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Camberwell Community Council



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Date	Wednesday 3 March 2010
Venue	Council Chamber, Town Hall, 31 Peckham Road, Camberwell, SE5 8UB
Start time	7.05pm
Finish time	9.45pm
In attendance	Councillors Dixon-Fyle (Chair), Wingfield (Vice-Chair), Friary, John, Rule and Ward
Absent	Councillors Page, Jones and McGovern
Apologies received	Councillors Page, Jones and McGovern
Urgent items	Questions regarding the closure of the Gala Bingo Hall and subsequent sale.
Members' interests and dispensations	Councillor Friary declared an interest in the Camberwell Arts School Project.
Minutes	The minutes of the meeting held on Monday 25 January 2010 were agreed as an accurate record.

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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Urgent Items:

Rob Bristow

The site was and remains in private ownership so the Council is not a party to this particular sale. Rob Bristow said he was unsure if the sale had gone through yet but the Council had not as yet received a planning application from the new owners. When an application is received it will be publicised in the usual way via statutory notices, Southwark news and letters going out to local people. The Council would be encouraging a pre-application process and the new owners would need to put in their proposals before a formal application is made. The Council will encourage the new owners to consult widely with the public. The site is not subject to a particular land use. It is a listed building and the fabric of the building has to be maintained. Currently the Council has to wait to see what comes in via application before officers can see what the impact on the listed building might be. Once an application comes in, officers have to consider all of the supporting information, which can mean a lot of paperwork. Considerations include possible noise implications, hours of use and if there might be any impacts on local transport. (Traffic flows and so on).

Rob Bristow advised Members not to consider this matter at this stage as it may come back to the Camberwell Community Council planning meeting and they will need to be able to consider the matter without predisposition or predetermination.

A discussion took place over what the Bingo Hall might best become in order to serve the diverse Camberwell community. Some of the suggestions included: An arts centre, retain it as a bingo hall, adapt it for the use of a cinema, develop the building for a community centre or other community based projects. There was also support for a church, although some felt that there were quite a few churches in the area already. There was general agreement that whatever could be established there, it should serve to bring the community of Camberwell together and be as inclusive as possible.

Members all agreed that the site should have community use as was set out in the vision for Camberwell. It was thought that there are policies in the Southwark plan to protect certain sites for community uses but that the definition was very broad and Members were not clear about how this site might be marked for community use only.

Officer's clarified that the site was classed as a D2 use which covers community, public assembly usage and entertainment such as cinemas, Gyms and Bingo halls.

Members agreed to send a letter to the Executive to ascertain what updates there may be on the regeneration strategy for Camberwell.

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Chairs Announcements:

Saturday 6 March

CoolTan Arts largactyl shuffle international women's day

CoolTan Arts, were hosting an international women's day walk on Saturday 6 March, celebrating famous and inspiring women in and around Southwark. People are invited to meet at the main entrance of the Maudsley Hospital for a free guided walk between 12 and 4pm.

Saturday 13 March

Celebrating the achievements of Southwark women as partners in education

This is a free event at the Goose Green Community Centre which will focus on celebrating the achievements of women in the field of education. Certificates will be awarded and a discussion will take place about various education issues such as special needs for black children and young people. The event will run from 1.30 to 5.30pm.

Saturday 27 March

Celebrating young women

Lettsom Move Forward TRA Hall will be hosting an event for young women on Saturday 27 March. The event will run from 1 to 7pm with a mixture of debate, performance, tasters and presentations on themes such as music, dance, health and beauty.

6	<p>Deputations and or Petitions:</p> <p>The committee heard a petition from the secretary of the parent governors association of The Villa's School, Lyndhurst Grove, regarding the busy road that runs outside the school grounds.</p> <p>The representative said that they had seen many near misses outside the school mainly from motorist veering around the semi complete speed humps in the road and passing very close to the children on the pavement. He said that more signs and speed humps, which span the entire road, would be helpful measures to calm traffic in the area.</p> <p>Eamon Doran, Transport Officer said that their department was currently developing a travel plan which will attract additional funding. The first measure to be implemented is a traffic count and there will be discussions with the school as to what traffic calming measures will be the most effective and appropriate. Funding will be available from April and Eamon Doran said that it would probably be fairly straight forward to provide some traffic signs in the area within a few months. However, to provide new speed humps would need extra financial resources, which may not be possible at the moment.</p>
7	<p>Camberwell Leisure Centre Update. Tim Clee</p> <p>The contracted work commenced in November 2009 and it has been progressing well. Additional funds have been secured from the Southwark Leisure Investment Fund, Cleaner Greener Safer and the London Marathon Charitable Trust. New funds will contribute to phase 3 of the work which will be improving the outside area of Artichoke Place and will also contribute to the upgrade of the sports hall and changing rooms.</p> <p>There has been £2 million funding to secure the future of the baths and the contract for the phase 2 work is progressing well and likely to be completed before time, despite the poor weather.</p> <p>The committee viewed pictures of the current and past state of the baths alongside illustrations of the plans and vision for the completed works.</p> <p>There has been half a million pounds allocated to the project overall. Music facilities, gymnastics training and a coffee bar are planned and it was reported that young people had felt very included in the consultations.</p> <p>It was also reported that both phase 1 and 2 would be nearing completion by October.</p> <p>People from the 'Save the Baths Campaign' thanked Tim Clee for all of his hard work.</p>

8	<p>Southampton Way – Investments in Local Retail Environments Ben Smith</p> <p>The scheme had come about because shops in the area had become run down and in need of investment. Community Councils had been approached and their input had been welcomed. There are three sites, which are being brought together to make one shopping area.</p> <p>Initial concepts and plans should be completed in March and the work should be underway by October, with the completion of the works scheduled to finish by March next year. This work has brought many agencies together. The work with traders has already started, such as the removal of a pylon which was old and unsightly.</p> <p>The delay starting – they've started with the larger more problematic sites.</p> <p>Southwark have been investing in local retail outlets in the borough and consultations have begun with Saltash, a firm of consultants. Saltash are consulting with traders on designs and will be overseeing the work to completion. The traders are completing surveys, asking them for their ideas for improvements. The survey is due to be completed by 23rd February. Saltash will work on the ideas provided by the consultation, which are expected in mid-March. The designs will be available by Easter this year, with the final designs being agreed at the end of June after further consultations. The planning permission should be granted by October and the tendering for the work will begin in later 2010 with work commencing and being completed on the site by 2011.</p>
9.	<p>Schools for the future Rachel Montgomery</p> <p>Matthew Thornley (Alford Hall Monaghan Morris), is working on designs for St Michael and All Angels Academy/Highshore School and Simon Tucker (Cottrell and Vermuelen Architects), is working on the design for Sacred Heart School.</p> <p>Matthew Thornley said that they were moving closer towards a planning application which would bring all the schools together onto one site. The plans for the redevelopment have been drawn up and Matthew went through the illustrations to show how it is all going to fit together.</p> <p>Apart from the educational facilities, the schools will share the outside and kitchen spaces. There is a new and spacious reception and the design plans focus on high quality windows and building materials to ensure that the facilities are resilient, practical, but also providing an enjoyable aesthetic quality.</p> <p>The plans have sought to maximise play space for all pupils and incorporate external teaching spaces such as a sports area and a science garden.</p> <p>There had been consideration given to the variety of pupil's needs and the plans sought to address those needs by planning for a lecture theatre, flexible teaching areas (multi use), a variety of educational space such as outdoor teaching classrooms and roof terraces to maximise space. The idea was that these separate institutions grow together by sharing the spaces.</p> <p>Officers have incorporated low energy materials and used brown roofs to increase bio diversity and assisting with the reduction of carbon.</p> <p>There has been consultation with the local church, students, teachers and residents to inform the plans, such as widening the pavement at the front of the site to help avoid congestion and keeping children away from the road.</p>

10.

Recent Changes to Area Management and Engagement.

Stephen Douglass

A cut in central government funding brought about the decision to change the structure of the teams by bringing together area management and social inclusion. It is hoped that the changes will better enable the team, working with Councillors, to encourage local people to get involved in the Council's functions and the democratic process. This has meant that the team has been reduced from 4 to 2 officers who will work on a variety of projects, including work on community engagement matters and coordinating the resolution of issues raised at the Community Councils. The officers will not be expected to be experts in every field but they will have access to officers and officer expertise across the Council who will work with them on issues raised within the communities. These issues might be related to a housing or a regeneration matter for instance, in which case, officers from those departments will be approached to help.

The internal restructure took effect in January of this year and the 2 area officers are Managed by Daryl Telles.

Members were concerned that it would be too much work for the 2 officers under the new structure. Stephen Douglass responded by saying that they were not expected to do all of the work that was previously undertaken before the change but their role was to work with officers to tap into the expertise within the relevant departments. The officers working under within the new structure were there to provide coordination and continuity for Community Councils.

Members stated that they hoped there would be adequate support for the officers. There had been confusion in the past as to which officers had taken ownership of matters. Stephen Douglass acknowledged there had been problems in the past but he said that hopefully the new structure would help to establish more stability and continuity.

In response to a question about the current situation with Street leaders, Stephen Douglass explained that there was currently a review of the scheme and this meant that Members will need a further update when that exercise had been completed.

Stephen Douglass responded to a question about increasing cross boarder engagement by saying that he felt that this should be something that can be developed within the new structure and in the new way of working.

11	<p>Minutes</p> <p>AGREED: That the 'Minutes Agreement Form' and 'Take Note' from the meeting held on 25 January 2010 be approved as an accurate record of the meeting.</p>
12	<p>Updates from Officers on Issues raised at previous meetings</p> <p>There were none.</p>
13	<p>Deputations / Petitions</p> <p>Petition from parent governors of The Villa's School, Lyndhurst Grove requesting improved traffic calming measures and signposting outside the school. Transport Officers to report on progress to the committee in September 2010.</p>
14	<p>Funding Allocations</p> <p>AGREED: Cleaner Greener Safer Capital Programme Funding Allocations 2010-11</p> <p>AGREED: Change control request.</p>
15	<p>Public questions</p> <p>1) How does the bingo hall's future use fit in with the Camberwell Town Planning Strategy?</p> <p>2) 27 Jobs were lost with the closure of the bingo hall. What can be done to encourage employment here?</p> <p>3) Does the Council believe that there is a need for a community centre that benefits the widest possible range of people?</p> <p>Members agreed to include these questions in a letter to Cllr Nick Stanton, Leader of the Council. .</p>

CLOSE – Chair thanked everyone for coming and the committee went into closed session.

The next meeting date is to be arranged.

Item no:	Summary of the action	Action by
5	AGREED: That the 'Minutes Agreement Form' and 'Take Note' from the meeting held on 25 January 2010 are approved as an accurate record of the meeting.	Camberwell Councillors
4	AGREED: That a letter is drafted, regarding the lack of community facilities in Camberwell, to go to the Executive for response.	Cllr Ian Wingfield / Members of Camberwell CC.

7	ACTION: Petition from parent governors of The Villa's School, Lyndhurst Grove requesting improved traffic calming measures and signposting outside the school. Transport Officers to report on progress to the committee in September 2010.	Chair/ Eamon Doran
8	AGREED: Recent changes to area management and community engagement: Members agreed to have a further update on how the restructure was taking shape later in the new municipal year.	Chair / Stephen Douglass
OTHER EXECUTIVE DECISION	AGREED: Due to a Community Fund event that didn't take place, Camberwell now has an under-spend of £500. Members agreed for the Chair to allocate this to something suitable before the end of the financial year.	Chair / Area Management
11 EXECUTIVE DECISION	AGREED: Cleaner Greener Safer Capital Programme Funding Allocations 2010-11 (see attachment). The CGS change control memorandum was also agreed (see attachment).	Eleonora Oliva/CGS Team
16 EXECUTIVE DECISION	AGREED: That David Bradbury is re-appointed to the role of School Governor at Bessemer Grange.	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