

PRESENT

Members of the Committee

Michael Bach (Chairman, Kensington and Chelsea Social Council)
Councillor. Judith Blakeman (Notting Barns Ward, RBK&C)
Gillian Bowen (VOF Children and Young People representative)
Zrinka Bralo, (VOF Education and Employment representative),
Chief. Supt. Dominic Clout (Borough Commander, Metropolitan Police)
Don McBean, Partnership Manager, Learning and Skills Council, London Central
Menghi Mulchandani (VOF Disability Issues representative)
Geeta Nanda (Notting Hill Housing Group)
Dez O'Neill (VOF Arts and Culture representative)
Councillor. Nicholas Paget-Brown (Cabinet Member for Regeneration,
Environmental Management and Leisure)
Celia Rees-Jenkins (The Kensington and Chelsea Societies)
Cllr. Shireen Ritchie (Cabinet Member for Family and Children's Services)
Dr. Melanie Smith (Director of Public Health K&CP CT)
Malcolm Spalding (President, Kensington and Chelsea Chamber of Commerce)

Others in Attendance

John Burton (BDP Consultants), Councillor Barbara Campbell, Richard Craig
(Senior Urban Designer RBKC), Ahmed Farouqui (Scrutiny Development Manager
RBKC), Lesley Hector (Governance Services RBKC), Lewis Morrison
(Environmental Co-ordinator RBKC), Tony Redpath (Director of Strategy and
Service Improvement RBKC), Christine Lawrence (Head of Regeneration and
Partnerships RBKC), Councillor Pat Mason, Eric Reynolds (BDP Consultants)
Robina Rose (Friends of Portobello), Rachel Smith (KCP Support Manager),
Andrew Tinsley (BDP Consultants)

Declarations of Interest

Mr Spalding declared an interest on Item 8, Chief Supt. Dominic Clout therefore
chaired the meeting for this item.

1 Apologies for Absence

Councillor Merrick Cockell, Leader of the Council
The Reverend John E. Davis (Forum of Faiths)

Derek Myers, Town Clerk and Chief Executive

2 Minutes of the meeting held on 17 May 2006

The notes were agreed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

matters arising

Local Development Framework

The response from the consultation had been greater than anticipated. Consultants had completed the analysis and clearance for a public report was imminent. The next stage would be to produce a Statement of Community Involvement for which there would be a six week consultation period. Copies of SC1 were to be available from the Planning Department. Mr Spalding advised that the following documents were helpful:

- SSA's:- this document was still in draft format with the consultation period until 7 August 2006. This document gives details of all the major sites subject to development during a planned period.
- Access Design Guide: in draft format with consultation period until 14 August 2006.

The whole timetable for the next two years is included in the back of the SC1 document.

Local Area Agreement

Mr Redpath updated the Steering Group that the final two targets of the Local Area Agreement (LAA) had now been negotiated.

Mr Redpath would circulate a final draft of the document to KCP members for comment.

Action by: Tony Redpath

RESOLVED: That a final draft of the LAA be circulated to the Steering Group via email for approval.

3 Golborne Road Study

Consultants from BDP gave a presentation on the Golborne Road Study. The following points were noted:

The areas looked at in detail were consultation, analysis and issues, streetscape and opportunities for change.

The study undertaken had not been consultation lead although consultation had been a very important part of the process. 40 stakeholders, 80 shopkeepers and 337 customers had been surveyed by an independent surveying company.

Measurement of pedestrian flows from 16 points had also been undertaken by a company commissioned by the Council.

The key outcomes of the study were:

- There exists a powerful community spirit.
- Traffic and parking - the new enforcement of car parking rules had made a positive impact.
- The image of the road is poor because it looks run down; despite a strict cleaning regime it still looks dirty.
- There is a perception of crime.
- The Market is vital - there is an interdependence between the shops and the market as at present there is not enough pedestrian flow to sustain the shops.
- The Council owns the southern half of the street and is therefore able to influence the types of businesses that are opened there. It would be important for the Council to work with the existing pattern of ownership. Careful management of parking and making best use of the road surface through flexible arrangements would be key to success.

The options presented as a result of the Study were a) to do nothing, b) to manage the street and market differently or c) to cease market trading. BDP recommended that in the medium term the most useful option would be to manage the market differently.

In answer to questions by those present at the meeting BDP were able to confirm that a report would follow which would contain a detailed analysis of each approach taken within the study. This would include, amongst other things, detailed information on parking arrangements, the interface with Portobello Road, the integral relationship between the local function and the function as a tourist attraction, recommendations and costings for improving shop fronts and the need for a cash machine in the vicinity.

A copy of the final report would be put onto the Council's website and Richard Craig agreed to ensure that KCP Steering Group Members would receive an electronic copy of the document.

Action by: Richard Craig

4 Environmental Strategy

Lewis Morrison gave a presentation on the Environmental Strategy. It was noted that the Strategy had now been to Cabinet and Full Council.

KCP was advised that following a wide consultation the level of response appeared to be disappointing but had actually been of very high quality. The

results would be published on the Council's website during the course of the Summer.

Key messages from the consultation included:

- a 20% reduction in the text included in the Strategy
- Inclusion of street trees in long term vision
- Reference included to Children and Young Person's Plans
- Action Plan table improved timing
- Creation of an 'ideas' pack of proposals
- Inclusion of refurbishment in development and construction long term vision.
- Referencing of parks and trees strategies
- Report using carbon emissions in tonnes

The next steps would be to arrange design, print and distribution of the Strategy, convene working groups and establish project management briefings.

Members of the KCP provided the following feedback:

- to consider the need to consult early enough to get into the Business Planning cycle
- To be mindful that some communities are hard to reach. Need to educate through residents groups and perhaps an officer should be allocated to undertake this work to raise awareness

It was agreed that Mr Morrison would attend a meeting of the Environment Round Table to give the same presentation given to the KCP.

Action: Lewis Morrisson

5 Scrutiny Work Programme for Next Year

Mr Farooqui gave a presentation on the role of the Overview and Scrutiny function and explained that Overview and Scrutiny Chairmen were consulting widely on topics for overview and scrutiny with a view to becoming more proactive in the future. Members of the KCP were invited to suggest potential topics and the following areas were noted:

- a) Thames Water: plans for replacing water pipes
- b) Local Authority Elections: closing date for nominations had not been posted on the RBKC website, no guidance on the RBKC site about how to become a candidate, no sample nomination papers made available. Other Borough's had this information on their websites and it appeared that minimal effort had been made by RBKC.

- c) Sports Facilities
- d) Provision of housing for the elderly
- e) Access to Schools and admissions criteria
- f) Travel plans and how they are working
- g) Planning applications
- h) Subterranean development
- i) BME issues - how are race equality issues included - would like to see it mainstreamed.
- j) Employability
- k) Cabinet Business Plan - finances and scrutiny of Cabinet spending

Chief Supt.Dominic Clout suggested that OSC's should re-consider their purpose and focus. For example, he pointed out that the accountable body for the police was the MPA and he felt this had not been duly considered in the overall approach taken towards him at a recent OSC he was asked to attend. He also felt that the scrutiny element at some OSC meetings lacked depth and thought that taking a thematic approach might be more helpful.

6 News and Views

ADKC

- celebrating it's 25th birthday this year.
- Was one of 13 pilot areas on individual budgets.
- Sports taster sessions had been organised for 15 September - those with disabilities were encouraged to join in.
- A wheelchair basket ball tournament would be held on 16 and 17 September followed by a Bar-b-que.
- The Prime minister was due to visit ADCK w/c 17 July

LSC

Don McBean had been appointed at LSC on Monday 3 July. His role was to manage investment of £21 million. Copies of the LSC Plan were circulated to KCP Members. At this stage Mr Spalding declared a pecuniary interest on the grounds that LCCC provides the funding for LSC.

NHAG

Geeta Nanda advised that NHAG were looking for opportunities for volunteers. Cllr Ritchie suggested that she contact Karen Tyerman, Director for Community Learning.

Family and Children's Services

Cllr Ritchie explained that the Council's Family and Children's Services Department was putting together a set of arrangements for a Children's Trust.

Space KC

Gillian Bowen updated the Steering Group that the Cannabis Action Group conducted a baseline survey of children from 12-19 years was being conducted in two schools, youth clubs and voluntary organisations in the Borough. The aim was to target young people known to smoke cannabis and also those who do not.

Kensington and Chelsea Social Council

Kensington and Chelsea Social Council would be moving to new premises. An open day will be held on 8 September 2006.

Kensington and Chelsea PCT

It was noted that the PCT had formally agreed its Recovery Plan and a new breast screening unit was due to be opened by Joanna Lumley at St.Mary's Hospital.

Migrant and Refugee Community Forum

Mr David Palmer had been appointed as the new Deputy Director.

MRCF had been awarded a grant from the Heritage Lottery Fund. Twelve people were being employed locally from the money received.

Overseas Help Project - MRFC had entered policy arena and would be challenging government in a number of areas.

European year of Freedom of Movement this year.

Launch of MRCF website on 27 July.

Metropolitan Police

The Royalty Studios were now open. Sixty officers and PCSO's would work from the premises to cover four Boroughs in the north. The official opening would be on 13 July.

Kensington and Chelsea Chamber of Commerce

- An American food market will opened in March 2007 on the site of the former Barkers on Kensington High Street.
- Job Centre Plus was due to open on 5 July 2006.
- North Kensington Opportunities Centre would be closed from 30 June 2006.
- No submissions would be made for the second round of LEGL

- Aborought conference regarding the London Olympics and Paralympics Games would be held in the Small Hall at Kensington Town Hall on 17 July 2006. All were invited to attend.

7 Restructuring the KCP

Dr.Melanie Smith thanked Rachel Smith for her contribution to the report. The following points were noted in response to the report:

Michael Bach suggested that there should be better representation from the Business Community, however, Mr Spalding recommended that this could be dealt with through the cluster structure.

Cllr Ritchie advised that Cllr Paget-Brown felt that paragraph 2.1 had been watered down by the use of the word 'aim'. This was not what had been originally agreed.

Cllr Ritchie also requested that Social Care and Education be included to reinforce the new Business Group. Cllr Ritchie also felt that learning was open to interpretation and that education had not been mentioned.

Zrinka Bralo thought that something should be included around the procedure, timing and submission of items to and agreement of agenda. She also felt that specific guidance and terms of reference should be included on finances and distribution of money. It was agreed that Zrinka Bralo would bring a proposal on finance to a future meeting.

Action: Zrinka Bralo

RESOLVED:

- a) the role of the KCP was agreed
- b) Membership on the Steering Group from the Learning and Skills Council would be discussed and clarified at the sub group's next meeting.
- c) the Terms of Reference would be updated to reflect discussions outlined above.

8 Community Empowerment

RESOLVED:

- a) the sub-group's progress was noted by the KCP and;
- b) the KCP agreed to recommend to the Council the proposals for the use of the Community Empowerment money for the first financial year only.

Any Other Urgent Matters

None.

Date of Next Meeting

The date of the next meeting is 21 September 2006.

The meeting ended at 7.45pm

CHAIRMAN