



## **DULWICH COMMUNITY COUNCIL**

MINUTES of the Dulwich Community Council held on Wednesday 14 March 2012 at 7.00 pm at Christ Church, 263 Barry Road, London SE22 0JT

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**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:** Stephen Douglass, Head of Community Engagement  
Ben Finden, Project Manager  
John Kissi, Flood Risk Asset Officer  
Kate Johnson, Planning Policy Officer  
John Wade, Parks and Open Spaces Manager  
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 lateness was received from Councillor Rosie Shimell.

### **3. DISCLOSURE OF MEMBERS' INTERESTS AND DISPENSATIONS**

None were declared.

### **4. ITEMS OF BUSINESS THAT THE CHAIR DEEMS URGENT**

The chair gave notice that the following items would be considered of reasons for urgency and lateness to be specified in the report:

- Item 11 – Decisions of the Cleaner Greener Safer (CGS) funding programmes
- Item 12 – Briefing paper, Cleaner Greener Safer (CGS) Revenue funding programme

## **5. MINUTES FROM THE PREVIOUS MEETING**

### **RESOLVED:**

That the minutes of the meeting held on 24 January 2012 be agreed as an accurate record of that meeting, and signed by the chair.

## **6. DEPUTATIONS/PETITIONS**

### **RESOLVED:**

That the deputation request from representatives of the Safer Routes to School be heard.

### **Deputation – School Crossing Patrols**

The deputation spokesperson, Laurie Johnston from Safer Routes to School addressed the meeting about the school crossing patrols which local residents had campaigned for about nine months, due to cuts the council were planning to make with regard to school crossing patrols in the area.

The safety crossings were essential mainly because of the number of schools that were in close proximity in an area heavily used by lorries, buses, and emergency vehicles. Council Assembly decided at its meeting on 29 February 2012 that funding should continue until the end of the next financial year which was also the undertaking given by the Leader of the Council.

The deputation spokesperson thanked Dulwich Community Council for their efforts on this and the fact this saved the jobs of three crossing patrol officers and the children who use the crossing. Laurie stated that the safety of junctions had not been addressed by the council. This made it imperative for the school crossing patrols to remain in place until this has been addressed. She explained that the council had an obligation to look after children in the borough.

In response to questions to the deputation, the spokesperson confirmed the crossings were located in East Dulwich Grove, Townley Road and Red Post Hill.

Councillor Robin Crookshank Hillton congratulated the deputation on their efforts and said she was delighted that Village ward would not be losing these services. She said it did not however solve the problem as other junctions in the area were just as dangerous. TfL had been approached for funding in order to install improvements to the junctions that were considered the most dangerous.

The chair thanked the representatives for their deputation and reiterated the council's commitment to fund the school crossing patrols until 2014.

## **7. COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS AND PRESENTATIONS**

The following announcements and community presentations were highlighted at the meeting:

John Kissi from the Flood Risk Asset Team spoke about the flood risk assessment and surface water management plan. John referred to an earlier presentation on surface water flooding that was presented by the Public Realm Asset Manager at Dulwich Community Council last year on 15 September 2011.

### **Summary of the presentation**

The Herne Hill area and Village ward are the most crucial areas when addressing flood issues. The council are undertaking detailed investigation, in order to reduce the likelihood of flooding.

The council work closely with the Environment Agency and are looking at ways to seek funding from other agencies so as to reduce the impact of flooding.

Flooding occurs when large amounts of water accumulate on previously dry land.

### **Historical Flooding**

- Widespread flooding in 2004, also affected Southwark
- Put flooding on the National agenda
- Summer of 2007, Yorkshire, Gloucestershire and others
- Total cost of £3.2 billion
- Average cost, businesses £75,000 to £112,000
- Average cost, households £23,000 to £30,000

### **Future flooding could get worse**

- Climate Change
- Wetter winters
- More intense rainfall
- Rising water table (winter)
- Increased interaction between flooding sources
- Increased likelihood of flooding
- London clay; little infiltration, more run off

### **Response – legislation**

- EU Flood Directive (2007/60/EC) (Pitt Review, Flood Risk Regulations 2009)
- Flood and Water Management Act 2010

### **Action – what the council has done**

- Preliminary Flood Risk Assessment
  - Significant flood risk
  - Critical Drainage Areas
  - Consequences of past and future flooding

- Surface Water Management Plan
  - Flooding - sources and mechanisms
  - Investment – reduce likelihood of flooding
  - Community engagement – reduce impact

#### **Actions - what can you do?**

- Individual flood plan – information available on the environment agency website <http://publications.environment-agency.gov.uk/>
- Water conservation
- Rain water harvesting
- Community Flood Plans: Flood wardens or flood champions - the officer present asked for volunteers from the community council area

#### **Next steps**

- Submit ideas to EA for funding
- Initiate detailed consultation
- Obtain local knowledge
- Develop and implement

For more information on Flood Risk Management in Southwark contact John Kissi, Flood Risk Manager, john.kissi@southwark.gov.uk or telephone number 020 7525 2062.

## **8. POLICE SAFER NEIGHBOURHOOD TEAMS**

Sergeant Stewart Turnbull from East Dulwich and Village wards safer neighbourhood team informed the meeting that Sgt Richard Warran from College ward had moved to another constabulary and had been replaced by Sgt Warren Gregory, who was now the new sergeant for this ward.

Sgt Turnbull made reference to the low staffing levels amongst the PCSOs in the community council area which he hoped would resolved soon.

The College SNT priorities are:

- Robbery, anti social behaviour and plain clothes patrols.
- Burglary, assurance visits conducted.
- 2 people arrested for supplying class A drugs.

The Village and East Dulwich SNT wards priorities are:

- Burglary, dramatically reduced as a result of increased patrols.
- Prevention of crime, undertaking daily school dispersal to ensure safety of children and reports of robbery in schools are currently being investigated.
- School Police Patrols, to ensure there is a presence using low key control tactics.
- Motor vehicle crime prevention, targeting the offenders.

In response to questions Sgt Turnbull confirmed the signposts for neighbourhood watch scheme had been removed from local area due to flood light improvements. He said the police had been approached but they are having difficulty getting hold of some more. In

light of this the Police were advised to put in a Cleaner Greener, Safer bid in order to have them replaced.

The chair thanked Sergeant Turnbull for his presentation.

## **9. METAL THEFT AT DULWICH PARK - UPDATE**

John Wade, (Parks and Open Spaces Manager), Trevor Moore, (Chair of Dulwich Park Friends) and Sgt Stewart Turnbull each spoke about this item which was in light of the recent theft of the Barbara Hepworth sculpture at Dulwich Park and continuous rise in the metal theft in the borough and other parts of the country.

The chair explained that this was being discussed at the meeting due to several requests having been received to possibly replace the sculpture, provide any updates on metal theft and increase security around Dulwich Park.

### **Consultation**

John Wade reported that the council proposed to secure some funding to find a replacement at Dulwich Park. He advised the meeting that a consultation meeting would take place on 19 March 2012 between 6:30pm to 7:30pm at St Barnabas Church to discuss the best process for replacing the piece of art work in Dulwich park and identifying a commissioning plan for this. Stakeholders would be invited to the meeting and information about the consultation meeting would be advertised on the council's website.

### **Security measures**

John stated that the council had undertaken an audit that would implement increased security measures that is to be done on a case by case basis. This could be providing additional CCTV or the removal of some items in the park.

Trevor Moore, Chair of Dulwich Park Friends urged people to attend the meeting at St Barnabas to discuss and to submit their views on a replacement which could be art combined with some sort of functionality. For example, one proposal was to have a bandstand.

In response to questions, about time scales on the art work that would replace the sculpture would depend on the commissioning plan and best route the council was likely to go for. Some residents felt that something iconic should replace the Hepworth sculpture.

John explained asked those who wished to express a view should do so by email [parks@southwark.gov.uk](mailto:parks@southwark.gov.uk) specially if they are unable to attend the consultation meeting.

Sgt Turnbull explained that the cost of metal theft is around £7 million a year because there was a lot of money involved which is why metal theft has risen dramatically. The metal ranged from non-ferrous metal, to aluminium, to burnt out copper and the like. The biggest victims were British Rail and British Telecom, a lot has been done to combat this type of crime which involves working in partnership with other agencies. Many of the criminals had burnt down the cables in parts of outer London so they are not in view. He urged people to report any suspicious activity relating to this sort of crime.

The chair thanked representatives for their participation.

It was noted that the presentation from the Dulwich Society was deferred to a future meeting.

## **10. PLANNING AND OPEN SPACES**

Kate Johnson, Planning Policy Officer, presented the Open Space Strategy and Dulwich supplementary planning document which highlighted the following:

The council are preparing a supplementary planning document (SPD) for Dulwich which should be going out to consultation again. The SPD covers the entire Dulwich Community Council area including East Dulwich, Herne Hill and Dulwich Village. The SPD also covers a small area to the west of Peckham Rye. The SPDs provide guidance on policies in the development plan which is the Southwark plan and draft core strategy, and when deciding on planning applications and based on topics such as affordable housing. Further information on this is available on the website

- The open space strategy sets out a framework for open space provision in the borough.
- The open space strategy replaces work previously undertaken in 2003 and updates the work carried out in 2010.
- The document would make up an important part of the evidence base needed in the preparation of planning policy documents.
- Public consultation on the draft strategy is to run until 24 April 2012.
- The council plan to adopt the final strategy in September 2012.

### **Site audit**

As part of the preparation of the strategy, a site audit of all existing open spaces had taken place in the area. The audit had found that open space is generally of high quality.

- Many spaces hold cultural events – strong focus for local communities.
- Perform a varied range of functions.
- Spaces are generally well utilised with a good range of facilities.

### **Accessibility**

- Small sections of Nunhead and North Dulwich were deficient in access to parks (all types).
- Large sections of the borough were deficient in access to allotments – Canada Water, parts of North Dulwich and Bankside.

A Dulwich workshop was scheduled take place at Dulwich Library on Monday 16 April 2012 from 5.30pm until 8pm. Residents should contact the planning policy team on 0207 525 5471 if you have any queries.

The officer agreed to take on board comments about the open space strategy and Dulwich SPD in that these should be discussed with the Dulwich Estate and Dulwich Community Hospital.

### **Camberwell Old Cemetery – planning application and proposed works**

John Wade, Parks and Open Spaces Manager presented this item. He explained that Southwark were running out of burial space and the council has identified a number of works that need to be done over the next few years in order to provide more burial space.

A recently submitted planning application outlined a proposal for the council to re-use existing burial space. If the application is successful work would commence in June 2012. There was likely to be a loss of around 20 trees although the council would try to mitigate as much loss as possible. The timetable for works would be over a 4 week period, importing soil and a further 6 weeks on other works. John stated that although this was being considered as short term solution. A long term strategy on this would be presented at a Cabinet meeting over the next few months. In response to questions, he said any existing graves would remain undisturbed during the time the work is being done.

## **11. CLEANER GREENER SAFER (CGS) FUNDING PROGRAMMES**

Executive Function

Members considered the information in the report.

### **RESOLVED:**

That the allocation of funds for the 2012 – 2013 Cleaner Greener Safer programme in the Dulwich Community Council area set out below be approved.

<b>College funds available</b>	<b>£78412</b>
<b>Proposal title</b>	<b>project cost</b>
Restoring St Peters Church's	£16200
Security Gates	£6500
Flowers fight fly tipping	£3500
Lighting the way	£10500
Lordship Lane estate going greener	£1750
Picnic benches on Kingswood estate	£3000
Sydenham Hill Wood Secure Volunteer and Visitor Point	£4320

Athol House Zen Garden	£6200
New Leaf, path of natural knowledge	£5400
<b>College total of awards</b>	<b>£57370</b>
<b>East Dulwich funds available</b>	<b>£82012</b>
<b>Proposal title</b>	<b>project cost</b>
Illuminate ED station bridge area	£10000
ED Go slower signs	£6000
Cycle contraflow on Henslowe Road	£8500
Fix the North Cross Road grot spot	£4000
Community notice boards for East Dulwich	£3000
20mph Lordship Lane	£15000
Trees on Lordship Lane	£8500
Goose Green school	£5400
East Dulwich crime reduction fund	£8000
Worlingham Road grot spot	£5000
Goose Green playground	£5000
Planting and greening at Goodrich School	£3300
<b>East Dulwich total of awards</b>	<b>£81700</b>
<b>Village funds available</b>	<b>£83562</b>
<b>Proposal title</b>	<b>project cost</b>
Burbage Circus Community Notice Board	£1800
New finger posts	£5000
North Dulwich Signs	£750
Urban Orchard Security Project	£4000
Dig the park	£1080
Rhododendron project	£3750
Dulwich Cherry Blossom Festival	£5000
Pedestrian entrance to Belair Park	£4000
Lake & rivulet pumps Dulwich Park	£8000
<b>Village ward</b>	



Rainwater irrigation for Dulwich Vegetable Garden	£1050
Interpretation and history signage in Belair Park	£6000
Belair park - playground equipment for under-fives	£13000
Dulwich Archive	£20650
Aquatic plants for Belair Park Lake	£4582
Recycling and rubbish bins for Dulwich park	£1000
Environmental improvements at Delawyck	£3900
<b>Village total of awards</b>	<b>£83562</b>

## 12. CLEANER GREENER SAFER (CGS) REVENUE FUNDING PROGRAMME

Stephen Douglass, Head of Community Engagement was present at the meeting to explain that Council Assembly agreed the cleaner greener safer revenue fund of £10,000 per ward which is similar to the CGS capital fund.

The total allocation for Dulwich Community Council was £30,000 with £18,000 of the money being allocated to fund the school crossing patrols which was agreed at council assembly meeting on 29 February 2012. Stephen mentioned that the remaining £12,000 would be costed and presented to the community council in April 2012. Although this is revenue funding some capital items could be used.

It was noted that four other local schemes should be included amongst the schemes that were set out in the appendix of the briefing paper and decision given below.

### RESOLVED:

1. That remaining Cleaner Greener Safer (CGS) revenue funding of £12,000 will be discussed at the DCC meeting on 17 April 2012.
2. That the following be added to the list of schemes for consideration at the next community council as set out in the briefing paper:
  - i) Part funding of the Kingswood Community Shop coordinator post
  - ii) New Leaf projects at West Dulwich Station
  - iii) Hanging baskets along Lordship Lane
  - iv) Food hygiene training for the traders along Lordship Lane
3. That Dulwich Community Council request officers to investigate and bring a report back to the community council on the viability and costing of each of the

proposals and whether any of these proposals would be eligible for funding from alternative council budgets.

### 13. OLYMPICS PRESENTATION

Ben Finden, Project Manager, presented this item and outlined the structure chart of the Get Set Southwark, Southwark Olympic Delivery Board, and Capital Legacy Group and the duties of the operational planning group, which had been set up to ensure Southwark supported inspirational, safe and inclusive Games. There were different workstreams including: volunteering, the Southwark experience group, engaging with young people, travel and networks, and health and well-being.

The two key issues were: what needed to be done while the Games were going on, and what the Olympic legacy would be. There would be lots of activities, including an arts and cultural festival (including plays being put on in 37 languages), cultural heritage trails to attract visitors to the southern parts of the borough (for example, to the 1948 Velodrome) and legacy projects. The activities would be delivered with no extra council resources required. The legacy projects, were designed to leave a legacy of health and wellbeing in the borough.

Ben informed the meeting of the Key dates . These were:

Torch Relay arrives in London	21 Jul 2012
Olympics – Opening Ceremony	27 Jul 2012
Olympics – Closing Ceremony	12 Aug 2012
Paralympics – Opening	29 Aug 2012
Paralympics – Closing	09 Sep 2012

The transport and road network issues would become important to during the Olympics. In addition to the Olympics, the Notting Hill Carnival and the Diamond Jubilee would also be taking place in the summer, so that Olympic boroughs like Southwark would be very busy. 20 million extra trips would be made within London during the 2012 Games. 80% of spectators would be travelling by rail (including the Underground).

In Southwark, commuters were advised not to use London Bridge and Canada Water stations. While Southwark did not have any Olympic Route Network (ORN) roads, there were some Alternative Olympic route network (AORN) roads and Road Event Olympic route network (REORN) roads in the borough.

The marathon route included New Kent Road and Tower Bridge Road. This would be used on Sunday, 5 August 2012, and Sunday 12 August 2012. On these days, there would be traffic signal timing changes and adjusted stopping restrictions. Residents and businesses would have to think about how they could best modify their commutes and deliveries.

There were also a wide variety of cultural and arts events and projects for young people. 120 young people had signed up for an accredited volunteering programme. The legacy of the programme would be for young people to stay engaged with sport, volunteering and to increase their marketability on the job market.

For further information, contact: Ben Finden, 020 7525 1289 or email

benjamin.finden@southwark.gov.uk

#### **14. PUBLIC QUESTION TIME**

There were no public questions.

#### **15. LOCAL PARKING AMENDMENT**

Executive Function

Members considered the information in the report.

##### **RESOLVED:**

1. That the officer recommendations set out in the report be rejected.
2. That the objections noted in the report be upheld.
3. That the amendment of the relevant Traffic Management Order (TMO) is not implemented.

#### **16. 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.

#### **17. LEA SCHOOL GOVERNOR APPOINTMENTS**

Executive Function

Members considered the information in the closed report.

##### **RESOLVED:**

1. That Miss Megan Brown be appointed to Dulwich Village Church of England Infants' School.
2. That Mrs Sarah Henderson and Mr Patrick Johnson be appointed to Dulwich Wood Nursery School.

The meeting ended at 10.20 pm.

**CHAIR:**

**DATED:**