



## **Borough, Bankside and Walworth Community Council**

MINUTES of the OPEN section of the Borough, Bankside and Walworth Community Council held on Monday 22 April 2013 at 7.00 pm at Walworth Academy, Shorncliffe Rd, London SE1 5UJ

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**PRESENT:** Councillor Martin Seaton (Chair)  
Councillor David Noakes (Vice-Chair)  
Councillor Catherine Bowman  
Councillor Poddy Clark  
Councillor Neil Coyle  
Councillor Patrick Diamond  
Councillor Dan Garfield  
Councillor Claire Hickson  
Councillor Lorraine Lauder MBE  
Councillor Rebecca Lury  
Councillor Darren Merrill  
Councillor Abdul Mohamed  
Councillor Adele Morris  
Councillor Geoffrey Thornton

**OFFICER SUPPORT:** Matthew Hunt (Head of Corporate Facilities Management)  
Zayd Al-Jawad (Section 106 Legal Agreements Manager)  
John McHenry (Streets and Market Trading Manager)  
Kevin Dykes (Senior Development Officer (Inclusion))  
Bryony Aldous (Ceremonies Officer)  
Andrea Allen (Senior Project Manager)  
Emma Corker (Southwark Youth Services)  
Marian Farrugia (Community Council Development Officer)  
Gill Kelly (Community Council Development Officer)  
Bill Legassick (Environmental Protection Team)  
Chris Mascord (Senior Engineer)  
Yvonne Sampoh (Assistant Project Officer)  
Gerald Gohler (Constitutional Officer)

### **1. WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS**

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

## **2. APOLOGIES**

There were apologies for absence from Councillor Tim McNally, and apologies for lateness from Councillor Dan Garfield.

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

Members made the following declarations regarding items on the agenda.

### **Agenda Item 9 - Cleaner, Greener, Safer Funding.**

Councillor Catherine Bowman, Non Pecuniary, as she used to have an allotment on the Rockingham Estate, which she had, however, given up recently.

Councillor Neil Coyle, Non Pecuniary, as he is a member of the Walworth Society.

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

The chair drew the attention of the meeting to two supplementary agendas which had been circulated containing reports regarding the following items:

6. Petitions and Deputations

16. Community Streets – Liverpool Grove

17. Section 106 release report - £887,506 of regeneration projects from 07-AP-2267 Bankside Hilton, Great Suffolk Street 11/AP/1341, St Ives House 11/AP/0671, Great Guildford Business Square and 10/AP/3316 Land at Ewer Street.

The chair announced that item 16 would be considered after the community announcements, and that item 17 would be considered under item 12.

## **5. MINUTES**

### **RESOLVED:**

The minutes of the meeting held on 26 February 2013 were agreed as a correct record and signed by the chair.

## **6. PETITIONS AND DEPUTATIONS**

Councillors considered the information contained in the report.

## **RESOLVED:**

That the deputation from the Kennington and Walworth Neighbourhood Action Group be heard.

John Bayley, the spokesperson for the deputation explained that while the group broadly supported the Northern Line extension, they opposed the construction plans Transport for London (TfL) had put together. Works would be taking place from 2015 to 2019, and would cause noise and air pollution, and great disruption to residents in the area. There would be heavy construction traffic, and this would originate across the street from a nursery. There would also be disruption to all users of Kennington Park and to the eco-hub while the underground junctions were being constructed in the north-eastern part of the park. A permanent shaft would also be constructed there. Furthermore, there were plans to create stabilization tunnels underneath the streets to the north of the park which could make the buildings rise or fall somewhat, depending on who one talked to. TfL's current plans were flawed, because the station was too small for the volume of commuters who would use the station and change trains. Work to the station was needed first. The deputation's spokesperson asked:

- What would Southwark do to minimise disruption to residents?
- How Southwark would approach the public enquiry, and who would be responsible from the officer side?
- How would Southwark liaise with Lambeth council? A working group should be put together.

Responding to questions from councillors, the members of the deputation said that they were most concerned about the construction traffic, and the proximity of Keyworth Primary school to major building works. They also had concerns about the impact on Kennington Park and Kennington Street. Proper supervision of contractors was needed. The meeting heard that Southwark and Lambeth councils needed to work together, because TfL's assumption about the tube station did not make sense.

Councillors discussed making this topic the subject of the community council question to be asked at the Council Assembly meeting on 3 July 2013.

## **7. COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS**

### **Police update**

Southwark Borough Commander, Chief Superintendent John Sutherland, introduced himself to the meeting and informed the meeting that crime figures for residential burglaries had gone down. This was in line with an overall downward trend in crime figures including violent crime. There remained, however, some challenges regarding robberies, violence against young people and knife crime. Operation Trinity had been launched in January to tackle these three areas. The operation would continue into next year, and was running in partnership with Southwark council.

The Metropolitan Police faced the financial challenge of having to make £500 million in savings. This meant changes had to be made in terms of the policing model used. There would be no reductions in frontline policing, however, some police stations would be closing. He outlined that Walworth police station would remain a 24/7 front counter, with

Peckham police station open 16 hours 6 days a week and Southwark police station 8 hours, 5 days a week. Rotherhithe and Dulwich police stations would likely be closed and sold. The Safer Neighbourhoods Teams with dedicated local officers would remain, but would in future be cluster-based, with some staff moving from one ward to another. There would, however, still be one named Sergeant, Constable and PCSO per ward. The southwest cluster would be based at Camberwell police station, the southeast cluster at Peckham police station, and the northwest cluster at Walworth police station. The base for the northeast cluster was still to be confirmed.

Responding to questions from the floor, Chief Superintendent Sutherland said that stopping violence against women was one of his personal priorities, and that all offences against women would be pursued. In terms of “stop and search”, the Chief Superintendent said that this was a hugely emotive issue, and that levels of “stop and search” had fallen in volume. He did not know Southwark’s ranking in terms of “stop and search”, and said that the issue needed work. It was an important power the police had at their disposal especially with regards to knife crime, but the police had to dispense this power professionally, lawfully and with respect.

The chair told the meeting that he himself had been stopped more than 40 times and asked to empty his pockets under the “suss” laws, one year when he was growing up. These kind of experiences alienated young people. Heavy handed policing did not serve the community.

In response to further questions, the Chief Superintendent explained that operation Trinity focussed on the fact that young people are more likely to be victims. The police were working with the Southwark Anti-Violence Unit (SAVU), and with volunteer sector organisations like the Damilola Taylor Trust and Kids Company. In terms of the numbers of police officers, overall police numbers would be lower than two to three years ago. This was partly due to the extra officers had been hired for the Olympics. Furthermore many functions had been transferred from boroughs to centralised units, such as telephone answering services for 999 calls. Reductions in staff levels in these back office functions had, however, not led to a reduction in frontline policing.

Chief Superintendent Sutherland further explained that there was no intention to withdraw from Safer Neighbourhoods policing and from the reassurance and engagement activities, but that their nature would change. In future, Peckham police station would be the emergency response base, with Walworth becoming a crime hub, a base for plain clothes operations, and the location for custody facilities. Emergency response resources would not decrease, but just be deployed at Peckham. He offered to attend future community council meetings to provide updates and feedback.

### **Southwark Registrar services**

Bryony Aldous, from the council’s registrar services, informed the meeting about the different services offered by this part of the council, such as genealogical services, local history, births, deaths and marriages. The section was also responsible for registering marriages and civil partnerships, ceremonies for which could be held in various places in the borough, for example on HMS Belfast, Vinopolis or Tower Bridge. Because there were no birthing hospitals in Southwark, the registrar at Peckham Road, also housed a Lambeth Registrar to register the birth of children of Southwark residents, born in King’s College hospital. The section also ran citizenship ceremonies and an immigration advice service. Bryony explained that the registrar’s office also worked closely with the Border Agency in

order to stop fake marriages from taking place, and that this was an issue across the country.

#### **East Street update**

Chris Mascord, Senior Engineer, updated the meeting on the resurfacing work in East Street. The surfacing had been changed in 2012, but due to the cleaning regime, there had been trips. However, the new asphalt layer was now complete. Responding to the questions from the floor, Chris explained that the need for renewed resurfacing had not been the contractor's fault, and that it had been caused by the type of material used underneath the paving. The cleaning regime had not been the contractor's responsibility. He also explained that the renewed repairs had been funded by TfL. The chair summarised that it looked like Southwark had specified the works incorrectly. Fears were expressed that the current surfacing would not last, and would cause renewed disruption to traders. John McHenry, Markets and Street Trading Manager, assured the meeting that an appropriate cleaning regime would be instituted and that the surface would be monitored.

The chair said that councillors would be keeping a watching brief on this issue and if new problems arose, this issue would be brought back to a future meeting.

#### **Update on the fire at Walworth Town Hall**

Matthew Hunt, Head of Corporate Facilities, updated the meeting on the fire which had started on the roof of 151 Walworth Road on 25 March 2013 at 12.30pm, and which had caused catastrophic damage to the 151 Walworth Road. As the building was listed, English Heritage were now engaged to advise and support as the recovery process and options for reinstatement or rebuilding were developed.

Walworth Town Hall had also been burgled over the weekend of 3/4 April. The thieves had risked their lives by entering the building, which was still considered a dangerous structure. As the building was at risk of collapse, officers had not yet been able to ascertain what had been stolen, but some personal possessions by members of staff were likely to have been taken, as well as an ornate Asian tray. The police were investigating. Security had been doubled following the burglary. Four teams of men with dogs now patrolled around the building 24 hours a day 7 days a week. Alarmed scaffolding was also now in place around the building. Officers were reviewing possible security measures to take internally within the building once the building was structurally secure i.e. CCTV cameras and or heat detectors. The council had formed an internal serious incident investigation panel which reported to the Chief Executive. The investigation was fully underway and running concurrently with those of the fire service and the council's insurers. It was anticipated that the council's investigation panel will report within two weeks.

In terms of the damage, the main impact of the fire was on 151 Walworth Road. As the fire service were able to contain the fire within 151's footprint, Newington Library had been structurally unaffected but suffered some smoke and water damage. The majority of 151 had been severely damaged by the fire with the major impact on the central core of the building which contained the council chamber. This section had completely collapsed internally to ground floor level severely compromising the internal structure of both the front and rear sections of the building.

Officers had reviewed the options for restoring the face to face services that had operated from 151 in the Walworth area. These were the One Stop Shop (OSS) and the Cuming museum. The council building at 376 Walworth Road had been identified as the preferred location and work was underway on getting it operational with a target date of on or before 21 May 2013. As an interim facility a temporary One Stop Shop service had been established in 160 Tooley Street which would cease operation when the service is up and running at 376.

Access to Newington Library was still limited due to safety considerations but it was hoped that access to the book stock would be available soon. Enhanced services continue to be provided at John Harvard, East Street and Camberwell libraries. The Cuming museum's onsite services remain temporarily closed. The events programme at the museum would continue in nearby venues including John Harvard Library and the Inspire centre. Most of the objects from the first of the museum's three galleries had been recovered but the condition of the remaining objects on display was not yet known as the building was inaccessible. The collections in storage were not damaged.

Responding to a comment from the floor, Matthew explained that council would take reasonable steps to minimise the disruption on residents' lives of the making safe and reconstruction of the buildings.

The meeting heard that there was currently a consultation about the levels of staffing of the London Fire Service conducted by the Mayor of London, and that cuts were being proposed. In light of the fire, residents were encouraged to take part and make their views known.

## **8. YOUTH COMMUNITY COUNCIL**

Emma Corker, from Southwark Youth Services, and Kirsty from the Borough, Bankside and Walworth Youth Community Council updated the meeting on the latest activities of the youth community council which included:

- making links with youth clubs to increase participation in the youth community council
- championing young people's need for employment and training to combat unemployment
- mapping of young-people-friendly spaces along Walworth Road, and working to prevent the establishment of more payday loan shops

Councillor Claire Hickson, Cabinet Member for Communities and Economic Wellbeing, explained that the council funded different programmes to help people into work, especially young people. She said she would send through this information to the youth community council. In terms of payday loan shops, Councillor Hickson explained that councillors had tried to limit their proliferation through the planning process. This had, however, proved difficult, as the planning rules currently did not support the council's efforts. Councillors were therefore campaigning for an introduction of a separate class of use for loan shops and betting shops.

The meeting heard that the council had rejected the application for a new loan shop on Tower Bridge Road three times, but had been overruled.

In response to a question from the floor, Councillor Hickson explained that under the previous Section 106 regime, the council had negotiated with developers, so that training and employment for local residents, especially young people, would be provided - for example, at the Shard. There was more scope for this, as part of the new Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) regime. The meeting heard that Section 106 had also funded workplace coordinators, measures to support young people into work, as well as the Waterloo job shop. There was, however, not a lot of feedback about whether these measures were actually working, especially from young people. Councillor Adele Morris encouraged residents to get in touch with her and share their experiences of these services. Emma Corker responded that young people were looking for paid employment with career prospects, not unpaid internships.

Nathan from Newington Estate Youth Club asked the community council to help the club get more frequent access to the Penrose TRA hall where they met regularly. Councillor Neil Coyle informed the meeting that he had already intervened on behalf of the group.

The chair thanked the members of the youth community council for attending.

## 9. CLEANER, GREENER, SAFER FUNDING

Andrea Allen, Senior Project Manager, introduced a representative from the Walworth Allotment Association / Fielding Street Allotments, one of last year's successful applicants who explained that the CGS funding had paid for general works on the fence line, for planting on the allotment itself, and for the provision of a waterless toilet. This had been a valuable injection of funding for the group.

### 9.1 CLEANER, GREENER, SAFER CAPITAL FUND 2013/14

Councillors considered the information contained in the report.

**Note:** This is an executive function.

#### RESOLVED:

That the following amounts of Cleaner, Greener, Safer capital funding 2013/2014 be allocated to the projects listed below:

#### Cathedrals ward

Proposal Name	Funding awarded
Pedestrianisation of Lamlash Street	£8,500
The Perronet House TRA War on Pee and Poop	£5,000
Community Garden at Sumner Street	£10,000
Styles House Christmas decorations	£980

Bountiful Borough Road	£5,400
Redman Green on the Lant & Bittern Estate	£8,210
Webber Row estate children's playground	£10,000
Covered seating at Sports Garden at Marlborough Playground	£13,320
Crossbones Meanwhile Garden	£21,600
Victorian Spirit at Red Cross Garden	£18,000
Play Out at Sports Garden	£540
<b>Unallocated</b>	<b>£39,674</b>
<b>Total allocated</b>	<b>£141,224</b>

#### Chaucer ward

Proposal Name	Funding awarded
Rockingham Community Allotments	£6,000
Albert Barnes House Grounds Renovation	£9,000
Hankey Hall improvements	£25,000
Alice Street Improvement	£17,000
The Big TBR Clean Up	£15,000
Street lights aren't just for Christmas!	£32,000
<b>Unallocated</b>	<b>£19,334</b>
<b>Total allocated</b>	<b>£123,334</b>

#### Decision deferred until June 2013

Avon Place - To reassess the improvements needed following recent tree planting.

#### East Walworth ward

Proposal Name	Funding awarded
Southwark Community Cricket Academy	£1,675
Surrey Square Park Wildlife Garden Improvements	£20,000
Salisbury estate rose beds	£4,500
Security Fence for Congreve Community Garden project	£10,000
Greener, cleaner Walworth SE17	£2,000
East Walworth Conservation area improvement	£10,000
Walcorde Avenue bin stores	£7,000
Southwark Sea Cadets HQ at All Saints Hall	£10,800
Robert Browning School gates and weather shelter	£16,200
<b>Unallocated</b>	<b>£17,477</b>
<b>Total allocated</b>	<b>£99,652</b>

#### Faraday ward

<b>Proposal Name</b>	<b>Funding awarded</b>
Fencing at James Stroud House	£8,800
Bridport Floral Improvement Project	£2,700
Greener, cleaner Walworth SE17	£8,000
Gateway Estate Community Gardens	£10,000
Improve and increase youth work facilities in Aylesbury- Taplow area	£8,000
St Peter's Monkey Park and Churchyard community space project	£30,000
<b>Unallocated</b>	<b>35,074</b>
<b>Total allocated</b>	<b>£102,574</b>

#### **Decision deferred until June 2013**

Liverpool Grove Public Square - Further information on wider project required before a decision on CGS funding.

#### **Newington ward**

<b>Proposal Name</b>	<b>Funding awarded</b>
Chapter Road - additional funding	£15,000
Fun and educational projects to welcome visitors to Walworth Garden Farm	£10,070
Improvements to Walworth Garden Farm entrance and Public Tree Art	£6,350
St Paul's: horticultural training and development	£1,000
Community Garden for Brandon 1	£14,000
Safer Paths on Brandon 1	£5,000
Pullens after school gardening club	£1,140
Pullens window boxes in bloom	£5,400
Newington TRA - football pitch	£6,000
Newington TRA Play and Keep Fit - new lighting	£6,000
Conant House - re-vamp outside storage areas	£10,270
Improve Rutley entrance passageways and provide additional planting	£8,500
Penrose Youth Club Safer Access	£720
CoolTan Arts Mobile Gardening in Newington & Walworth	£2,200
<b>Unallocated</b>	<b>£6024</b>
<b>Total allocated</b>	<b>£97,674</b>

## 9.2 CLEANER, GREENER, SAFER REVENUE FUND 2013/14

Councillors considered the information contained in the report.

**Note:** This is an executive function.

### RESOLVED:

That following amounts of Cleaner, Greener, Safer revenue funding 2013/2014 be allocated to the projects listed below:

<b>Organisation</b>	<b>Proposal Name</b>	<b>Ward</b>	<b>Awarded</b>
Bankside Open Spaces Trust	Crossbones Meanwhile Garden	Cathedrals	£7,500
Bankside Open Spaces Trust	Play Out at Sports Garden	Cathedrals	£4,200
Bankside Open Spaces Trust	Victorian Spirit at Red Cross Garden	Cathedrals	£1,400
Avon Place	Cleaner Greener Safer Avon Place	Chaucer	Deferred
Tabard Gardens North T&RA	Tabard North Gardening Fun Day	Chaucer	£640
Tower Bridge Road Alliance CIC	The Big TBR Clean Up	Chaucer	£2,500
Friends of Nursery Row Park	Green Shoots & Safe Play Club Nursery Row Community Involvement Outreach Programme 2013/14	East Walworth	£11,000
Walworth SE17	Greener, cleaner Walworth SE17	All Walworth	£2,000
Robert Browning School [Governors]	Growing Project	East Walworth	£2,000

<b>Organisation</b>	<b>Proposal Name</b>	<b>Ward</b>	<b>Allocated</b>
Burgess Park Colts Cricket Club	Southwark Community Cricket Academy at: Burgess Park Community Sports Centre, Cobourg Road, London SE5 OJD	East Walworth	£5,000
The Community Project	Community Allotment Project at Chumleigh Gardens	Faraday	£2,000
Divine Rescue	Homeless, Drug and Alcohol awareness Day		£1,000
Aylesbury Youth Centre	Improve and increase youth work facilities in Aylesbury-Taplow area improve the facilities inside the Youth centre to engage and encourage diverse range of young people from the ages 10-21	Faraday	£7,000
St Peter's Church	St Peter's Monkey Park and Churchyard community space project	Faraday	£7,000
Tykes Corner Nursery	Tykes Corner Nursery	Faraday	£3,000
Walworth Garden Farm	New Public Art Fence for the Farm	Newington	£1,500

<b>Organisation</b>	<b>Proposal Name</b>	<b>Ward</b>	<b>Allocated</b>
Walworth Society	Walworth Road Conservation area	All Walworth	£3,390
Walworth SE17	Greener, cleaner Walworth SE17	All Walworth	£5,000
	St Paul's: horticultural training and development	Newington	£600
Pullens Mums' Club	Pullens after school gardening club	Newington	£3,540
	Conant House - planting and re-vamp outside storage areas	Newington	£2,970
CoolTan Arts	CoolTan Arts Mobile Gardening in Newington & Walworth	Newington	£3,000

**NOTE:** This leaves an under spend of £6,900 for Cathedrals ward, and an under spend of £16,860 for Chaucer Ward.

The chair said that those groups, who had not been successful on this occasion, should speak to their ward councillors for feedback and for information on alternative sources of funding.

## 10. HOUSING COMMISSION

Kevin Dykes, Senior Development Officer (Inclusion), introduced this item explaining that it was part of a larger consultation exercise which looked at the future of council housing in the borough. This consultation was designed to inform the council's decisions such as: who should council housing be for, how should it be maintained and who should manage it.

A poll with the aid of voting buttons was abandoned due to technical problems. The chair suggested residents should speak to their ward councillors and feed into the consultation that way. Kevin Dykes also invited people to attend some of the other community conversation sessions, such as sessions in East Street Library.

Responding to questions from councillors Kevin explained that new focus groups could be set up and that there would be 70 community conversation sessions, with one focus group especially for young people.

The meeting heard comments from the floor that the consultation process was not in-depth enough and that many residents had not heard about it. Given the size of the waiting list for council housing, there was a need to build new council housing stock.

The chair said he would invite the deputy leader of the council and cabinet member for housing management to a future meeting, and that the council and councillors understood the seriousness of this issue.

Some members expressed the view that the provision of council housing should be expanded in the borough. There was a tension between expanding council housing and improving the current stock, which was difficult to resolve in the current financial climate. There was agreement that the issue of housing needed to be addressed. Residents were encouraged to feed their views into the consultation events, or to use the feedback form.

## **11. PROPOSED NEW COMMUNITY INFRASTRUCTURE PROJECT LIST**

**Note:** This is an executive function.

Councillors considered the information contained in the report.

Zayd Al-Jawad, Section 106 Legal Agreements Manager, introduced the report and responded to questions from councillors. He explained that the community infrastructure project list was continuously open and would be refreshed formally once a year.

Councillors discussed the process of adding projects to the lists, and new projects for addition were suggested.

A motion to defer this item to a future meeting was proposed, seconded and fell.

A motion to agree this item as on paper, with an additional project, was proposed, seconded and carried.

### **RESOLVED:**

1. That a project to put in place a pedestrian crossing in Upper Ground be added to the list of proposed projects.
2. That the list of proposed projects set out below, and including the additional project above, be agreed as the new community infrastructure project list for this community council, which replaces the previous community project bank for the same area.

Mint Street Playground community space

Mint Street Playground

Borough High Street public realm and road safety improvements

Borough Road public realm / greening  
Christchurch Gardens improvements  
Copperfield Garden (All Hallows) improvements  
Cross Bones Meanwhile improvements  
Disney Place public realm improvements  
Ewer Street public realm improvements  
Farnham Place public realm and urban greening  
Flat iron square public realm improvements  
Great Guildford Street public realm improvements  
Great Suffolk Street public realm improvements  
Grotto Podiums public realm improvements  
Holland St. Improvements public realm improvements  
Pedestrian routes through landmark Court  
Lant Street Weller Street public realm and green links  
Lavington Street public realm improvements  
Little Dorrit Court and Park entrance  
Little Dorrit Park improvements  
Canopy to London Bridge Tube station entrance (west)  
Low line Railway viaduct pedestrian and cycle route  
Marlborough Sports Garden improvements  
Nelson Square improvements  
Prices Street public realm improvements  
Red Cross Garden Improvements  
Redcross Way public realm  
Pedestrian route behind Hop exchange  
Southwark Bridge Road road safety improvements

Southwark Street road safety improvements  
St George's Garden improvements  
Stoney Street public realm and ped safety  
Sumner Street public realm and ped safety  
Tabard Street open Space  
Toulmin Street public realm and ped safety  
SPAM Tenants & Residents Association Hall  
Park Street open space improvements  
Waterloo Road public realm improvements  
Paisley Park Masterplan  
Tate Community Garden Extension  
Winchester palace garden  
Walworth Road, footways and greening, Fielding Street to  
Camberwell

## **12. SECTION 106 RELEASE REPORTS**

### **12.1 SECTION 106 RELEASE REPORT - PASLEY PARK, PELIER PARK AND KENNINGTON OPEN SPACE**

Councillors considered the information contained in the report, and commented that the list of parks priorities should have been consulted on with councillors.

#### **RESOLVED:**

That the community council has noted and agrees with the recommendation to allocate funds totalling £455,592 from Newington South, Bolton Crescent (a/n 451 07/AP/2801), John Smith House (a/n 499 10/AP/1831) Royal Road (a/n 491 09/AP/2388) and 120-138 Walworth Road (a/n 470 09/AP/1069) towards open space and public realm improvements to Pasley Park, Pelier Park and Kennington Open Space.

## 12.2 SECTION 106 RELEASE REPORT - LSBU LEISURE CENTRE ON LONDON ROAD SE1

Councillors considered the information contained in the report, and asked for it to be noted, and corrected in the report to main planning committee, that this proposal in the report also affected Chaucer ward. Furthermore, the needs of, and impact on, disabled people were not mentioned in the report. Officers needed to have regard to the relevant equalities legislation.

### RESOLVED:

That the community council agrees with the proposed use of £300,000 of S106 monies to contribute towards the costs of improving community access to the LSBU sports centre on London Road SE1.

## 13. PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

The meeting heard that a meeting organised by tenants and residents to discuss the response to the proposed cuts to the fire brigade service in Southwark would be held on Tuesday 7 May at the Queensborough Community Centre, Scovell Road, SE1 1PX .

The following public questions were put to the meeting:

1. Trees on Redman Green have been cut down, presumably to improve the view of a freestanding billboard. Who agreed to this?
2. Councillors claim too much in expenses. How much have these gone up in the last year?
3. Some East Street shopkeepers use as much as a third of the public footpath without paying. Can this be looked into?
4. What will happen to Manor Park Depot. Can details of this be provided?
5. Why has the building of the box park gone ahead without planning permission?
6. Why have the trees in St Mary's churchyard been cut down?
7. Can reports (like the one on pages 52-54) be presented in larger print?

The following question had been submitted in writing prior to the meeting:

*"I would like to raise a question about the recent proliferation of commercial bins in Walworth Road. The four outside the entrance to Liverpool Grove are the most visually oppressive and out of character with the work being done to improve the public realm of this area. Quite why other retail premises which are not selling hot food require these unsightly bins is difficult to understand. The bins for the Red Lion were designed by an artist as part of the planning permission to have them, it*

*is a pity this precedent has not been retained."*

Responses to all the above questions will be presented at future meetings.

A resident also asked about the 400 lorries a week which were going to use Oswin Street for two to three years. Councillor David Noakes responded that there had been public meetings about this issue, and that the demolition lorries would go down Oswin Street as this had been agreed with TfL. For the construction phase of the new leisure centre and the residential block, the lorry traffic was still under discussion. Councillor David Noakes said he would speak to the resident after the meeting.

A further question was raised regarding water meters in particular properties. The chair asked the resident to speak to his local ward councillors after the meeting.

#### **14. LOCAL PARKING AMENDMENTS**

**Note:** This is an executive function.

Councillors considered the information contained in the report.

#### **RESOLVED:**

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:

- Sutherland Square – remove 4.5 metres of existing permit holder's (J) parking space and replace with double yellow line.
- Penrose Street – change two existing permit holder's (E) parking bays to two doctor permit parking bays.
- Newcomen Street – install double yellow lines outside and opposite Nos. 3 to 9 and install a new destination disabled bay,
- Gambia Street – install double yellow lines at the following locations
  - a. outside the off-street loading area of Palestra House
  - b. opposite the off-street loading area of Palestra House
- Tennis Street – install new Cycle Hire docking station by removing 20m of existing permit holder's (F) parking bay and 13m of single yellow line. Additionally, convert existing single yellow lines on the opposite side of proposed docking station to double yellow line.

#### **15. COMMUNITY COUNCIL QUESTION TO COUNCIL ASSEMBLY**

Councillors discussed which question the community council should formally raise at the next appropriate Council Assembly meeting.

**RESOLVED:**

That the following question be put to the July meeting of council assembly:

“What actions are being taken by Southwark council to address the very considerable impacts on local residents that will arise from the proposed Northern Line extension, and the shaft which is being constructed in Kennington Park, and with specific regard to:

1. the impact on Kennington tube station
2. the structural issues arising from the construction process
3. the impact of the construction process on the very important green space of Kennington Park
4. and the planning and parking control issues which arise from the construction programme?”

**16. COMMUNITY STREETS - LIVERPOOL GROVE**

Councillors considered the information contained in the report. Concerns were expressed regarding the level of participation in the consultation. Chris Mascord, Senior Engineer, responded that the changes proposed were for a trial period only, after which they would be reviewed again.

**RESOLVED:**

That the community council has noted and supports the recommendations to:

- Approve experimental closure of Lytham Grove for a maximum of 12 months and subsequent monitoring of the impact on the surrounding streets
- Approve the implementation of Liverpool Grove community street project i.e. extend the raised table outside the entrance to the park on Liverpool Grove and widen the footway, adjacent to the school entrance.

**17. SECTION 106 RELEASE REPORT - £887,506 OF REGENERATION PROJECTS FROM 07-AP-2267 BANKSIDE HILTON, GREAT SUFFOLK STREET 11/AP/1341, ST IVES HOUSE 11/AP/0671, GREAT GUILDFORD BUSINESS SQUARE AND 10/AP/3316 LAND AT EWER STREET.**

**Note:** This is an executive function.

Councillors considered the information contained in the report.

The meeting heard comments from councillors that there had been insufficient consultation about the projects, and that some residents' comments had not been included. A concern was expressed that while councillors were broadly supportive of the

proposals, some of the projects were not part of the project bank, which undermined it. Furthermore, members had not been told that revenue projects had also been an option.

**RESOLVED:**

That the community council agrees with the proposed release of funds totalling £887,506 from 07-AP-2267 (a/n 359) Bankside Hilton also known as land bounded by Prices Street, Bear Lanes and Great Suffolk Street 11/AP/1341 (a/n 584) St Ives House also known as the Crane Building, 11/AP/0671 (a/n 612) Great Guildford Business Square and 10/AP/3316 Land at Ewer Street (a/n 594) be released for:

- Employment during construction (Project 1)
- Employment and training (Project 2)
- Ewer Street / Great Guildford Street / Lavington Street public realm and transport improvements (Project 3)
- Great Suffolk Street regeneration project (Project 4)
- Marlborough Playground open space improvements (Project 5)

**CHAIR:**

**DATED:**