



Peckham and Nunhead Community Council

MINUTES of the OPEN section of the Peckham and Nunhead Community Council held on Wednesday 20 June 2012 at 7.00 pm at Harris Academy Peckham, 112 Peckham Road, London SE15 5DZ

PRESENT:

- Councillor Cleo Soanes (Chair)
- Councillor Mark Glover
- Councillor Chris Brown
- Councillor Sunil Chopra
- Councillor Rowenna Davis
- Councillor Nick Dolezal
- Councillor Renata Hamvas
- Councillor Barrie Hargrove
- Councillor Richard Livingstone
- Councillor Catherine McDonald
- Councillor Victoria Mills
- Councillor Michael Situ
- Councillor Althea Smith

OFFICER SUPPORT:

- Barbara Ann Overwater (Senior Planning Policy Officer)
- Ben Finden (Project Manager) Environment Department
- Kim Hooper (Media Officer) Communications Unit
- Marian Farrugia (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 absence were received from Councillors Fiona Colley and Gavin Edwards and for lateness from Councillor Barrie Hargrove.

3. DISCLOSURE OF MEMBERS' INTERESTS AND DISPENSATIONS

There were none.

4. ITEMS OF BUSINESS THAT THE CHAIR DEEMS URGENT

The chair informed the community council of the following additional document circulated prior to the meeting:

- Supplemental agenda, cleaner greener safer revenue fund 2012 - 2013

5. COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS AND PRESENTATIONS

The following announcements were made:

The chair announced Kim Hooper from Southwark's media team was present and would be writing an article on community councils. People were told that Kim would be taking photos and if anyone objected they should indicate by show of hands. No one objected to the photo call.

Southwark's Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL)

Barbara Ann Overwater from the planning policy team spoke about the community infrastructure levy which was about charging new developments in the borough so the money could be used for infrastructure.

This would replace the old system currently referred to as 'S106 planning obligations'. From mid July 2012 Southwark's "preliminary draft (CIL) schedule" would be calculated according to the amount of additional floor space a new development would produce. The chargeable rate for Southwark was currently £35 per square metre. The community infrastructure levy was not negotiable and would be applied like a tax.

For more information visit the Southwark website <http://www.southwark.gov.uk>

Peace month event and peace wall installation

Emily Druiff from Peckham Space, part of Camberwell Arts addressed the meeting to highlight that they had received positive feedback about preserving the peace wall. They also received money from the cleaner greener safer funding programme. The group explained that they had been working with local designers to see if it was possible to make the peace wall permanent. The installation of the hoarding took place in July 2012 and the launch date for 'peace month' and the permanent art work on Peckham Square would be in August 2012.

Peckham Shed worked with groups of artists and designers to ensure the peace wall remained sustainable and the artwork did not fade. Emily said they would be looking for young people between the ages of 16 – 18 years that had an interest in art and design. They would like to get as many people as possible involved; flyers went out highlighting the launch date on 8 August 2012, time: 5.00pm until 7.00pm and to witness the unveiling of the wall.

During the discussion the following comments were made:

- This initiative should involve all young people in all parts of the borough as well as the Peckham area; a press release detailing this was circulated to highlight this point.
- The peace wall might not be impressive to all young people however a lot of consultation had taken place which was a spontaneous response to what was going on in the community.
- Councillor Glover stated that he was not totally in favour of the peace wall because of the negative perception of Peckham and a reminder of where the riots took place. As well as prompting media interest, this could send out the wrong kind of message.
- In response to Councillor Glover's comment the speaker explained the issue came up during the consultation. The speaker said this needed to be debated further so it did not appear that Peckham was ghettoised hence the reason why the launch would be a positive one.

Peckham Pride Basketball Club

Basketball Coach, Sterling Mushett was present to talk about the club and highlighted that the club was the biggest in London where a number of the players had gone on to play internationally and regionally. Coach Sterling announced that the club's women's basketball team would play their next match at Crystal Palace Sports Centre on 30 June 2012. He said the club holds sessions in a number of schools in the Peckham area and said if anyone was interested in the running and development of the club should contact him. It was announced that Coach Sterling would be carrying the Olympic torch on 26 July 2012 in Southwark.

For information contact Sterling Mushett email: smuschett@reachandteach.co.uk
 Website: <http://www.londonschoolofbasketball.com/club/peckham-pride>

Olympics update

Ben Finden, Project Manager spoke about the travel guide and travel arrangements for the Olympics. He briefly explained that there was 37 days to go before the games officially opened.

People were asked to note the following key dates:

- Torch relay – 21 July 2012
- Torch relay route in Southwark – 26 July 2012
- Olympics opening ceremony – 27 July 2012
- Olympics closing ceremony – 12 August 2012
- Paralympics opening ceremony – 29 August 2012

Ben stated that a vast amount of information was available on the Southwark website main events in Southwark guide include:

- An Olympic special; "a gift from God" at Burgess Park on 4 August 2012 – there

would be an inflatable of 'Stonehenge' - people were encouraged to visit the park to see it.

- Elephant and the Nun have planned events such as the "Nunhead Experience".
- "Look and feel decoration" themed experience zone.
- "Get ahead of the Games" a spectator journey planner and TfL journey planner would have all the necessary information pertaining to the games.

In response to questions, Ben stated that Southwark residents would be kept updated during the entire time the Games were on and relevant information would be available on the Southwark website.

Council Assembly meeting

The chair announced the council assembly meeting would take place on 4 July 2012 at Southwark College, (Bermondsey site), Keetons Road, London SE16 4EE. People were encouraged to attend the informal session at 6.00pm and the main meeting which had a theme on health and wellbeing.

Southwark Civic Awards

The chair announced that local resident, Veronica Naraine received a Southwark civic award and community ward for the wonderful work she had done in the community.

Celebrating Black history month

Marian Farrugia, community council development officer announced Black History Month 2012 celebration would be in October 2012. People were encouraged to get involved as there were a number of programmed events during the month of October across all sectors of the community. This would include a range of activities for young people to take part in.

To find out what's happening, please refer to the Southwark website <http://www.southwark.gov.uk> black history month 2012 celebration.

The grants programme was open for applications, the closing date was on Friday 6 July 2012 and the delivery of the schemes would be from the 21 July – August 2012.

For more information contact Andrew Alleyne, children's services on 020 7525 2864.

Community Development Foundation – neighbourhood matched fund

Nicholas Okuku announced that £30 million was available to fund community projects in some of the most deprived areas of the country. People were encouraged to identify projects in their areas. It was noted that a small amount of money was allocated to fund projects in Livesey ward. The grants programme was open to applications and people were encouraged to apply online.

For more information email the Community Development Foundation admin@cdf.org.uk or

contact telephone number 020 7837 1772.

Dance classes – Ledbury Estate Community Hall

Dance classes held for young people at the community hall on the Ledbury Estate next door to Kwik Fit between the hours of 6.00pm – 8.00pm. The classes are funded by Safer Southwark Partnership to help young people keep fit.

Volunteering at Peckham and Nunhead community council

The chair asked if anyone wished to volunteer their time during the evening when community council meetings are held they should contact Marian Farrugia or herself.

For more information contact Marian Farrugia, community council development officer on 020 7525 1780 or email marian.farrugia@southwark.gov.uk

The following was also highlighted during the public question time segment:

Job Fair event – update

Esy Oluwafemi Wisegem explained that following the job fair event which took place at a Peckham Community Council meeting, the local job centre had been engaging with local people, providing them with job opportunities. Also the outreach workers that were involved in the job fair assisted a number of young mothers that attended the event to gain employment.

The Thames Pageant

Esy thanked those who were involved in the pageant and for making the day such a success.

Sojourner Truth Centre

Esy thanked the chair who helped resolve the ongoing problem with banners being displayed outside the Sojourner Truth Centre.

Southwark Civic Award

Councillor Hargrove mentioned that Esy's name was put forward for a Southwark civic award because he and others felt she deserved recognition for the community work she had done and still continues to do, but was surprised to discover that she had not been nominated. Councillor Hargrove asked if were possible to formally write to the Southwark civic association about this. Councillor Smith explained nomination forms for the Southwark civic awards - 2012/2013 would be available later this year so, Esy's name could be submitted again for an award.

6. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS AT FORTHCOMING COMMUNITY COUNCIL MEETINGS

The chair highlighted this was a new community council area which had merged the following wards; Peckham Rye, Nunhead, Livesey, The Lane and Peckham. This would give people the opportunity to build new relations and discuss future topics for Peckham and Nunhead community council meetings set for the year.

At this juncture, the meeting went into workshops which were laid out each by ward. People were asked to prioritise their chosen topics for discussion at meetings and were asked for their views on whether meeting venues should be rotated around the community council area.

7. FEEDBACK FROM MEMBERS AND RESIDENTS ON PRIORITY ITEMS

The meeting resumed after the workshops took place and the chair invited a representative from each of the wards to comment and feedback what was discussed in their respective group.

Councillor Catherine McDonald – *Livesey ward*

Some ideas for future community councils:

- Ideas for initiatives or activities which could be organised in the community without it costing money. Example, gardening or anything which could be objective.
- Work related opportunities – focus on young people and older people.
- Discussion – how people and the council could communicate most effectively e.g. information on notice boards, or the website with the focus being “how best we could communicate”.
- Session or activities with the focus being on older people.
- With ideas being exchanged and views expressed to improve community council meetings.
- Use this meeting as a best practise on what goes on in each of the wards in this community council area.

Malcolm – *Peckham ward*

- Crime being a major issue – to address and tackle crime in the area.
- Focus on issues amongst young people, adulthood, and family engagement and to support parents to be good parents.
- Focus on local transport issues.
- Support older people – how one would engage with older people in the community.
- Health matters and promoting healthy living.
- Improve community council meetings; reduction in the size of agenda items and additional time provided during ‘question time’ so that residents felt as though they were involved.

- More focus on question and answer session during presentations, so meetings run better so there is less pressure on the chair.

Councillor Victoria Mills – **Peckham Rye ward**

It was noted that very few residents attended the meeting from this ward.

- Encourage more Peckham Rye residents to attend and participate in community council meetings.
- Focus on short term improvements, e.g. street cleaning in Rye Lane and Peckham High Street, and to monitor progress.
- Transport /environment issues: Discuss and highlight the following:
 - East London Line and South London Line
 - Nunhead renewal area
 - Nunhead and Peckham action plan
 - Open spaces and green space in this area
- How the community could influence what would be discussed / placed on the agenda for the following meeting.

Councillor Sunil Chopra – **Nunhead ward**

- Recycling and the environment in general – To raise awareness particularly with local businesses and young people about ways of recycling and looking after their environment.
- Transport – highlighting the number of bus lanes in the Nunhead area which could be perceived as being a nuisance and not environmentally friendly. The community council should discuss ways of reducing bus lanes in this area.
- Raise awareness amongst public transport bus drivers to exercise patience whilst on the road and that further compulsory bus stops were needed in the area.
- Venues like Harris Academy, Peckham need to be identified to host Peckham and Nunhead community council meetings.
- That question and answer session be extended for presentations / agenda items particularly when Members are responding to questions.
- Environment / recycling issues with regard to collection of recyclable or refuse items that have been thrown in their bins.

Councillor Mark Glover – **The Lane ward**

- Summary of the discussion covered what was the objective of this community council? What would you like it to be and what are you trying to achieve? Also more up joined up thinking between the various council departments.

- Young people and youth unemployment.
- Older people, what services were available for older people and what type of issues they had to face.
- Policies on issues such as housing, regeneration and transport policies needed to be debated in full so the objectives were clearly identified.

A resident spoke about his own personal experiences whilst growing up without a father and the issues about absent fathers in general stressing that these issues needed to be tackled at ground level.

The following were discussed as possible **themes** for future Peckham and Nunhead community council meetings:

- Children and Young People
- Elderly, activities / service, support and community engagement
- Jobs/training and business opportunities
- Environmental issues
- Transport
- Housing
- Regeneration
- Crime
- Health and wellbeing

The chair thanked everyone for their contributions at the meeting. She said all ideas highlighted above would be taken forward and implemented.

8. PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

The following public questions were submitted:

Question 1: Peckham Rye resident: Around 32 garages in Brenchley Gardens had their electricity disconnected when new fillings were installed. EDF / Southwark would not pay for reconnection this appears to be a complete waste after £44,000 was spent doing the works.

Response: Councillors Mills and Hamvas agreed to take the matter up and come back to the community council with a response.

Question 2: Resident: Could the community council clarify whose idea it was to remove the railings along Peckham Hill Street?

Response: The chair explained that the council was not responsible for this. The policy regarding the removal of railings was pursued by the Mayor of London for at least two years, thinking it would make it safe for cyclists.

People highlighted the danger element of railings, citing the recent fatality of a cyclist who was involved in an accident with a larger vehicle. The chair suggested it could be helpful if a representative from Transport for London (TfL) could attend a community council

meeting to give an explanation regarding the issue of the railings. Some residents present felt that a meeting with TfL would not solve the problem.

Councillor Hargrove explained that he was fully aware of the safety concerns related to the railings and that any requested information from TfL needed to be clearly outlined beforehand.

The community council **agreed** the following:

1. That representatives of TfL be invited to attend a community council meeting to explain what their policy was with regard to the removal of the railings highlighting the concerns, expressed at the meeting.
2. Request that TfL provide a written explanation outlining the reasons for the removal of the railings along the Peckham High Street and the junction of Peckham Hill Street. Any action should be halted until the completion of the consultation process.
3. That TfL provide statistical information/ evidence to support the fact the railings were unsafe.

Question 3: Ron King referred to a previous question that was raised at Peckham community council on 24 March 2012 during an item on the Olympics. He stated that the former London Assembly Mayor sent out information to residents which indicated that Londoners would pay as part of their council tax payment, 38 pence per week from 2006/7 until 2016/2017.

He asked why council tax payers were charged this amount up 2017 (after the Olympics had taken place) and why couldn't TfL cover the cost for infrastructure and road maintenance and were these extra payments necessary?

He asked for further clarification on the following:

1. What did the previous London Mayor say about the 38 pence charge to council tax payers?
2. What is the actual time frame for these payments?
3. What exactly would the money be used for?

Response: To request a follow up response at the next meeting.

9. LOCAL PARKING AMENDMENTS

Executive Function

Members considered the information in the report.

RESOLVED:

That the following local parking amendments, which all relate to the installation of a disabled persons (blue badge) parking bay detailed in the appendices to the report, be approved for implementation subject to the completion of the statutory notification procedures:

- Ellery Street (relating to a property in Consort Road)
- Wood's Road
- Grumant Road (relating to a property in Peckham Road)
- King's Grove
- Pentridge Street
- Nigel Road
- Relf Road
- Talfourd Place

10. COMMUNITY COUNCIL FUND 2012

The chair announced the running order of the agenda would be varied so, item 11, was considered at the start of the meeting.

Members considered the report which was detailed in the supplemental agenda.

Executive Function

RESOLVED:

That the allocation of funds for the community council fund 2012 in the Peckham and Nunhead community council area set out below be approved:

Ref. No	Organisation	Project Name	Amount awarded
1	Aquarius Golf Club/Brian Towell	Aquarius Festival 2012	£800
3	Ledbury Tenants and Residents Association	Mini Olympics	£300
4	The Friends of Leyton Square Children's Playgroup	Leyton's Mini Summer Olympics	£800
5	People Empowering People	T Shirt Printing Workshop	£400
7	Westminster House Youth Club	Olympic Open Day	£500
8	Nunhead's Voice	Older Peoples Celebration Day	£500

9	Jolanta Jagiello FONC	Diamond Decades	£700
10	Brimmington Community FC	Celebrating London Olympic Games	£508
11	Buchan T&RA	Children's Puppet Show Event	£500
12	Free Film Festivals	Film Screening – Nunhead Cemetery	£975
13	Joe Richards House residents and staff	Joe Richards House Day of Celebration	£800
14	Cossall	Domino Club	£950
15	The Surgery	Nunhead Open 9	£800

Ref. No	Organisation	Project Name	Amount awarded
16	Brayards Estate Tenants & Residents Association	Community Programme	£950
17	Southwark Travellers Action	Traveller Children's Cultural Event	£1,000
19	Sickle Cell And Young Stroke Survivors	"Its In The Blood Info Day"	£500
21	Evolution Quarter Residents' Association	Calypso Gardens Party	£1,000
22	Arts Express	Carve in the Community	£1,000
25	Wickway community centre	Family Fun day	£750
27	Southwark Cyclists	Summer Healthy Rides	£400
29	Peckham Street Party	Peckham Street Party	£1,000
30	Southwark Carrib FC	Diabetes and Sickle Cell Awareness Fun day	£1,000
34	Friends of Peckham Rye Park/Liz Brough	Annual fete on Peckham Rye Common	£950

35	Peckham Rye playroom	5th anniversary and Olympic games	£850
36	Rye Hill Tenants and Residents Association	Coach trip	£800
37	The Sunday Essiett Company	Self confidence & domestic violence workshops for young girls	£700
41	The Mini Cooking Club	Food for Champions	£800
43	Peckham Vision	Peckham Town Centre Cultural Olympiad Exhibition	£925
44	Consort TRA	Fun day & Mini Olympic 2012 games	£800
46	Clifton Estate TRA	Youth and Community Involvement	£800

Ref. No	Organisation	Project Name	Amount awarded
50	Pelican Plus Tenants and Residents Association	Pelican Plus Family Day Trip	£500
51	Peckham Pride Basketball Club	Summer Basketball Camp	£1,000
52	Southwark Muslim Forum	Southwark Eid 2012	£600
53	Southwark Borough 2009	SB2009 Sports Excellence	£500
57	Burgess Sport Association	Summer of Sport	£800
		Total	£26,158

11. CLEANER GREENER SAFER REVENUE FUND 2012/13

Members considered the information in the report.

RESOLVED:

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

1. Councillor Cleo Soanes (chair)
2. Councillor Mark Glover (vice chair)
3. Councillor Richard Livingstone (third signatory)

DATE OF NEXT MEETING

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

The meeting ended at 9.25 pm

CHAIR:

DATED: