



DULWICH COMMUNITY COUNCIL

MINUTES of the Dulwich Community Council held on Monday 7 November 2011 at 7.00 pm at The Community Suite, St Barnabas Church, 40 Calton Avenue, London SE21 7DG

PRESENT: Councillor Lewis Robinson (Chair)
Councillor Robin Crookshank Hilton (Vice-Chair)
Councillor James Barber
Councillor Toby Eckersley
Councillor Helen Hayes
Councillor Jonathan Mitchell
Councillor Michael Mitchell
Councillor Rosie Shimell
Councillor Andy Simmons

OFFICER SUPPORT: Gill Davies, Director of Environment & Leisure
Barbara Selby, Head of Transport Planning
Matt Hill, Public Realm Programme Manager
John McHenry, Markets Development Manager
Abdi Mohamed-Ibrahim, Neighbourhood Co-ordinator
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 lateness was received from Councillor Rosie Shimell.

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 THE PREVIOUS MEETING

RESOLVED:

That the minutes of the meeting held on 15 September 2011 be agreed as an accurate record of that meeting and signed by the chair subject to an amendment:

Item 7, community announcements and presentations: The Southwark Legal Advice Network presentation should include under the second line the word "surgery" so it reads:

The first event on 26 September 2011 was a drop in surgery in providing and offering legal advice for the over 50s etc.

6. DEPUTATIONS/PETITIONS

Dulwich Community Council considered a deputation request from local residents and parents concerning the current proposals to remove funding of the school crossing patrols in Dulwich Village in the next financial year.

They voiced their concerns about the council's proposal to withdraw funding for school crossing patrols in and around Red Post Hill, East Dulwich Grove and Townley Road.

The spokesperson for the deputation, outlined that road safety was of paramount importance and should be the responsibility of the council. Local residents had grave concerns about the council's proposal to withdraw this funding and had asked if the council could consider securing £15,000 for the next 3 years to fund the patrol guards in Dulwich. They would also like to see this process to be as open and engaging as possible when considering any future funding.

In response to questions addressed to the spokesperson the following was highlighted:

- Educating children about road safety awareness and promoting children's health.
- Risk of potential accidents when cars ignore the pedestrian traffic signals when they change at the time cars are meant to stop and people cross the road.
- The increased number of cyclists also makes the area a danger for pedestrians.
- Traffic calming measures could cause further problems rather than being a preventative measure.

Gill Davies, Strategic Director of Environment and Leisure responded to the deputation. She explained that discussions were in place with stakeholders and residents. Each of the schools would be contacted with an open and transparent agenda in these meetings. Any feedback would be provided to the cabinet members for information.

The general comments from the audience were the council needed to ensure the business association are involved, also TfL had a massive budget the council should approach them to raise the £15k to retain the school patrol guards and any consultation with the local community should be given careful consideration.

Members submitted a motion that which was unanimously agreed at Community Council.

The agreed motion is set out below:

Dulwich Community Council notes the following on page 15 of the Council's recently-adopted "Sustainable Modes of Travel Strategy":

"The safety of children on the road requires special attention" and therefore urges the Council's Cabinet to remove the threat to the school crossing patrols at the junctions of East Dulwich Grove with Townley Road/Greendale and with Dulwich Village/Red Post Hill/Village Way, and to secure the permanent funding of the existing patrols at those locations".

The chair thanked Gill Davies for responding to questions.

7. COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS AND PRESENTATIONS

Colour Thief – cancelled event

The chair read out a statement about the cancelled event as a result of public concern. He referred to a letter he received from cabinet member, Cllr Veronica Ward about the scheduled event in Southwark Park. Further consultation on an event in the South of the borough is still ongoing.

Cleaner greener safer application forms – 2012 - 2013

The chair announced the launch of the Cleaner Greener Safer funding which was divided among all eight of the community council areas. The amount allocated to all eight is £220,000.

The chair mentioned the criteria and the types of projects that have previously been awarded funding and highlighted the time limit set for the funding programme. Officers were available during the break to answer questions. People were also encouraged to visit the council's website to download a CGS e-form.

Libraries review

The chair announced that none of the libraries would be closed and Dulwich Library, Kingswood and Grove Vale would remain open.

Council Assembly

The chair announced the next Council Assembly meeting would be held at Charter School, Red Post Hill on Tuesday, 29 November 2011 at 7.00pm. The theme would be Housing. He urged people to attend the meeting so their concerns regarding the School Patrol

Guards were made to the relevant cabinet member, Cllr Barrie Hargrove.

Kingswood Community Scheme

Janice Francois from the Kingswood Community Scheme spoke briefly about a 'community day' event which was held in the summer. About 400 to 500 people attended and there were different dishes (e.g. Indian and African) and a diversity of activities which took place on the day. Cllr Robinson said he was a great day and Councillor Hayes thanked representatives of the Kingswood Community Network.

Dulwich Helpline

Barbara Scott from Dulwich Helpline spoke about the community council funded grant of £500 which was used to organise a day trip to Southend for another group called Life on the Edge which is affiliated to Dulwich Helpline. The project caters for those with limited mobility. The rest of the funding would be used to organise another trip in the New Year. Barbara raised concern about the future funding of Dulwich Helpline particularly with the pending cuts that are due to take place within the council. The chair said he fully understood the concern and appreciated the project's work.

Millwall Football Scheme

Richard White and representatives from Millwall Football Scheme talked about the project and the opportunities it offers to them as young people. One representative said he had been an aspiration to be involved in the project which meets weekly with around 40 young people attending. The project offers coaching sessions at JAGS. They thanked the community council, especially Cllr Crookshank Hilton's involvement to keep the scheme going.

Home Energy Efficiency Scheme

Laura Hale introduced a new area based scheme called RE:NEW which offers advice on energy efficiency and improvement service to residents living in East Dulwich ward and neighbouring Nunhead ward. It aims to reduce CO2 emissions from existing homes. The scheme would run until the end of March 2012. Further details of the scheme were circulated at the meeting and are available on the Southwark website.

8. SAFER NEIGHBOURHOOD TEAMS UPDATE

Sergeant Turnbull submitted his apologies at this meeting.

Sergeant Warran from College safer neighbourhood team provided an update on community safety matters and outlined the SNTs ward priorities for College, East Dulwich and Village:

- Residential burglary
- Theft from motor vehicles
- Anti social behaviour

Residential burglaries: SNTs are providing crime prevention leaflets and delivering notices

to premises to those that are most vulnerable. It was reported that two males had been arrested and one recently charged with three burglaries in the Dulwich area.

Theft from motor vehicles: Crime prevention measures offered to car owners around the area.

Anti-social behaviour: Involving drugs around the Peckarman's Wood area the police stopped vehicles and searched for drugs. It was announced that a police surgery would take place on Monday 28 November 2011 at the TRA Hall on Dawson Heights Estate.

Sergeant Warran took questions from the audience on raising the priority of traffic policing, the high level of burglaries in the East Dulwich area and whether the change in shift and joined up SNTs might have affected the rise.

In response Sergeant Warran stated that speed monitoring equipment was frequently used and fixed penalty notices were issued to motorists caught speeding. In relation to reported burglaries these are routinely monitored by the SNTs, he agreed to feedback these concerns to Sergeant Turnbull.

The chair thanked Sgt Warran for his presentation.

9. TRANSPORT AND TRAFFIC ISSUES IN DULWICH

Barbara Selby, Head of transport planning and representatives of Transport for London (TfL) spoke about the Southwark transport plan which sets out long term goals and transport objectives for the borough which would be a 20 year programme.

It would also include a 3 year programme of investment and the targets and the outcomes the council are hope to achieve. The Southwark Transport Plan was in response to the Mayor's Transport Strategy and other relevant policies.

Details of the Transport Plan could be found on the Southwark website it includes information about transport objectives, a delivery plan that would be costed and funded plan, performance monitoring plan and locally specific targets which would be used to assess whether the plan is delivering its objectives.

Matt Hill from Public Realm spoke about the options for the Paxton Green roundabout.

Option 1: A map of the location was shown at the meeting indicating the proposed the changes in conjunction with Lambeth and TfL. It would address road safety issues known as the 'convention solution'. Officers would be consulting on this possibly in the new year or around Spring in 2012.

Option 2: The creation of a priority junction to make it more useable. The council would consult again about the pedestrian space within the vicinity of the roundabout. It would address the parking issue as well particular with regard to disabled parking.

The officer took questions from the audience about the cost element of this project. Matt explained options 1 and 2 were in the preliminary stages and any changes whether it be relatively modest would be expensive, but would make a profound difference to what it is

now.

Cllr Hayes commented on the traffic light crossing by the Paxton Green Group Practice stating that in the short term adjustments to the phasing of traffic lights should be looked at in the short term.

Barbara said she had contacted TfL and asked if this could be looked at. Some people felt that a pedestrian phase was not always the solution, as it slowed down traffic. Others felt that the focus should be on those junctions which have a higher rate of reported casualties and accidents.

People in the audience asked whether the consultation meetings would involve local businesses as there were not many people from the Kingswood area at the meeting.

TfL representative, Dan Johnson explained the cost of the works would be taken from TfL's capital funding and possibly S106 monies would be incorporated in this.

Other views expressed included:

Red Post Hill traffic islands especially where cars are parked close to the islands, made it difficult for transport buses to manoeuvre around them. The Council should therefore consider repositioning the islands, or introduce double yellow lines.

A short debate on controlled parking in the area was discussed. A local trader referred to the length of time for short stay parking and the problems with commuter parking. He said it was important for these views to be taken into account when a final decision on controlled parking would be considered by the relevant cabinet member, Cllr Hargrove.

10. PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

The following questions were asked:

Q1 How are contracts for car clubs conducted? How does the Council decide on who gets the contract?

A1: Follow up response to be given by the next community council.

Q2 What are the future plans for Car Club expansion in the borough?

A2: Follow up response to be given by the next community council.

11. NORTH CROSS ROAD MARKET, 6 MONTH REVIEW ON THE ROAD CLOSURE

John McHenry presented this item.

He stated the review of the market pitches would be referred back to the licensing committee for consideration. He confirmed that the road closure of Lordship Lane and Nutfield Road and any further matters discussed at community council would also be

conveyed to the licensing committee.

RESOLVED:

1. That details of reviewing the extension of pitches designation and experimental road closure be noted.
2. That it be noted that no further variation of the designation is required following the review.
3. That the community council supports the extension of the Saturday experimental road closure at the junction with Lordship Lane for a further period of twelve months, and then permanently if there are no further objections.
4. That an application to extend parking restrictions on Saturdays (excluding Fridays) to ensure there is no parking on pitches during market hours be agreed.

12. COMMUNITY COUNCIL HIGHWAYS CAPITAL INVESTMENT 2012 - 2013

Executive Function

The following information had been provided by officers on the total underspend for the Dulwich Community Council area:

Total underspend brought forward (as per report) - £64,257.24

Division by ward:	Amount:
East Dulwich	£33,333
Village	£30,924.24
College	nil
Total	£64,257.24

RESOLVED:

Highways underspend

1. That the works set out below be funded:

East Dulwich ward North Cross Road	Carriageway, from junction with Lordship Lane as far east as budget allows	£33,333 Previous underspend for East Dulwich would also be spent on North Cross Road.
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Village ward Half Moon Lane Project	Resurfacing of footway at shopping parade(s) 125 to 147	£4,000 Then roll over remaining £26,924.24 into next year's grant.
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Lighting underspend

2. That the lighting underspend for Village ward be reallocated to new columns for Aysgarth Road as per the officer's recommendation.

Note: remaining funding will be considered at a future meeting.

13. LOCAL PARKING AMENDMENTS AND CAR CLUB EXPANSION

Executive Function

RESOLVED:

1. That the following local parking amendments, detailed in the appendices to the report, be approved for implementation subject to the outcome of any necessary statutory procedures:
 - Colby Road – installation of an 'At any time' waiting restriction (double yellow lines).
 - Cyrena Road – relocation of an existing car club bay from the east side of the road to the west side of the road.
2. That the item on the car club expansion be deferred. This is to allow for further information to be received on the proposed car club locations, particularly with regard to the consultation process that would take place with local residents and ward members.
3. That the local parking schemes for Dulwich Wood Avenue and Stradella Road be deferred for further clarification on the schemes.

14. CLEANER GREENER SAFER FUNDING - CHANGE CONTROL REPORT

Executive Function

RESOLVED:

1. That £6,500 of Cleaner, Greener, Safer underspend in Village ward be reallocated to the Dulwich Cherry Blossom Festival planting scheme. Locations which were not completed last year to be confirmed: plantings in new locations priority to Winterbrook Road and Milo Road in that order.
2. That £2,500 be reallocated to Dulwich Finger post repairs (list to follow) which was provided to local ward members by the Chair of the Dulwich Society on 25 October 2011.
3. That all other underspend be consolidated and put on hold in case of emergency or possibly rollover into next year's award.

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:

1. That Ms Philippa Beagley and Mrs Caroline George be appointed to Goodrich Primary School.
2. That Ms Sheona St. Hilaire be appointed to Goose Green Primary School.
3. That Mrs Eva Dudzicki be appointed to St. Anthony's Catholic Primary School.

The meeting ended at 10:15pm

CHAIR:

DATED: