John E. Davis (Forum of Faiths),
Mr. Paul Haigh (Chief Executive, K&C Primary Care Trust), Mr. Don McBean
(Learning Skills Council), Ch. Supt. Moir Stewart (Kensington & Chelsea
Police) and Ms. Kate Aldous (Kensington & Chelsea Social Council).

2. MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 20TH MARCH 2002

The Minutes of the meeting held on 20th March 2002 were confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

3. STEERING GROUP MEMBERSHIP

Chairman Councillor Cockell welcomed to their first Steering Group meeting Councillor Keith Cunningham, Mr. Malcolm Spalding, Ms. Menghi Mulchandani and Ms. Pat Deacon. He indicated also that any Age Concern or 60 Plus representative should be accommodated within the existing voluntary sector representation.

Subject to the above, the Group noted its current membership, as follows (* indicates the members that are local residents):

The Business Sector

Business Representative (1 seat)	Mr Malcolm Spalding, Vice-Chairman, Kensington and Chelsea Chamber of Commerce*
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The Public Sector

A Strategic Training Provider (1 seat)	Mr Don McBean, Team Leader for Strategic Partnerships, the Learning and Skills Council
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The Council (4 seats)	Councillor Merrick Cockell (Chairman), Leader of the Council* Councillor Nicholas Paget-Brown, Cabinet Member for Regeneration, Community Safety and External Relations* Councillor Timothy Coleridge, Cabinet Member for Housing* Councillor Keith Cunningham, Leader of the Minority Party*
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The Local Health Service (1 seat)	Mr. Paul Haigh, Chief Executive of the Kensington and Chelsea Primary Care Trust
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The Police (1 seat)	Ch. Supt. Moir Stewart, Borough Commander
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The Voluntary and Community Sector

Local Residents (2 seats)	Ms Celia Rees-Jenkins, the Kensington and Chelsea Societies* Ms Pat Deacon, the Kensington and Chelsea Residents' Association*
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Local Faith Groups (1 seat)	The Reverend John E Davis, the Forum of Faiths
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The Social Council (1 seat)	Ms Kate Aldous, Director of Kensington and Chelsea Social Council
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The Voluntary
Organisations Forum
(VOF)
(4 seats)

Mr Dez O'Neil, VOF representative for Children and
Young People *
Ms Zrinka Bralo, VOF representative for Education
and Employment
Ms Karin Woodley, VOF representative for Arts and
Culture
Ms Menghi Mulchandani*

4. THE 2002 BOROUGH CONFERENCE

The Group discussed the various options and the following points were made:

- (i) that as quite significant numbers of residents worked at the weekend, any additional events planned for the weekday evenings should take into account to allow maximum public participation, especially from 'hard to engage' groups;
- (ii) that the Primary Care Trust had written welcoming the proposals and expressing willingness to provide some stalls with general health material and information on local health services;
- (iii) that all events should include an appropriate question and answer session, in order to allow participants to ask questions from the key decision makers and officers;
- (iv) that the possibilities for private sector sponsorship or financial contributions from the partners be further explored, including the use of Community Empowerment Fund (CEF) and/or Neighbourhood Renewal Fund (NRF) monies; and
- (v) that the feasibility of using multimedia, including the possibility of professional broadcast from the website, be further explored in order to make the event more attractive and interactive for the younger audience; and that Ms. Zrinka Bralo and Ms. Similola Towry-Coker, in conjunction with Royal Borough's Research and Consultation Manager, Mr. Mark Beauchamp, be invited to explore this further.

It was agreed that these and any other suggestions received in the coming weeks be explored further prior to the next Steering Group meeting, at which a more clear line of action and details of the Borough Conference would be available for discussion.

Action by: Mark Beauchamp (RBK&C Research and Consultation Manager), Similola Towry-Coker (Community Partnership Officer) and Zrinka Bralo (VOF representative for Education & Employment)

5. DEVELOPING THE KENSINGTON AND CHELSEA PARTNERSHIP

The Group discussed the away-day and agreed the following points:

- (i) that the away-day should be whole-day event on 27th September 2002;
- (ii) that the venue should be an independent location, ideally away from the Borough;
- (iii) that professional consultant should be appointed to liaise with the Group members and arrange a suitable venue;
- (iv) that the consultants should be asked to present their proposal at the next meeting; and
- (v) that Ms. Karin Woodley should work with officers from the Council to make the arrangements for the away-day and, in particular, to help select the consultant.

Action by: Shirley Fryer (Policy Officer - RBK&C) and Karin Woodley (VOF representative for Arts and Culture)

6. 'THE FUTURE OF OUR COMMUNITY' - FINAL DRAFT COMMUNITY STRATEGY

The Group discussed and agreed the following points:

- (i) that in the heading and under the first bullet point on page 18, the word 'Art' be added;
- (ii) that bullet point 5 on page 19 be redrafted to make it more clear;
- (iii) that the third bullet point on page 20, be amended to read "Raise *and support* the achievement . . .";
- (iv) that the last bullet point on page 20 be amended to read "Provide access to *and availability of* our sports facilities;
- (v) that accessible versions of the strategy, taking into account the various special needs of disabled people, be made available; and
- (vi) that the final draft community strategy be made available on the Partnership website, in libraries and through voluntary and public sector networks.

RESOLVED -

That, subject to the above, the report be noted and approved as the final Community Strategy.

Action by: Shirley Fryer (Policy Officer - RBK&C)

7. DEVELOPMENT OF THE LOCAL PUBLIC SERVICE AGREEMENT

The Group discussed the draft report and the following points were made:

- (i) that, under target 3, bylaws and regulations might be further used to tackle street drinking, phone box 'carding' and other anti-social behaviour; and
- (ii) that, under target 5, more information and facilities might usefully be made available regarding commercial waste recycling and business waste management.

RESOLVED -

That a further report be submitted to the next meeting.

Action by: Paul Morse (Assistant Chief Executive - RBK&C)

8. BEGINNING TO DELIVER ON THE COMMUNITY STRATEGY - BOROUGH CONSTABLES SCHEME

The Group discussed the report. Whilst some members expressed reservations, no clear consensus emerged either for or against the proposed Scheme.

9. USE OF NEIGHBOURHOOD RENEWAL FUNDING 2002/03 AND 2003/04

The Group noted the report and welcomed the £70k set aside for the capacity building project although some members considered this to be insufficient. It was suggested that

consideration be given to undertaking an audit of capacity building projects.

Action by: Graham Taylor (Head of Policy and Partnerships - RBK&C)

10. COMMUNITY EMPOWERMENT FUND - PROGRESS REPORT

The report was received and noted.

11. REVISED TERMS OF REFERENCE AND GOVERNANCE ARRANGEMENTS

RESOLVED -

That the report be approved

Action by: Shirley Fryer (Policy Officer - RBK&C)

12. CHECKLIST OF PROGRESS WITH ITEMS FROM THE ACCREDITATION ACTION PLAN

The report was received and noted.

13. DATES OF FUTURE MEETINGS

The Group noted the following dates for future meetings (all with a 6.00 p.m. start time):

Wednesday 17th July 2002
Tuesday 24th September 2002
Tuesday 3rd December 2002
Tuesday 21st January 2003

The meeting ended at 8.45 p.m.

Chairman

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