



## Peckham and Nunhead Community Council

MINUTES of the OPEN section of the Peckham and Nunhead Community Council held on Saturday 2 March 2013 at 12.00 pm at Peckham Methodist Church, Wood's Road, Peckham, London SE15 2PX

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**PRESENT:** Councillor Cleo Soanes (Chair)  
Councillor Mark Glover  
Councillor Chris Brown  
Councillor Sunil Chopra  
Councillor Fiona Colley  
Councillor Rowenna Davis  
Councillor Nick Dolezal  
Councillor Gavin Edwards  
Councillor Renata Hamvas  
Councillor Richard Livingstone  
Councillor Catherine McDonald  
Councillor Victoria Mills  
Councillor Michael Situ

**OFFICER SUPPORT:** Ray Boyce (Head of Older People's Services)  
Tanya Barrow (Community Safety Service Manager)  
Jay Daisi (Service Development Officer)  
Alison Squires (Planning Policy Team Leader)  
Tim Walker (Senior Engineer)  
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 and thanked the community organisations who had information stalls at the meeting.

### 2. APOLOGIES

There were apologies for absence from Councillors Althea Smith and Barrie Hargrove.

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

The following member made a declaration regarding the agenda item below:

## **Agenda item 7 – Community announcements and presentations: Community Restoration Fund**

Councillor Sunil Chopra, non pecuniary, concerning the community restoration fund; he was present when the applications for funding were being considered at the Southwark Youth Centre.

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

There were no urgent items.

Members were asked to note the supplemental agendas circulated at the meeting which had comments from the Strategic Director of Environment and Leisure regarding the deputation from local residents on Peckham Road South controlled parking zone. In addition public questions which were submitted by Rye Village Residents' Association.

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

#### **RESOLVED:**

That the minutes of the meeting held on 21 November 2012 be agreed as a correct record of that meeting and signed by the chair.

### **6. DEPUTATIONS/PETITIONS**

#### **RESOLVED:**

That the deputation from residents of Denman Road.

The deputation spokesperson, Joel Uden addressed the meeting. The speaker introduced himself and outlined the following:

The spokesperson said every ten years the council decides to consult residents about the proposal to have a CPZ in Peckham Road. The vast number of residents are against a CPZ as there has been no increase in accident rates. There appears to be a blanket approach to double yellows at every junction which would put additional parking pressure on available space. The spokesperson explained that the introduction of double yellow lines and removal of approximately 72 car parking spaces from within Peckham Road south would not be a long term solution to parking in the area.

The speaker asked the community council to consider that the Highway Code 'guidelines' for not parking within 10 metres of a junction are just guidelines and not UK law. In addition feedback to the Council's questionnaire forms (nearly 600 signatures) indicate that the vast majority of residents were overwhelmingly against a CPZ.

The speaker said it was important to note the current plans were not based on any reported accident data and there had been no increase in accident rates at any of the junctions where double yellows are being proposed. Over the last 10 years there was a

general pattern of resident consultation for the Peckham Road south area to have CPZs which would be pushed back by the residents. He referred to Councillor Mark Glover recent correspondence which stated that the same issue cropped up at least twice before during his time as a councillor.

Members noted the deputation and agreed to feedback to officers the points which were raised at the meeting.

The chair thanked the spokesperson for his presentation.

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

The following announcements were made:

### **Community payback scheme**

Hudson Mclean from Serco was present to talk about the transition period over the last few months in that the community payback formerly called 'community service' would be going through in Southwark, Lambeth and Greenwich. Most of the work is unpaid work. He referred to the role of the community payback scheme which involved painting and decorating of buildings where all work is risk assessed. The meeting was told that if they wished to nominate a project to paint please contact the chair of the community council.

### **Community safety issues – general**

Tanya Barrow gave an update on the community safety matters. She stated the council had embarked on work with a hostel called Joe Richards House, in 100 Queens Road Peckham which is a hostel for vulnerable adults that have misused substances. Tanya said as part of a consultation on an anti begging campaign for the whole of the borough she wanted residents' views on this and to ask where the posters related to this campaign should be displayed and the sort of information that should go on them.

### **Police update**

Police Inspector Linda Upton gave an update on policing issues and crime prevention in the South East cluster for the Lane, Livesey, Nunhead, Peckham and Peckham Rye wards:

Since the last meeting:

- 2 cannabis factories were closed down in the area.
- Executed drug warrants which resulted in several arrests and charges etc.
- Livesey ward – related to cannabis cafes around Meeting House Lane which the police were able to finally close it down and the 5 people involved were convicted.
- Several crack house closures.
- Executed warrants at mobile phone shops which related to the theft of mobile phones particularly iphones and ipads etc. The police have taken proactive action on this.
- The overall priority for the borough is "Operation Trinity" which – tackling serious youth crime and violent knife crime. Also held a knives sweep.
- Monitoring uninsured vehicles.

- Nunhead and Peckham Rye Police Ward Panel set up face book page where crime prevention messages are set up.
- Reported that courier fraud was on the increase, people that claim they are from the police, a courier or bank in order to obtain people's financial details should ring the safer neighbourhood team or dial 101 if you suspect anything suspicious.

### **Community restoration**

Sharon Pryce, one of the youth workers for Nunhead and Peckham gave an overview of the application process and discussed the number of applications they received from the community projects and highlighted how they derived at their decision.

The following applications were awarded funding:

- Brimington Community Football Club (Spark Youth Project) £4,065
- Westminster House Youth Club (Young Leaders) £4,481
- Southwark Travellers Action Group (STAG Youth Project) £4,481
- Bradfield Club (Media and Film Project) £3,920
- Connecting Voices (Voice, Vision, Sound) £4,481

Members agreed to the above funding.

### **Welfare Reform “How will it affect you?”**

Jay Akinola Daisi made an announcement on Welfare Benefit changes. He announced the council and residents should be prepared for changes to the benefit system which would take effect on 1 April 2013. Full details of the changes were contained in the agenda pack (pages 13 – 17). Overall 30,000 to 35,000 people in the borough would be affected. Southwark residents have not yet been told when exactly the Benefit Cap would affect them.

What are the changes?

- Benefits cap: A cap on the total amount of benefits, including housing benefit.
- Housing benefit: Those in receipt of housing benefit for working age people living in the social sector would only be paid according to the needs of their household. People of pension age would not be affected by these changes.
- Council tax benefit scheme: All councils should create a local scheme for residents on low income. The money available for this local scheme was cut by 10% and the council's funding shall be reduced by £2.8 million. The council had developed a replacement scheme, known as the “council tax reduction scheme” (CTRS).
- Disability living allowance: The DLA would be replaced by a new benefit called personal independence payment (PIP) for people aged 16 to 64 (from June 2013).
- Universal credit: This would be a new single payment that replaces:

- Housing benefit
- Income based job seeker's allowance
- Income-related employment and support allowance
- Income support
- Child tax credits and
- Working tax credits

For information contact the council's housing and council tax benefit on telephone number: 020 7525 1880 Website: <http://www.southwark.gov.uk/benefits> Useful web links and contact telephone numbers are on page 17 of the agenda pack.

## **8. THEME ON OLDER PEOPLE: ACTIVITIES, SERVICES SUPPORT AND COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT**

The chair, Councillor Cleo Soanes provided a brief introduction to the theme on older people which came out of a previous meeting that set theme priorities for the year.

The chair introduced the next presenter Carl Campbell from the Recycled Teenagers. Carl spoke about health and wellbeing amongst older people particularly for those who had suffered from dementia. The group's theme was about changing attitudes through dance as a way of dealing with dementia. He said it was important to look at it from a wider perspective because at some point there would be someone that you know that would experience some form of dementia.

At this juncture there was a music and dance interlude from the Recycled Teenagers.

For more information about Recycled Teenagers, sessions that highlight and raise awareness on Alzheimer's and dementia are held every Tuesday at 1.00pm at Peckham Pulse.

Councillor Catherine McDonald explained her cabinet role in Southwark was for health and adult social care. Councillor McDonald gave an overview of the services the council provides for older people and was pleased that the community council had chosen services for older people as its theme.

During Councillor Mc Donald's presentation the following was highlighted:

- Provide the type of services that older people would want to have and are able to have access to.
- To ensure they stay independent in their own homes for as long as possible
- To ensure older people are connected to their communities for as long as possible.
- Reablement – a service provided for people that might have a medical condition, an injury or an ailment who might struggle with every day tasks, the team would help them readjust to living with a slightly changed physical ability to enable them to live in their own homes.
- Help modify and adapt people's homes if required – like the installation of a grab rail in

a bathroom.

- Introduce and assist people with a personal budget from funding received from social services support which would include further support and range of quality services from voluntary sector organisations.
- The council propose to open an older people's centre of excellence (scheduled to open next year) which would be a day centre to help people with dementia and those with any other complex needs – working in conjunction with the Alzheimer's society.
- Meals on wheels – a service provided for those who are unable to cook for themselves in their own homes, the council have lowered the cost for meals on wheels this year and propose to lower it next year as well.

Councillor McDonald said information and services for older people are available in libraries, leisure centres and adult learning. She agreed to sign post people to other voluntary sector provision who work independently from the council.

Ray Boyce from head of older people services highlighted the following:

- Support older people in remaining as independent as possible in their own homes and communities.
- Reducing meals on wheels charge by 50%.
- Active participation.
- Improve the quality of residential/ nursing homes and homecare.
- Improving dementia services.
- Better support for carers.
- All residents will be offered a service – support or well being plan.
- Regalement – maintaining independence and better working with health.
- Partnership with health – Hospital care, community multi disciplinary teams etc.
- Night Owls, residential /nursing care initiatives including My Homelife.

Future plans:

- 3 new extra care units.
- Return of sheltered housing officers and wardens.
- Centre of excellence.
- London living wage (£2 per hour) and new partnership with providers – aim to attract good quality carers.
- Keeping people connected project – residential and nursing care.

Questions were raised on issues regarding:

Would council services that provide care for older people would be returning in house instead of external contractors who tend to employ mostly agency staff who at times do not always provide feedback to people they are caring for?

What are the council doing about families that live in the sheltered housing unit on the Cossall Estate because this has made it difficult for older people that live there?

Who would manage any of the new sheltered housing units because concern was raised about lunch provided for older people in these units – could these services be brought

back in house because the council should be accountable for services provided?

London living wage – any service appointed under compulsory tendering generally always goes to whoever provides the services at the lowest cost which means the quality of service would not be of a good standard.

Carol Prudie, occupational therapy services manager explained what their role was in adult social care, occupational service and the services they provide.

- Role – to help maintain independence so daily living tasks are carried out safely e.g. feeding and bathing.
  - To give advice and provide support to carers.
  - Provide equipment which could be picked up from an accredited retailer.
  - Carry out adaptations on people's homes.
  - Provide equipment on loan where the team would be responsible for its maintenance.
- Anwara from Age UK spoke about the exercise classes that they run free of charge and work they do with local community groups, TRAs and other residents.

The chair thanked speakers for their presentations.

## **9. PLANNING POLICY UPDATE:**

Alison Squires from the planning policy team gave an update on the 4 planning policy documents which were out for consultation:

Peckham and Nunhead area action plan – document would be sent to National Government by the end of March 2013 which sets out proposals for the area.

Camberwell area action plan – early stages of consultation, officers were seeking the views from residents on this.

Dulwich supplementary planning document – included Peckham Rye ward provided guidance to protect the design of new buildings, parks and open spaces. Part of the guidance included extensions to houses and gardens. Consultation on the document would be until 22 April 2013.

Officers held workshops at Dulwich Picture Gallery on 2 March 2013 from 2.30pm and there was a drop in session at Dulwich Leisure Centre on 10 April 2013 from 6.00pm until 8.00pm.

CIL Infrastructure Levy (S106) – Developers would have to mitigate the impact of any proposed development in an area which included setting out charges for retail developments.

The chair thanked Alison for her presentation. She was available during the break to take questions etc on the policy documents.

## 10. PECKHAM ROAD SOUTH, FIRST STAGE CONTROLLED PARKING ZONE

Tim Walker, Senior Engineer within Public Realm introduced the report and provided a summary of the consultation that took place in the streets south of Peckham Road during November and December 2012. The council carried out the consultation on the principle of parking controls around a set of streets which involved 2000 properties which covered Peckham and Nunhead and the other half covered Camberwell community council.

The last consultation was in 2006 since then 2 other zones were introduced within the near vicinity which that were largely supported by residents. In April 2012 Camberwell community council received a deputation from residents about the parking situation in the area which had changed significantly hence the reason why the decided to carry out a consultation on the matter. In September 2012 the community council agreed the consultation methods and boundary and then carried detailed parking occupancy surveys in October the same year. This was followed by a further consultation in November and December 2012 which included all properties in the area which included key stakeholders.

Tim referred to the illustrated map of streets that were consulted on and those that already have operated parking zones.

The consultation had a 20% response rate with a significant higher response rate in some street than others. Three petitions against the proposal of parking controls and overall 77% of residents were not in favour of a CPZ in their area. A breakdown of the responses street by street were detailed in the report where it indicated that every street in the consultation zone were against in principle of any parking controls.

The next stage would be for officers to draft a decision report to the cabinet member for transport, environment and recycling to agree the following recommendations:

That the council would not proceed with the installation of a parking zone in the area or move to a second stage consultation with detailed designs. The installation of double yellow lines at the junctions within the project area and de-cluttering all parking and street furniture. Any formal comments from the community council on the recommendations would be included in the report for the cabinet member to make a final key decision.

In addition to the above an independent road safety audit would be commissioned with the council's recommendations and if approved a statutory consultation would be carried out with expected implementation in June /July 2013.

Councillor Mark Glover referred to the officer's comments concerning support for the scheme in the Camberwell area and those who opposed the scheme were mostly residents in Peckham. He said most people he spoke to in the residential streets that cover both areas were not in favour of any sort of parking zone in the area.

Members expressed concern about how often these consultations were taking place and the cost involved especially if they were not necessary. Officers were advised that any study or consultation on CPZs should not be revisited in this area for at least 10 years unless there are good grounds for doing so.

Tim took questions from councillors and the audience.



A resident who lives in Consort Road, asked about pavements and street lighting along Peckham High Street. She said the pavements were in such disrepair and people with walking difficulties would trip and that this had been like that for two years and yet. She asked if the council were able to some pressure on TfL because the pavements were all cracked. The other point related to street lighting along Consort Road which was very low.

The resident explained that there were only two street lights, a mile apart from each other which have very low orange lighting. People could easily break an ankle when entering the OAP block in the winter. The repair and improvement of pavements and street lighting should be given consideration above consultations.

In response to questions the chair, Councillor Soanes highlighted to the community council that they were looking at street lighting and will ask officers to have a look at the lighting (and raise costings) along this road. Last year Peckham and Nunhead CC updated lighting on Mission Place in Peckham. The community would now like to look at other streets this year which is why I am asking officers to look at this and raise costings.

The chair thanked Tim Walker for his presentation.

## **11. PUBLIC QUESTION TIME**

The following public questions were tabled at the meeting:

The community council noted the public questions submitted by Rye Village residents association concerning the one o' clock club play area Strakers Road Peckham Rye Common London SE15 3UA. Full details are contained in the supplemental agenda no. 1 which included an officer response to both questions.

A summary of the questions are set out below:

### **Question 1:**

Please will you let this community council know what progress has been made on the development of the one o'clock club play area or whether the scheme has delivered what the community wanted and if not how this can be achieved?

### **Question 2:**

Will this community council act collectively to agree that the architect, contractor, project manager and planning officer responsible for overseeing this £500,000 project largely financed out of the cleaner, greener, safer funds. Act now, to carry out consultations with users of this centre and Peckham Rye park in order to make good the following reported faults and thereby keep the pledges that were made at the last local elections?

It was noted that no representatives from Rye Village residents association were present at the meeting. In response to the questions, Councillor Hamvas and Councillor Mills stated they were happy to go along to their regular residents association meetings if invited. Also, Councillor Mills explained there were a few factual inaccuracies with the public questions, concerning the one o'clock club, in that Peckham Rye ward councillors are confident the promise made to local residents to have it re-done was on schedule and would be delivered. The ward councillors also confirmed the one o'clock club was

operational and up and running.

**Question 3:**

'Health and safety issue regarding works along pathway near St James the Great School, the new lighting installed was not completed as it should have been extended to the other end of the pathway which is dark so much so dealings are still happening there. Please could you let me know why the work was not completed?'

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

**12. COMMUNITY COUNCIL QUESTION TO COUNCIL ASSEMBLY**

As part of the theme on older people the chair asked if people wished to submit a community council question to council assembly. The following was submitted and agreed at the meeting:

As a result of the government's welfare reform changes, will families be forced to leave homes which have been expensively adapted for the needs of disabled and vulnerable people and how many residents of the Peckham and Nunhead Community Council will it affect?

The chair announced that a response to this would be provided at the next meeting.

**13. LOCAL PARKING AMENDMENTS**

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

Members considered the information in the report.

**RESOLVED:**

That the following local parking amendments, detailed in the appendices of the report be approved for implementation subject to the outcome of any necessary statutory procedures:

- Ledbury Street installation of one disabled persons' (blue badge) parking bay
- Grummant Street installation of one disabled persons' (blue badge) parking bay
- Lanbury Road installation of one disabled persons' (blue badge) parking bay
- Nunhead Grove installation of one disabled persons' (blue badge) parking bay
- Chandler Way installation of one disabled persons' (blue badge) parking bay

- Kings Grove relocation of one disabled persons' (blue badge) parking bay

#### 14. COMMUNITY COUNCIL FUND 2013-14

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

Members considered the information in the report.

Councillors Soanes and Glover thanked everyone that took part in the process and asked those community projects that did receive funding to check with officers as some previous projects were funded through another route by the council.

#### **RESOLVED:**

That the allocations of community council funding for the following applications be approved:

Organisation	Project	Amount
COVO Connecting Voices	Parents & under 5s Dance	£500
Ledbury Tenants Association	Family Fun Day	£400
Bird in the Centre	Every Child Matters – Your Child Matters	£500
St John Chrysostom Church	Community Festival	£500
Southwark Traveller Action Group	STAG Gypsy Roma Traveller History Month	£500
Northfield House Tenants And Residents Association	Northfield House Wildlife Days	£500
Brimmington Community FC	Spark Youth Holiday scheme	£590
Buchan TRA	Buchan Green Family & Community Fun Day	£600
Friends of Nunhead Cemetery	Vignetted Windows Foretold	£400

<b>Organisation</b>	<b>Project</b>	<b>Amount</b>
Nunhead's Voice	Older Peoples Celebration Day	£800
Cossall Tenants & Residents Association	Cossall Family Fun Day	£400
Nunhead Community Choir	2013/2014 Financial Year	£400
Nunhead Film Screening (Tracey Francis)	Film Screenings	£900
Westminster House Youth Club	Summer Activities	£1000
Bells Gardens Estate	Peckham and Nunhead Health & Wellbeing Event	£500
Carl Campbell Dance Company	Changing Attitude	£700
Burgess Sports	Multi sport holiday programme	£750
GLOT Fashion	GLOT Fashion sewing workshop	£800
WiseGem	Teenage pregnancy awareness and event	£400
Arts Express	Carve in the Community	£500
EQRA (Evolution Quarter Residents Association)	2013 Summer Party	£700
Burgess Park Food Project	Burgess Park Food Project	£850
World of Hope	Southwark Turning Point	£590
Rye Hill Tenants & Residents Association	Annual Coach Trip	£400
Peckham and Nunhead Free Film Festival	Peckham Rye outdoor cinema	£945

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Art Licks	AL Educate	£400
St Georges Pop-In	Dance classes for St Georges's Pop-In	£500
Friends of Peckham Rye Park	Friends of Peckham Rye Park Annual Fete	£1000
Southwark Hindu Centre	To celebrate Diwali Festival	£900
Mundania Road Blocks and Reedham Street	Mundania and Reedham Communal Garden Projects	£1000
Aquarius Golf Club	Aquarius Festival 2013	£1000
Peckham Vision	Old Waiting Room town centre exhibition	£800
Russell Court Sheltered Housing Unit T & RA	Peckham history day	£500
Jack Jones Sheltered Housing Unit	Jack Jones Sheltered Housing Unit Social Club	£1000
Southwark Explorers Club	Pensioners Exploring 2013	£1000
Dulwich Table Tennis Club (Peckham SE15 Branch)	Southwark Table Tennis	£1000
Caporales San Simon Filial Londres	Caporales San Simon festival	£400
Tayo Situ Foundation	Recognition Awards Night	£500
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>£26,125</b>

**CHAIR:**

**DATED:**