



CAMBERWELL COMMUNITY COUNCIL

MINUTES of the Camberwell Community Council held on Wednesday 22 June 2011
at 7.00 pm at Southwark Town Hall, Peckham Road, London SE5 8UB

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

OFFICER SUPPORT: Pam Usher, Library Service Manager
Russell Collins, Adult and Social Care
Abdi Mohamed Ibrahim, Neighbourhood Coordinator
Grace Semakula, Community Council Development Officer
Beverley Olamijulo, Constitutional Officer

1. INTRODUCTION AND WELCOME

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

2. APOLOGIES

None were received.

3. DISCLOSURE OF MEMBERS' INTERESTS AND DISPENSATIONS

The following member declared an interest in relation to the agenda item below:

Item 11 – Lucas Gardens and Southampton Way – consultation report and appendices

Councillor Mark Williams, personal and non-prejudicial, as he lives within the area that

was consulted.

4. ITEMS OF BUSINESS THAT THE CHAIR DEEMS URGENT

There were none.

5. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

RESOLVED:

That the minutes of the meeting held on 20 April 2011 were agreed as a correct record and signed by the chair.

6. DEPUTATIONS/PETITIONS (IF ANY)

None were received.

At this juncture a resident raised an issue about the planning processes surrounding a certain planning application.

The legal officer present explained that community council procedure rules clearly state that you cannot hear a deputation which refers to a particular planning application.

Councillor Stephen Govier asked if the resident could be heard particularly as he wrote to members about this matter and that Camberwell Community Council should look very closely at the way we encourage developers in the Camberwell community council to preconsult before submitting a planning application.

The chair stated whatever matter is of concern the consultation process is likely to be extended taking into account the views expressed by residents. The chair further advised members that they could not discuss any planning issues it would be advisable to write to the Chief Executive or Director of Communities, Law and Governance outlining your concerns.

The chair allowed Mr Sheard to speak for two minutes and asked members not to give a view but to note his comments. The members present agreed.

Mr Sheard spoke about the planning process in that correspondence from local residents are not always responded to by the council. Also when downloading documents from the council's website they appeared upside down or were not relevant in many cases. He explained that this seems to be a problem with applications in general and asked if elected councillors could intervene on their behalf.

The chair asked Mr Sheard to write to the Chief Executive and Director of Communities, Law and Governance. The chair also mentioned that she would consider this as a separate agenda item at a future community council meeting.

Councillor Ian Wingfield said this was not solely a Camberwell issue but an issue across

the whole borough. We need a robust process which could be achieved if we look at best practice in other local authorities.

The following motion was submitted and agreed by Members:

AGREED:

That Camberwell Community Council notes the comments above and request the Chief Executive to draw up a report on these issues so that it could be considered by cabinet and the main planning committee and then adopted across the borough.

7. COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS AND EVENTS

The following community announcements were made:

Review of Library Service

Pam Usher, Library Services Manager talked about the review of public libraries in the borough and asked residents how they would like to make savings under the current budget. For example, could savings be made with the home library service?

Pam asked residents to complete the survey which were available at the meeting so they could give their opinions and choose the various options to make savings and improve the library service. Pam also pointed out there was an online survey on the council's website for people to complete.

There were workshops held at Peckham Library from the 8 – 28 July 2011 and Camberwell Library on 27 June 2011. A further report that is scheduled to go to the council's cabinet meeting would be produced later in September 2011.

Councillor Veronica Ward urged people to fill in the survey form because it is such an important issue. Other sections of the survey asked for people's views on the closure of homework clubs and volunteering.

Southwark Community Games

Paul Tucker, representing Southwark Community Games spoke his role and what the project has to offer. Although there has been a reduction in staff they were able to get 200 local children in Southwark to participate in the London Youth Games along with other schools. They work in partnership with Fusion and were involved in an event called Southwark Get Set in Camberwell so the children could race against each other. There are other events like the multi sport coaching sessions for 8 – 16 years which are free and mini events that are scheduled to take place in local parks.

Paul provided information leaflets at the meeting referred those present to the website for details <http://www.southwark.gov.uk/southwarkcommunitygames>

Democracy Commission

Abdullahi Mohamed Ibrahim, Neighbourhood Coordinator for Camberwell introduced

himself to the meeting and spoke about the second phase of the Democracy Commission, which started in May 2011. This is a review of the eight community councils which involves looking at ways to make savings, how they could be improved and what residents value about community councils. The Democracy Commission were seeking the views of residents who were encouraged to complete the questionnaire form handed out at the meeting. Further information would be given at the next community council.

Social Care and Adult Care

Russell Collins, Health and Community Services in Adult Social Care mentioned there were workshops and training sessions available for people interested in attending these courses. Those that were interested should speak to him during the break.

Council Assembly 6 July 2011

The themed debate at council assembly on 6 July 2011 was about sport and young people. This gave people the opportunity to voice their opinions and it was the first meeting being outside Peckham Town Hall.

8. UPDATE REPORT FROM THE SAFER NEIGHBOURHOOD TEAMS

Police Sergeants from the Safer Neighbourhoods teams gave an update on ward priorities for the Camberwell area.

Priorities for Camberwell Green SNT:

- Anti social behaviour, mostly gang related around the Crawford Estate, Parris Estate, and St Michael's All Angels. Also addressing youth violence.

Priorities for Brunswick Park SNT:

- Tackling youth violence, Camberwell and Peckham Police are dealing with this as much as they can.
- Drug dealing and smoking in stair well.
- Stop and search across all three wards to tackle crime, e.g. such as robbery in the whole Camberwell area. This includes increased checks by way of metal detectors and curfew checks that is done by checking reported robberies on the system.
- Safer neighbourhood transport team would remove a young person's free travel card if they commit any violent crime. The SNT are committed to engaging with young people as well as targeting those who commit crimes. Projects like the Youth Caribb Club which runs activities like sport and film creation.

Priorities for South Camberwell SNT:

Sgt Duncan for South Camberwell Ward submitted his apologies for this meeting.

- Robbery, burglary and youth crime.

The Sergeant reported that Camberwell Youth Court now dealing with cases from Balham Youth Court since its closure.

A question was raised about hate crime in the area particularly for those with learning difficulties. The response was this sort of crime like with most crimes are monitored very carefully and there is a dedicated hate crime unit at Walworth Police Station. The SNT representatives agreed to provide contact details

Another question was raised about the increased responsibilities of the Camberwell Youth court following the closure of Balham Youth Court. Would this mean additional responsibilities for the community support officers. No this would not be the case even they though they might not be up to full strength, the SNTs would not encourage additional cover for community support officers.

Councillor Peter John mentioned the cuts that are being made in the Met Police where frontline services are closing and there has been a reduction in services within the safer neighbourhood teams. If the London Mayor intends to visit Peckham Harris Academy come along and have your say about policing in your area.

Safer neighbourhoods teams priorities should be available to view on the Southwark Police website: <http://www.met.police.uk/teams.southwark>

9. PRESENTATION FROM THE CABINET MEMBER FOR CHILDREN'S SERVICES

Councillor Catherine McDonald was present to talk about free healthy school meals in Southwark Schools. Councillor McDonald highlighted the health implications particularly with child obesity in the borough which is considered the highest nationally.

To promote health and wellbeing free healthy school meals at lunchtimes this was being piloted in ten local schools in the Borough one of which is Brunswick Park Primary School in reception classes and year one. This would eventually be rolled out to other school year groups. Parents are given the choice to allow their children to opt into the scheme.

Councillor McDonald took questions from the audience.

The chair thanked Councillor McDonald for attending the meeting and responding to questions.

Representatives from Brunswick Primary School who were due to attend submitted their apologies to the meeting.

10. PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

The following public questions were raised at the meeting:

Q1: Problem with parked cars along Vestry Road and neighbouring streets – there are many people who park their cars in these streets do not actually live there. This causes real problems for residents who do live there and are unable to park outside their homes. When is the Council going to impose parking restrictions in the area?

A1: The chair announced there was an item next on the agenda which might help address some of the problems highlighted around Lucas Gardens.

Q2: Why should the whole of Burgess Park being closed for a year due to the regeneration work that is taking place. Wouldn't it be better to close one half of the park for works to be done and then complete the other half later so that there is still public access to the park?

A2: A follow up response would be given at the next meeting.

Q3: When community councils were first set up there was a view that they could comment on planning matters even if it was out of their scope to make a decision about the planning process, this community council should be able to comment on the planning processes.

A3: The chair explained that this had been dealt with at the start of the meeting under deputations and petitions.

Q4: What action is the Council taking to deal with those who use blue badges (disabled badges) illegally in cars?

A4: A follow up response would be given at the next meeting.

Q5: I saw in the forum 5 letter there was a commission for some public paintings of electrical boxes which I understand has now been cancelled and there wouldn't be any further funding for these commissions. I wanted to know why that was?

A5: A follow up response would be given at the next meeting.

11. LUCAS GARDENS AND SOUTHAMPTON WAY - CONSULTATION REPORT AND APPENDICES

Tim Walker from the transport team presented this item.

The officer outlined that he wanted to talk about the results and draft recommendations of two recent parking studies that were carried out in Southampton Way and Lucas Gardens area. These consultations were to seek the views of the community on the principle of a controlled parking zone which is sometimes referred to as the residents parking scheme.

Tim explained the Council were seeking the views of the community council on the draft recommendations prior to a strategic decision that is due to be taken by the cabinet member for environment, transport and recycling in August 2011. Should the recommendations be approved the schemes would be subject to statutory consultation to make a traffic management order and implementation would occur in early autumn.

Other key points include:

Policy – the council are committed to effective management of its road network and regularisation of parking to ensure kerb side parking is allocated fairly.

Cycle and bus routes are kept clear; this includes road safety measures being introduced

such as pedestrian crossings and allocated parking spaces for blue badge holders to assist those with limited mobility.

CPZs are commonly used across the UK to deal with the ever increasing demand for parking on the roads which is why priority is given to certain users for example resident parking would be given a higher priority to commuter parking.

In the East Camberwell area there was clear support for controlled parking zone in April 2009. The suggestion was to also to monitor parking in surrounding streets of the new zone. During this time a number of complaints and a petition were received asking for a CPZ consultation to be carried out.

The consultation for Lucas Gardens and Southampton Way took place during December 2010 – January 2011. Street notices were put up and three public exhibitions were held – two in Peckham Town Hall and one in Elimington TRA Hall. A questionnaire was provided for people to submit their responses to the Council.

Results:

Lucas Gardens 642 people were consulted, 56% were in favour, 35% were against and 9% were undecided about the hours of operation: Mon to Fri 8:30am until 6:30pm with 28% in favour of 10am until 2pm limited controlled parking.

Southampton Way 662 people were consulted 54% majority were against controlled parking with a 15% response rate.

Tim Walker took questions from residents and Councillors at the meeting.

Members agreed to Cllr Wingfield suggested amendments to recommendation 5 and a further recommendation 6 given below.

RESOLVED:

That Camberwell community council:

1. Note that the report presented to the community council for consultation purposes and the final decision is delegated to the cabinet member.
2. Note the draft recommendations to the cabinet member below and the comments given to those recommendations are included in the final report to the cabinet member.

RECOMMENDATIONS (FOR CABINET MEMBER FOR ENVIRONMENT, TRANSPORT AND RECYCLING)

That the cabinet member for environment, transport and recycling:

1. The results of the combined 1st and 2nd stage study on two proposed Controlled Parking Zones (CPZ) in the Lucas Gardens and Southampton Way areas be noted.
2. That Camberwell and Walworth community council's comments are noted and any

final representations made in relation to the draft of this report should be inserted.

3. Approves the implementation of a CPZ in the Lucas Gardens area subject to statutory consultation.
4. Approves the extension of East Camberwell (EC) CPZ to include northern section of Southampton Way (Wells Way to New Church Street), Parkhouse Street, Cottage Green and Wells Way (Parkhouse Street to St George's Way) subject to statutory consultation.
5. Approves the implementation of a CPZ in Coleman Road, Rainbow Street, Dowlas Road, Bonsor Street or the southern section of Southampton Way (south of Wells Way) subject to statutory consultation.
6. That Camberwell community council call upon the cabinet member to find the appropriate funding to introduce a traffic management order under experimental measures.

12. CAMBERWELL COMMUNITY COUNCIL FUND - 2011

Executive function

RESOLVED:

That the following amounts of Camberwell Community Council funding (2011/2012) be allocated to:

Camberwell Community Council Fund 2011/2012			
Ward	Activity Name	Organisation	Members' Decision
South Camberwell	Young Money Makers Workshop	Jummy Taribo [Youth Leader]	£900
Camberwell Green	Millwall Street Pro [Summer 2011]	Millwall Community Scheme	£941
Brunswick Park	Seaside Trip	The Grove Family & Childrens Centre	£941
South Camberwell	Gospel Café Peace Choir	The Holy Apostles Theatre Ministry	£941
South Camberwell	30th anniversary, year film night	London Wildlife Trust	£941

Camberwell Community Council Fund 2011/2012

Ward	Activity Name	Organisation	Members' Decision
Brunswick Park	Oxjam Camberwell Takeover	Oxfam	£975
South Camberwell	Faith Community Sports Day	CAN	£941
Camberwell Green	Summer Participation Project	Southwark Woodcraft	£800
Camberwell Green	Blue Elephant Summer School	Blue Elephant Theatre Ltd	£941
Brunswick Park	Carnival procession, street party	Grosvenor T&RA	£500
Brunswick Park	Sceaux Gardens Summer Festival	Sceaux Gardens T&RA	£500
South Camberwell	Lettsom Community Fun Day, & Back to school	Lettsom Move Forward T@RA	£500
Camberwell Green	Trip to Southend on Sea	D'eynsford Estate T&RA	£575
Brunswick Park	Brunswick Park Fete	Brunswick Park TRA	£941
Camberwell Green	Community Play	Wyndham & Comber T&RA	£941
Brunswick Park	Funday-Glebe Estate	Glebe Estate T&RA N&S	£500
Camberwell Green	Trips to the Coast	Brandon 3 T&RA	£941

Camberwell Community Council Fund 2011/2012			
Ward	Activity Name	Organisation	Members' Decision
Camberwell Green	Eid Party with fun activities	Mumtaz Banu	£941
Brunswick Park	Healing Arts for Older Adults with Mental Health	SLAM,Maudsley Hospital	£560

TOTAL

15,220

13. CLEANER GREENER SAFER - REPORT

Executive function

Members considered the cleaner greener safer report.

RESOLVED:

That Camberwell Community Council notes the financial savings and deficits for relevant projects and approved the re-allocation of a total of £102,000 to four projects where additional expenditure will be required as set out in Appendix 1 of the report.

The meeting ended at 9.40 pm.

CHAIR:

DATED: