

TAKE note

Camberwell Community Council



Minutes Agreements Form

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Date	Monday January 25 2010
Venue	Council Chamber, Town Hall, 31 Peckham Road, Camberwell, SE5 8UB
Start time	7.05pm
Finish time	9.20pm
In attendance	Councillors Dixon-Fyle (Chair), Wingfield (Vice-Chair), Friary, Jones, Page and Ward
Absent	Councillors John, Rule and McGovern
Apologies received	Councillors Rule and McGovern
Urgent items	There were none
Members' interests and dispensations	There were none

The following identifies the actions arising from the above meeting. The first named Officer is the person responsible for initiating and coordinating the action required.

NB: The item number relates to the agenda item number where possible.

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Police Update

Sgt Nick Tungatt (Brunswick Park SNT)

Sgt Tungatt reported that Inspector Leighton and Sgt Turnbull were unavailable to attend.

Current ward priorities for Brunswick Park Safer Neighbourhoods Team are:

Anti-social behaviour on the Southampton Way estate by youths.

Drugs on the D'Eynsford estate

Reassurance to residents of the Sceaux Gardens estate in relation to local fire safety issues

Anti-social behaviour near Camberwell Green

Street drinking around Camberwell Green

Problems at school close time concerning St Michael and All Angels

In addition to extra patrols in these areas we are looking at youth engagement in a big way. Including work with the South London Gallery.

Re The fire in Havel Street at the weekend at 3am in the morning. Despite initial reports this is not being considered suspicious. We have increased high visibility patrols around local blocks to provide reassurance.

We are having joint action with the London Fire Brigade in the coming weeks. The LFB will give free fire safety advice and fit free smoke alarms should they be required.

	<p>At the weekend on the Lettsom Estate there was an incident and officers recovered 11 knives and a firearm. Everyone is encouraged to be vigilant.</p> <p>There have been a number of enforcement days recently.</p> <p>South Camberwell SNT have made several arrests in drugs operations. These have been at railway stations using trained drug-dogs.</p> <p><i>Members raised concerns about the level of knives and crime increase despite the high level of stop and search in the area.</i></p> <p>ACTION: That the new Borough Commander be invited to a future Community Council meeting to discuss issues including knife crime and gangs that visit the area from outside the borough.</p> <p>In response to a resident's concerns over a recent shooting in Valmar Road during which his vehicle and some local houses were hit, Sgt Tungatt said that the area does have an armed response unit. He would ask Inspector Leighton to contact the resident.</p> <p>In response to a resident's concerns over the early morning fire on Camberwell Station Road, Sgt Tungatt said there have been several fires since July and he was first on the scene at Lakanal and Havil Street. I understand and share your concerns. We are meeting the London Fire Brigade this week and they shall be issuing fire safety advice. I am unable to comment on the investigation into that fire.</p> <p>Chair added that the investigation was ongoing with the LFB and the Housing department.</p> <p>Cllr Friary said that the emergency services were there very quickly and evacuated 150 people.</p> <p>A resident suggested that these sorts of timber frame constructions should have a night-watchman.</p> <p>Contact numbers for the SNT – Camberwell Green: 020 8649 3587 / 07843 065912 Brunswick Park: 020 8721 2449 / 07920 233910</p>
8	<p>Introducing Youth Community Councils Representatives / Presentation from Young People</p> <p>Chair said that an earlier Community Council, Cllr McGovern had been nominated as the Young Person's representative.</p> <p>James Price from the Charter School said that he had been elected onto the School Council. He was then put forward and elected to the Southwark Youth Council.</p> <p>Martina from the Sacred Heart School said she had been elected to the School Council and from then on to Southwark Youth Council.</p> <p>Other local students introduced themselves to the Community Council.</p>

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Burgess Park Revitalisation Project / LDA Design

Nadia Chowdari (project support officer)

Nadia explained that Burgess Park received £6million funding for redevelopment. There is a master plan being developed and we are working with LDA Design who have been appointed landscape architects. We welcome your feedback into the designs and LDA will feed it all back into the design process.

Rob Apsland from LDA Design explained they were appointed just before Christmas to produce a master plan for Burgess Park and come up with proposals for the first phase implementation.

At the bidders day a number of issues emerged:

Personal safety

Biodiversity

The fragmented park being more coherent

The expectation that it should be a destination

We did a comparison of Burgess Park facilities with some of the major parks in London. We found that Burgess Park had comparable facilities so it must be something else that was needed.

What makes a great park? Clearly a beautiful and rich landscape is important. It's about having a brilliant programme of activities that bring people into the place and excellent and visible management.

A coherent park where pieces fit together and work properly. In Burgess Park your best asset is your lake but the Chumleigh Gardens building is completely separated and the lake is tightly enclosed. We want access that links Chumleigh Gardens to your lake.

We want to change the land form. We would leave enough space for football and big events but remodel it to address the principal problems of Burgess Park.

Re personal safety, there have been a number of muggings. We would like to fill in the underpass and create a central space which links the two sides of the park. It can also provide a focus for activity such as markets, theatre, music events etc.

We will also re-organise footpaths so there are long circuits and short circuits.

All the entrances will have a clear identity. Decorative screens/arches for the principal entrances and new fencing. There will be a distinctive and clear character.

We need to provide a range of facilities e.g. cyclists need to be acknowledged and supported. There should be a play area at the heart of the park but other play facilities elsewhere in the park. We want to encourage movement through the park and people to enter and explore the park.

We now want your input so that we can develop this further. Tonight and future occasions are an opportunity to tell us what you would like.

See Take Note for further information

	<p><i>Young people from Heartbeat, gave their views on what they would like to see in the borough generally and commented on the Burgess Park project.</i></p> <p>Among the suggestions made were –</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> A lido More facilities for children including exercise equipment More awards schemes – points for voluntary work with targets / awards More young people working with young people as they communicate better with their age group Youth club in Burgess Park and statues to improve its appearance Improved safety including lighting/cctv in parks and street areas Give young people something to do in the evenings, including later hours for youth clubs. More mentors More regular events in Burgess Park throughout the year Tackle the rat problem in the park Make the playing fields more inviting/exciting Invite local children to take part in the park artwork, not just architects Pre-school children could provide little butterfly artwork Ice rink <p>Rob Apsland welcomed the ideas/suggestions and these would be incorporated into the community feedback and some of the points made were already being looked at for the plan.</p>
	<p>Other points made by residents included –</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Aim to involve young people in the planting in the park Circular/semi-circular seating so people can face each other Facilities for roller skating/skate boarding <p>Cllr Jones was excited at the investment in Burgess Park but said that the park is used by many people throughout the year already. She was concerned about the amount of concrete in the plans and wanted as many green spaces as possible.</p> <p>Cllr Friary said more water activities including a lido would be welcome. Please keep/develop the tennis, cricket and rugby facilities including marked pitches.</p> <p>Cllr Page said he welcomed the running track idea and permanent exercise equipment. Hopefully these are vandal proof and can help promote healthier Southwark. There should be as much emphasis on the Camberwell Road side as the Old Kent Road side. Please involve local people in the works to help them with employment opportunities and to buy-in to the project.</p>

BREAK – further consultation took place during the break between residents and LDA Design

5	<p>AGREED: That the 'Minutes Agreement Form' and 'Take Note' from the meeting held on 8 December 2009 be approved as an accurate record of the meeting.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Minutes</p>
6	<p>Updates from Officers on Issues raised at previous meetings</p> <p>Chair announced that some of the CGS money for grot spots previously agreed is about to go live around areas such as Marie Curie, Camberwell Green and in South Camberwell. There will be adverts for artists' commissions going out.</p>
7	<p>Deputations / Petitions</p> <p>There were none</p>

11.

Schools for the Future update

Rachel Montgomery

Rachel wanted to add a quick update to the presentation she had given to the December meeting.

Re a question raised last time on class sizes – There's a limit of 30 places in primary but none in secondary for flexibility.

Re how many community schools in Southwark – There are 70 primary plus three special primary schools. In terms of secondary there are four special, two foundation, five voluntary aided and nine academies.

We are in the process of designing two new schools for the Camberwell area. A new build for St Michael & All Angels and a new build for Sacred Heart.

We will be delighted to have your feedback and we are organising local events to publicise the plans.

Cllr Page, following up resident's concerns asked, if there was proper consultation taking place for St Michael & All Angels. Re Sacred Heart at the moment they have tennis courts, are these being replaced and will they be available to the community for use.

Rachel said yes they were being replaced and community use would be arranged with the school.

Chair asked about St Michael & All Angels and thought it might be imposing if too close to the kerb. Rachel said the placing of the buildings had been strongly influenced by what we have to fit on the site and the density needed to provide the learning environment within the building. We are also responding to advice from the Southwark planning department about how they view the streetscape. We will not breach any lighting restrictions in planning regulations. At the moment that stretch of road is very unfriendly with wire running alongside. The aim of the new building is to create more of a civic feel.

Chair said she was not convinced. The back of the building is away from the older people on the Brandon Estate but at home time I have concerns at the front of the building.

Rachel said in terms of entrance/access there will be more space.

A resident was concerned at pupils pouring out into the street at home time with less space at the front.

Rachel said that instead of the wire fence the school would be the barrier. She added that it would be useful for the design team to discuss these issues with Members/residents. They want to improve the way children exit so can look at staggering departure and other options.

In response to Cllr Ward's question about timetabling, Rachel said that we hope to put in planning applications in March and start on site later in the year.

Cllr Page suggested that officers consult with wardens in terms of designing out issues with pupils exiting the school at the same time. He thought the new design was an improvement. He had concerns about the play area moving to the back which would have noise implications for residents there.

Rachel said they would be doing some planting at the back to provide some cover. Also there will be some building deadening of noise under the plans.

Chair said the nearness to the pavement/future pavement space should be made clearer to residents, many of whom have voiced concerns. Also there should be dialogue about having an entrance/exit on the side to a different road.

10.	<p>Community Wardens <i>Sue Hunter</i></p> <p>Sue reported that the main recent activities have been to do with the cold weather. We have visited a lot of elderly and vulnerable people. We have gone shopping for some and helped others with heating.</p> <p>The Camberwell Winter Fair was a success. Our biggest problem at the moment is St Michaels.</p> <p>We have working with the SNT on weapons sweeps and tackling drug abuse. We are just about to issue five ABCs (Acceptable Behaviour Contracts).</p> <p>Cllr Page said that the Council should be following up any cold related matters with Council Tenants.</p> <p>A resident asked about rubbish being dumped on the corner of Denmark Hill opposite the art gallery. Wheelie bins overflow and the rubbish ends up on the floor. Traders seem to be taking over the pavements when there is little room for pedestrians to get by. Sue said she would refer that to the enforcement team to take action.</p>
OTHER	<p>Matters Arising –</p> <p>A resident said the PCT (Primary Care Trust) and SLAM (South London and Maudsley) have done their consultation. The PCT met last week and they said they have already got the money for Marina House. The 247 people attending crime management are coming to Camberwell. What was the point of the consultation when the decision was already made.</p> <p>The Chair thanked the resident and said she had asked for a report from Cllr David Noakes, and would share that with the community council when she receives it. Re the decision already being made regardless of consultation, you would need to take that up with your PCT.</p> <p>Cllr Wingfield added that Members' position had been clear for a number of years. We are fed up of Camberwell being a depository of every medical service that seems to be offered by the health authority in this borough and South London. We favour a spreading of services across the borough. We feel, like you, that we have been marginalised in this process.</p> <p>An attendee said they attended a consultation event at which there were six people from the PCT in attendance and only five residents. They added it would have been good to see more there that night.</p>
13.	<p>Public Questions <i>these are listed in the Appendix</i></p>

CLOSE – Chair thanked everyone for coming and advised that the next Main meeting would take place on Wednesday 3 March, 2010.

Item no:	Summary of the action	Action by
5	AGREED: That the 'Minutes Agreement Form' and 'Take Note' from the meeting held on 8 December 2009 be approved as an accurate record of the meeting.	Camberwell Councillors
10	ACTION: That the new Borough Commander be invited to a future Community Council meeting to discuss issues including knife crime and gangs that visit the area from outside the borough.	SNT / Chief Super'tdent Wayne Chance
11	ACTION: That an update report on Street leaders that was scheduled for the January meeting will now be taken at the March 3 rd Community Council.	Richard Harris / Eleonora Oliva
AOB	ACTION: Rachel to report back on the terms of access for the community to sports facilities at the planned local Schools for the Future.	Rachel Montgomery
10	ACTION: That Housing (Environment & Housing department) report back to the next Community Council on March 3 rd as to why local residents have recently been left without heating. Also why has it been the Community Wardens helping those without heating when it is the responsibility of Housing.	Richard Harris / Environment & Housing

14 EXECUTIVE DECISION	AGREED: That the parking report re Kerfield Place, be approved subject to the outcome of any necessary statutory procedures.	Paul Gellard / Tim Walker
14 EXECUTIVE DECISION	AGREED: That the following Reappointments of School Governors be approved – Mr Peter Bibby to Dog Kennel Hill Primary School Mr Melvyn Carley to St Joseph's Catholic Infants' School	Pam Rayment

The information included in this form, together with the attached notes, form the minutes from the above meeting and have been agreed as a true and accurate recording of that meeting. Any necessary amendments shall be detailed in the **Summary of Actions** held at the Town Hall by the relevant Community Councils Development Officer.

Chair

Date

APPENDIX 1

PUBLIC QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS – 25 January 2010		
1.	A resident asked about 29 Peckham Road (next door). The potential was for using that space for Creative Camberwell space. Thames reach have suggested it as a skills place for homeless people. This is a new initiative what is the community council's response.	Richard Harris / Environment & Housing
	<i>Response awaited</i>	
2.	A resident asked about London Buses. The bus station opposite the park and next to the labour exchange is impossible to get past on the pavement. Sometimes they double park with engines running. Not good for the environment or safety. Also why run the 12 bus empty over Dog Kennel Hill.	Richard Harris / Environment & Housing
	<i>Response awaited</i>	