



CAMBERWELL COMMUNITY COUNCIL

MINUTES of the Camberwell Community Council held on Tuesday 10 January 2012 at 7.00 pm at Jessie Duffett Hall, 92 - 94 Wyndham Road, London SE5 0UB

PRESENT: Councillor Norma Gibbes (Chair)
Councillor Dora Dixon-Fyle (Vice-Chair)
Councillor Peter John
Councillor the Right Revd Emmanuel Oyewole
Councillor Veronica Ward
Councillor Mark Williams
Councillor Ian Wingfield

OFFICER SUPPORT: Tim Cutts, Acting Head of Planning Policy
Jack Ricketts, Transport Planner
Tim Walker, Senior Engineer
Paul Gellard, Transport and Projects Officer
Abdi Mohamed Ibrahim, Neighbourhood Coordinator
Grace Semakula, Community Council Development Officer
Beverley Olamijulo, Constitutional Officer

1. INTRODUCTION AND WELCOME

The chair welcomed councillors, members of the public and officers to the meeting.

2. APOLOGIES

Apologies for absence was received from Councillor Kevin Ahern and apologies for lateness from Councillor Ian Wingfield.

3. DISCLOSURE OF MEMBERS' INTERESTS AND DISPENSATIONS

There were none.

4. ITEMS OF BUSINESS THAT THE CHAIR DEEMS URGENT

There were none.

5. MINUTES FROM PREVIOUS MEETING

RESOLVED:

That the minutes of the meeting held on 31 October 2011 be agreed as a correct record of that meeting and signed by the chair.

6. DEPUTATIONS AND PETITIONS

The chair agreed to accept a late deputation from residents of Oglander Road.

The chair announced that the order of agenda items would be varied and considered in the following order: Item 8, Grove Vale first and second stage CPZ study and item 12 on the agenda.

Camberwell Community Council considered a deputation request from a local residents of Oglander Road which is adjacent to Ondine Road in South Camberwell ward.

The deputation expressed their concerns about the proposed controlled parking zone in Grove Vale. The spokesperson for the deputation outlined they wrote to Councillor Peter John about this issue and in response Councillor John wrote back to say if the objections outweighed support, then the CPZ would not happen.

The deputation also took into account the results of the consultation exercise which indicated the number of respondents who took part in the survey from across both wards a small minority were in favour of the introduction of a CPZ in their street.

Out of the total number of respondents (438) in South Camberwell ward only 6% responded in favour and majority of 70% were against a CPZ on their street.

The spokesperson made reference to the results of the 9 local petitions that were listed in the consultation report (with 1855 signatories), 98% recorded against the CPZ with only 2% in favour. The officer's recommendations in the report proposed some sort of modified CPZ in between specific roads, whereas the consultation that took place with local residents was about the introduction of a CPZ for the area as a whole.

The residents of Oglander Road urged the community council to vote against the introduction of any form of CPZ and be assured by the fact if objections outweigh support then the CPZ would not happen.

In response to questions, Councillor John stated that he would stand by what he said in that if the majority were not in favour then it would not take place. Parking control should be for the will of the people and if the majority are not in favour this should be taken into account. However the council should still explore the possibility of some sort of control parking.

A resident of Oglander Road mentioned that one house was excluded from the consultation when the consultation was about the whole area.

The chair thanked representatives of the deputation for attending the meeting.

7. COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS AND PRESENTATIONS

LINK Southwark Leadership Group Announcement

Sec-Chan Hoong, from Southwark LINK announced that LINK Southwark were looking for interested individuals and parties to become part of their Leadership Group who would develop LINK Southwark activities and work plan, as well as oversee its transition into local HealthWatch (subject to the passing of the Health and Social Care Bill).

Background: LINK Southwark is a local involvement network made up of local organisations and Southwark residents to improve health and social care services. LINK Southwark was provided with statutory powers from the Secretary of State for health in order to allow LINK to perform its functions and activities effectively. Each local authority has to ensure that there is adequately performing LINK in the borough.

Forms and information leaflets were available at the meeting. Deadline for application statements were on 27 January 2012.

Adult Social Care Campaign – ‘My support choices’ website

James McConnell from adult and social care services introduced the launch of a section of the adult and social care website called ‘my support choices’ which was designed to explore and provide new information about the services they offer. This would be updated regularly and further information added to ensure people are able to find the support that is available to them. It would help volunteers and those who need short term support for people coming out of hospital. James explained that they are trying to make the website as accessible as possible and allow people to overcome their apprehension about using the website. There are to be dedicated support sessions, free access to the internet. Leaflets were provided at the meeting so people could submit their views.

In response to questions about accessible facilities available for those with learning disabilities, James said there was a lot of information about easy read which are designated sessions for those with learning disabilities and those that are unable to read or write.

Camberwell Town Centre

Jack Ricketts from planning and transport presented “Revitalise Camberwell” which was a follow on from the Town Centre consultation launch that took place at the community council meeting on 31 October 2011. Jack explained during his presentation that it was about identifying community aspirations. Since the launch there have been ten public events attended by Youth community council, two walkabouts, attended youth clubs, held a successful quiz night. The Camberwell Arts college ran two surveys “business and public” whereby three quarters of those that took part were from the SE5 area.

Public Survey

The overall impression and priorities for Camberwell is:

- Traffic congestion
- The priority areas are Camberwell Church Street and Camberwell New Road which received a large response

Business Survey

- Lack of and problems with parking in Camberwell

The officer stated that the Council are looking to address these issues.

Next steps

- Data collection work as a result of the consultation and design options

The officer concluded that further information could be found on the Southwark website under planning policy.

Veolia Environmental Services

Sharon Ellis from Veolia was present to talk about the opening of the new waste management facility along the Old Kent Road which has replaced the Manor Place depot that is now closed. During her presentation Sharon provided handouts and talked about the long term contract between Veolia and Southwark Council to reduce waste and help with recycling in the borough.

Sharon responded to questions about the mechanical biological treatment, recycling metal and plastics and information about what job opportunities were available for young people and disabled people at the centre.

Sharon explained there were job opportunities for people from all backgrounds at Veolia. At a recent job fair event organised by Veolia ES, a survey was conducted whereby they were able to establish the number of young people and people with learning disabilities that attended the event.

Southwark Civic Awards

Councillor Ian Wingfield presented information about the Southwark Civic Awards. He stated that there is a lot to be proud of as Southwark residents, its rich cultural history, famous poets and writers like Chaucer, Charles Dickens, Shakespeare. Historic places like the Imperial War Museum and Dulwich Picture Gallery etc.

Southwark have been hosting these awards since 1997 which is based on the work people do on a voluntary basis to help build their community. This includes acts of bravery or preventing a crime from happening. People were encouraged to nominate someone who they think deserved a civic award which would be a way of acknowledging the hard work people actually do.

This would exclude elected members of the Council. It has to be a person that represents a non political organisation. The deadline date for nominations were on 31 January 2012.

Council Assembly

The council assembly meeting that took place on 25 January 2012 was announced at the meeting. People were encouraged to attend the informal session at 6.00pm and the main meeting that had a environment theme.

The chair thanked the speakers for their presentations.

8. COMMUNITY SAFETY UPDATES FROM THE SAFER NEIGHBOURHOOD TEAMS

Joe Meares from the Police safer neighbourhood team (Brunswick Park and South Camberwell) provided the meeting with an update on policing and community safety matters.

Staffing:

He reported that a new Met Police commissioner, Mr Bernard Hogan Howe had been appointed. The commissioner has a wealth of experience and was previously at Merseyside Met Police. The officer explained that he hoped the commissioner would have an opportunity to meet the residents of Southwark.

Chief Superintendent Wayne Chance has moved on to another constabulary and Chief Super Charles Griggs is now in post.

Policing issues:

Operation Hawk – officers are on the street making a presence which happens at least once a month. Operation Big Wing - as part of a police initiative, officers are involved in visiting addresses of offenders across the borough wanted on warrant. It also tracks offenders in and around London arranged by SNTs from other boroughs to visit the addresses. Officers were involved in visiting licensed premises - alcohol and gambling.

Brunswick Park Ward priorities

- Provided crime prevention advice – ‘while you were out’ leaflets
- Burglary awareness
- Youth anti social behaviour on the housing estates – cold weather put youths off from gathering in the stairwells
- Youth engagement

South Camberwell Ward priorities - same as Brunswick Park ward priorities.

Camberwell Green Ward priorities

- Drugs and ASB on Poets Corner, Elmington Estate, SE5
- Increase in robberies on the Brandon Estate
- ASB on the Crawford Estate, which mostly gang related – SNTs are doing controls in relation to all of these priorities

- Street drinking – seen a reduction due to the cold weather, the community wardens and SNT have been working closely to tackle the problem

It was reported that Camberwell SNTs have had two PCSOs assigned to Balham Youth Court in Balham which has brought the number down to three PCSOs due to funding. Joe Meares mentioned that Peckham was quite badly hit by the London Disorders the photos of those local wanted criminals were posted on the Met Police website.

A local resident and member of the youth community council spoke about kids gathering around estates and using their mobile phones asked if the SNT could convey that they could be a target for mobile theft. The officer noted his comment.

The chair thanked the officer for his presentation.

9. PROTECT COUNCIL HOUSING, CABINET MEMBER FOR HOUSING MANAGEMENT

Councillor Ian Wingfield, cabinet member for housing management presented this item.

A summary of the presentation is given below:

Southwark is the largest social landlord in London which consists mainly of council tenants, leaseholders and tenant management co operations.

- New national Housing Strategy
- Welfare reforms: Cuts to housing benefits, Southwark to look at less affordable means of housing people possibly outside the borough.
- New affordable rent regime: Housing associations would take on new build where 80% should be affordable market rent. In Southwark around 20,000 people are waiting to be housed and the list is growing.
- Need to increase council housing rents by law and invest more in larger properties to meet the needs of families that are in overcrowded living arrangements.
- Key facts and figures about council housing in Southwark:
43.4% of households in Southwark living in social rented housing, 39,043 are Southwark Council tenanted properties, 12,632 are Southwark Council homeowners, 16 Tenant Management Organisations (TMOs) providing services to 3,571 tenanted and homeowner properties.
- Customer contact centre – in negotiations with Vagrant.
- Area management – housing officers to be based within the local housing estate areas. Many complaints related to housing tenants and leaseholders.
- Service charges – introduce a raft of charges – e.g. leaseholders would receive an itemised bill from the council.

- Southwark building services now under the council – brought back in house.
- Creation of a new Housing Department lead by a new Strategic Director, Gerri Scott who has a wealth of experience in housing.
- 326M programme to make all Council homes warm, dry and safe within 5 years.
- £9m of savings delivered for the HRA this year and mobile working introduced.
- Housing Scrutiny Improvement plan for the Repairs Service implemented.
- Services for homeowners improved and 3 new TMOs currently under development.

The chair thanked Councillor Wingfield for his presentation and responding to questions.

10. SOUTHWARK'S BUDGET 2012/2013

The leader, Councillor Peter John introduced the item on the budget proposals for 2012 - 2013. As the powerpoint slides were quite detailed, Councillor John asked the audience to refer to the council's website for further details and urged people to make representations at the cabinet and council assembly meetings. He mentioned that the budget report would also be considered by the overview and scrutiny committee.

Cllr John said careful consideration would be given to all council services. During the recent 'Libraries Review' there was a recommendation to close some of the borough's libraries - the cabinet decided against this and announced in addition to that there would be two new libraries (new Canada Water Library and a proposed new Library in Grove Vale).

A resident asked the leader a question about whether he could give some assurances to call for a new medical centre to be placed in the local area in order to replace the existing one. The leader agreed to look into this proposal.

The chair thanked the leader for his presentation.

11. PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

There were no public questions.

12. GROVE VALE FIRST AND SECOND STAGE CONTROLLED PARKING ZONE (CPZ) STUDY

Paul Gellard from Environment and Leisure introduced this item and outlined the following:

The CPZ consultation was funded through TfL and as part of the consultation Dulwich and Camberwell community councils considered the boundary and methods.

The council sent consultation packs to key stakeholders and held exhibitions in November 2011. Maps of roads affected and consulted by the CPZ were referred to in the agenda pack. 241 questionnaires were completed, the average response rate was 21% and nine petitions were submitted. Officers derived at five options following the consultation which were detailed in the report.

A summary of those options included:

- Not to proceed with the installation of a CPZ in the Grove Vale area
- Not to proceed with CPZ but carry out minor changes
- Introduce a one hour CPZ on a experimental basis in Derwent Grove only
- Introduce a one hour CPZ (experimental basis) in Derwent Grove, Elsie Road, Jarvis Road, Melbourne Grove, Oxonian Street, Tintagel Crescent and Zenoria Street
- Introduce a one hour CPZ in Derwent Grove, Elsie Road and Tintagel

The officers present responded to questions about commuter parking, information about the previous consultation which took place and the results of the current consultation and how officers came up with the options above. Tim Walker stated that officers looked at the results at a road by road basis then came up with a modified scheme.

The chair thanked the officers for their presentations.

RESOLVED:

That members agreed to option 1 as set out in the report which was not to proceed with the installation of a CPZ in the Grove Vale area.

13. ELEPHANT AND CASTLE SUPPLEMENTARY PLANNING DOCUMENT

Tim Cutts from planning policy team explained that the council were consulting on the Elephant and Castle SPD (supplementary planning document) which closed on the 7 February 2012. The Elephant & Castle SPD would be used to make decisions on areas such as the Rockingham, Walworth Road, as well as the Elephant and Castle shopping centre and the Heygate Estate.

People were urged to look at the website and provide feedback and views so that the final Elephant and Castle SPD meets the needs and aspirations for the growth of the Opportunity Area.

A document would be available in March 2012 that shall provide a summary of the main issues raised and council officers' preliminary response. The SPD would be taken to the Cabinet meeting for adoption on 20 March 2012.

14. LOCAL PARKING AMENDMENTS

Executive Function

RESOLVED:

That the local parking amendments, detailed in the report and appendices, be approved for implementation subject to the outcome of any necessary statutory procedures:

- Dagmar Road – Install one disabled persons (blue badge) parking bay
- Marsden Road – Install one disabled persons (blue badge) parking bay
- East Dulwich Road – Install one disabled persons (blue badge) parking bay
- Grove Park / Pelham Close – ‘at any time’ waiting restrictions on the junction.

15. EXCLUSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC

RESOLVED:

That the public be excluded from the meeting for the following items of business on the grounds that they involve the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in paragraphs 1 and 2, Access to Information Procedure rules of the Constitution.

16. LEA SCHOOL GOVERNOR APPOINTMENTS

Executive Function

RESOLVED:

That Councillor Ian Wingfield be re-appointed to Brunswick Park Primary School.

The meeting ended at 9.55 pm.

CHAIR:

DATED: