



CAMBERWELL COMMUNITY COUNCIL

MINUTES of the Camberwell Community Council held on Wednesday 20 June 2012 at 7.00 pm at Lettsom Tenants Hall, 114 Vestry Road, Camberwell, London SE5 8PQ

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

OFFICER SUPPORT: Zayd Al-Jawad, Section 106 Manager
Jack Ricketts, Transport Planner
Jo Skelton, Community Wardens Team Leader
Grace Semakula, Community Council Development Officer
Tim Murtagh, Constitutional Officer

1. INTRODUCTION AND WELCOME

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

2. APOLOGIES

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Peter John, Mark Williams and Ian Wingfield.

3. ITEMS OF BUSINESS THAT THE CHAIR DEEMS URGENT

The chair advised that there was an urgent item, regarding the Cleaner Greener Safer Fund 2012/13 contained in Supplemental Agenda No.1, which had been circulated.

4. DISCLOSURE OF MEMBERS' INTERESTS AND DISPENSATIONS

11. Community Council Fund 2012/13

Councillor Stephen Govier, Personal, Councillor Stephen Govier declared a personal interest in item 11, as one of the Community Fund applications came from the East Dulwich Estate Tenants and Residents Association. He is a member of its management committee.

5. MINUTES

Councillor Govier asked for a written report from Public Realm about the arrangements for cycling around London Bridge during the Olympics, which he said he had requested at previous meetings.

RESOLVED:

That the minutes of the meeting held on 25 April 2012 be approved as a correct record and signed by the chair.

6. DEPUTATIONS/PETITIONS (IF ANY)

There were none.

7. COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

The chair praised the work of the Youth Community Council who were not able to attend but would be present at future meetings. She added that the contribution of young people was valued and encouraged their further involvement in community matters.

Olympic Torch Relay 2012

Councillor Veronica Ward announced that the Olympic torch relay would be travelling through Camberwell on 26 July 2012. The banners on the Olympic route had gone up, as had the dressing along the South Bank. The torch would start at 10.03am at the Millennium Bridge and travel along the Old Kent Road, Peckham Hill Street and stop for lunch at the Harris Academy. At 11.55am it would go down Peckham Road and along Church Street at 12.05pm and up Denmark Hill to go to Lambeth at 12.09pm. There would be events at the South London Gallery and Camberwell library. Organisations were encouraged to get involved. Councillor Ward explained that there were a range of cultural events taking place in the borough during the Games which were generally advertised and open to all. Southwark's every day Games would take place on Camberwell Green on 2 September 2012. The Paralympics torch would travel through Southwark on 29 August 2012 along Jamaica Road to Surrey Docks Watersports Centre.

In response to questions, Councillor Dora Dixon-Fyle explained that the funding for local flower displays had finished.

Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL)

Zayd Al-Jawad, Section 106 Manager, explained that there would be consultation on Southwark's CIL and on revising the project banks between July and September 2012. Officers would report back on the consultation at the September community council. The CIL was a new charge that the council could make on developments in the area. CIL could be used for investment in health, education, parks and transport. Residents were asked to consider what infrastructure spending was needed to meet the needs from extra people living in new developments in the area.

Black History Month

Councillor Right Revd Emmanuel Oyewole announced that the annual grants programme was open for applicants to submit event or project proposals. The closing date was 6 July 2012. Further information available: www.southwark.gov.uk/blackhistorymonth Additionally organisers were looking for partnerships to deliver events and were hopeful of contributions from a cross-section of the community.

8. COMMUNITY SAFETY UPDATE

Safer Neighbourhood Teams

Sergeant Miles Lawrie, Camberwell Green Safer Neighbourhood Team, explained that burglary had been a severe problem in the area for a while, with a spate of offences. However, the incidents had stopped after a prolific burglar had been identified and arrested. Public drinking of alcohol in the area had been less of a problem recently with the bad weather, but a number of seizures had been made from public drinkers. Paddy Power and William Hill had been assisting in reducing alcohol consumption outside their premises. Local patrols had been concentrated around Poet's Corner Estate and the Crawford Estate to target Anti-Social Behaviour (ASB). Seven acceptable behaviour contracts had been issued locally to tackle problem youths. Operation Bark was ongoing and there had been a couple of recent dog seizures in co-operation with the council.

In response to a question about an assault and theft in sheltered accommodation in Redcar Street, officers said they would follow that up.

Sergeant Tom Leach, Brunswick Park and South Camberwell Safer Neighbourhood Teams, said that officers were tackling the problems of drug dealing in stairwells on several estates. In Brunswick Park, the owner of a dangerous dog near a nursery had been dealt with and a drug house closed down. Squatters had been evicted from Glebe Estate and Crofton Road. A number of burglaries around Dog Kennel Hill had led to officer patrols and advice on crime prevention being circulated. An arrest was made and there had been a subsequent fall in crime.

In response to questions, Sgt Leach said he would follow up on issues relating to people urinating in Wren Road and burglaries on Ben Hill Road. Also, that arrests and prosecutions tended to be made when dealing with individuals with a record of multiple convictions.

Members voted to move on to the next part of the meeting.

Community Wardens

Jo Skelton, Community Wardens Team Leader, explained that there were staff cuts last

year and there were now about 50 wardens covering the borough. There were about five wardens based in Camberwell. There would be increased resources in the warden service during the Olympics. Recent work had included tackling street drinking and ASB in the town centre areas plus rough sleeping and begging. Wardens had powers to combat many environment offences including cycling on the pavements. Wardens do a lot of work visiting the vulnerable and isolated members of the community and rely on information from the public.

Street leaders

Don, a local resident and Street leader, gave a brief summary of the history of Street leaders. He explained that at one point there had been several hundred street leaders under the management of Dave Taylor and they reported environment offences such as fly-tipping and graffiti quickly and efficiently. Don said he had been a street leader for about 8 years and filed a few reports each month that were usually quickly resolved by officers. He added that the time devoted by the volunteers was varied and flexible. It was a simple way of helping to improve the community.

A vote of thanks was given to all the Street leaders for the voluntary work they did in the community.

Council Assembly

The chair reminded residents that the next council assembly meeting on Wednesday 4 July 2012, would have Health as its theme. The meeting would start at 7.00pm and take place at the Bermondsey campus of Southwark College.

9. REVITALISE CAMBERWELL

Jack Ricketts, Transport Planner, explained that Revitalise Camberwell had been launched at the community council in October 2011. After the launch there were about a dozen initial consultation events to raise awareness and to find out the views of residents and to help shape the project.

There were 123 responses to the questionnaire circulated. The results showed that people were mainly interested in improving the street environment and traffic congestion. In terms of areas, Camberwell Church Street and Denmark Hill featured prominently as areas for improvement.

Respondents had a positive view on the vibrancy of the community and its restaurants. Traffic, drink and drug abuse, and the lack of a tube/rail station were negative concerns highlighted in the questionnaire.

The concerns raised by businesses included parking, security and the appearance of the area. The business view was that an improved appearance would raise trade prospects in the area. Further information was available on the council website.

A data collection report was being put together by officers for analysis. The report would include pedestrian and cycle surveys, bus stop use, collision and parking surveys. The information would help create a traffic model that would show how things would run if certain measures were installed. The urban design framework was near completion. It would collate the findings of various surveys. That document would be consulted on at the

end of the summer.

Jack explained there would be workshops during the break for residents to input their views. The chair encouraged residents to take part in the workshops.

After the break, Councillor Veronica Ward explained that the various planned projects for Camberwell would take some time and there would be further consultation on the library. Regeneration was planned for the Elmington Estate and works were continuing on the leisure centre and on shop fronts.

10. CAMBERWELL COMMUNITY COUNCIL 2012/13 - MEETING THEMES FOR THE YEAR AHEAD

The chair asked residents to put forward their ideas for a couple of meeting themes or items for the Camberwell Community Council to consider in 2012/13. Forms were circulated.

11. COMMUNITY COUNCIL FUND 2012/13

Executive Function

Members considered the information in the report.

RESOLVED:

That the community council fund be allocated as set out below:

1. Allotment holders' garden party (£300)
2. Brunswick Park annual fete (£1,000)
3. Local families summer beach trip (£750)
4. Lettsom tour of Olympic village (£750)
5. South London apprenticeship fair (£1,000)
6. Camberwell adult drama club (£800)
7. Community fun day – After school project (£400)
8. Feel good days for Southwark Pensioners Centre (£950)
9. Celebration of heroes from the diaspora (£1,000)
10. Clubland young people's project (£800)
11. Give back - House of Praise Camberwell (£300)

12. Sports fun day – Bethwin Road playground (£300)
13. Grosvenor Estate summer festival (£460)
14. Community fun day – Hollington Youth Centre (£500)
15. Tell your Olympic story – London Huayu (£400)
16. Summer Outing – Wyndham & Comber TRA (£750)
17. Cooltan Arts LGBT Group (£500)
18. Seaside trip – Grosvenor sheltered (£700)
19. Fun day – Poet’s Corner TRA (£850)
20. Youth Community Council music project (£250)
21. Denmark Hill Youth Club (£500)
22. Youth Community Council – Olympic engagement (£600)
23. Seaside outing – The Parent’s Forum (£400)
24. Albrighton youth residential weekend (£1,000)
25. Green film screen – London Wildlife Trust (£400)
26. Young minds indoor games – Jummy Taribo (£300)
27. Family fun day - Dog Kennel Hill (£800)
28. Boundless disability arts and culture – Southwark Arts Forum (£200)
29. Olympic Explorations – Southwark Explorers Club (£480)

12. PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

There were no public questions. The chair advised that written questions could be submitted to the constitutional officer for officer response.

13. LOCAL PARKING AMENDMENTS

Executive Function

Members considered the information 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:

- Disabled bay located outside 30 Oswyth Road
- Disabled bay located outside 68a Bushey Hill Road
- Disabled bay located outside 88 McNeil Road (sited in Vestry Road)
- Disabled bay located outside 43 Sunray Avenue
- Double yellow lines located at the junctions along Crossthwaite Avenue

14. CLEANER GREENER SAFER REVENUE FUND 2012/13

Members considered the information in the report.

RESOLVED:

That the following two signatories for the bank account for the Cleaner, Greener, Safer (CGS) revenue fund 2012/13 be agreed:

1. Councillor Norma Gibbes (chair)
2. Councillor Dora Dixon-Fyle (vice chair)

A third signatory will be required for approval at a future meeting.

The chair advised that the next meeting would take place on 24 September 2012.

The meeting ended at 9.00pm

CHAIR:

DATED: