



## Peckham and Nunhead Community Council

MINUTES of the OPEN section of the Peckham and Nunhead Community Council held on Monday 25 November 2013 at 7.00 pm at Harris Academy Peckham, 112 Peckham Road, London SE15 5DZ

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

**OFFICER SUPPORT:** Michael Tsourkaris, (Design & Conservation Officer)  
Rosemary Watts, (Officer, NHS Southwark CCG)  
Sharon Pryce, (Youth Development Officer)  
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 Harris Academy Peckham for hosting the community council meeting at the school.

### 2. APOLOGIES

There were apologies for absence from Councillors, Gavin Edwards, Michael Situ, Catherine McDonald and Althea Smith.

An apology for lateness was received from Councillor Victoria Mills.

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

There were none.

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

There were none.

**5. MINUTES FROM THE PREVIOUS MEETING**

**RESOLVED:**

That the minutes of the meeting held on 30 September 2013 be agreed as a correct record of that meeting and signed by the chair subject to a minor amendment:

The decisions listed for item 15, Highways Capital Investment 2013 -14, should also include the 20 mph signage along Underhill Road.

**6. DEPUTATIONS/PETITIONS (IF ANY)**

No deputations or petitions were received.

**7. COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS AND PRESENTATIONS**

The following announcements and presentations were made:

**Winter campaign**

Rosemary Watts from NHS Southwark Clinical Commissioning Group spoke about the winter campaign that had been launched by NHS Southwark Clinical Commissioning Group. Information leaflets were available at the meeting. The scheme had been put in place to address and signpost people to other health-based services if their illness was not considered life threatening. This would avoid the hospital's A&E department being used for non emergency illnesses. Rosemary explained that had been some media coverage about the difficulty people had getting a doctor's appointment and therefore people used the A&E services because of the time delay. People were reminded to only use A&E services if they felt it was life threatening.

Rosemary also spoke about the review of the health services and development of a strategy so the situation could be addressed. People were encouraged to sign up to NHS Southwark's email list which they were able to do during the course of the meeting. In addition there was a lot of publicity on how people use the A&E and GP services.

**Peckham Vision's Town Centre Exhibition**

Eileen Conn from Peckham Vision spoke about the group's Peckham Town Centre exhibition that was held on 16 to 18 December 2013 during the day and evening. The group wanted volunteers to help out in the coffee shop along Bellenden Road. More information was available during the break.

## **Peckham and Nunhead – Youth Community Council**

Sharon Pryce, Youth Development Worker, who was accompanied by representatives of the youth community council reported on proposals to improve community councils and the activities that had taken place following the money they received from the restoration fund. The young people went on a boat trip, and attended a Black history event in Liverpool.

The representatives from the youth community council took it in turns to briefly outline what they thought about the last community council meeting they attended in September 2013.

The young people outlined the following:

- They felt the last community council was interesting and covered topics on the budget consultation and public toilets in Rye Lane. Its theme on the Peckham Town Centre and Rye Lane was quite engaging.
- The meetings were too long and there should be more of a focus on young people.
- Use less jargon so it could be more easily understood.
- They thought people were always complaining about crime amongst young people.
- The local area had far too many congested pavements and a number of meat / butcher shops that left food waste on pavements.

The chair thanked the young people for sharing their ideas and some of the issues raised about multiple shops which had also been a concern for the community council. The chair stated that she would welcome them back to a “youth theme” community council meeting next year.

### **Community council fund 2014**

Marian Farrugia, Community Council Development Officer talked about the community council fund, funding schemes that take place each year. It was aimed at community activities and one off events.

The deadline for applications was Friday, 13 December 2013 and no late applications would be accepted. Forms were available at the meeting and more details about the funding scheme could be viewed on the council’s website.

In response to questions Marian explained the applications would be assessed by councillors and the decisions announced at the community council meeting in February 2014 so events and activities could take place in summer 2014.

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

The chair announced the following:

### **East Dulwich Christmas cracker**

The East Dulwich Christmas Cracker event on Saturday 7 December 2013, at Lordship Lane and North Cross Road between 10am and 5pm which would have music, dancing, carol singing and entertainment for everyone.

### **Christmas tree switch-on**

The Christmas tree switch-on to be held on Friday 6 December 2013 at 5pm which involved a school choir and the Southwark mayor.

### **Council Assembly theme debate**

The council assembly meeting would have a theme debate on local business and enterprise on 27 November 2013.

### **Police Inspector Upton**

The chair paid tribute to Inspector Linda Upton who was due to retire from the police. Councillor Soanes thanked her for all her hard work and wished her all the best for the future. Inspector Upton said ward officers in the safer neighbourhood teams were still available and contactable on the non emergency telephone number 101. She also thanked those involved in the community and asked people to keep safe.

## **INTRODUCTION TO THE THEME: PECKHAM TOWN CENTRE AND RYE LANE**

Councillor Fiona Colley, cabinet member for regeneration and corporate strategy introduced theme and the speakers who were present for items on theme.

### **8. PECKHAM TOWN TEAM - UPDATE**

Peter Williams from the "Means" gave the meeting an update on the Peckham Town Centre initiative. It came about after the Mary Porter initiative, to tackle the decline of old shops in town centres.

Peter explained the project were unsuccessful in a bid they put through to the DLCC (Department for Local Communities and Local Government). Following that the group received money from the cleaner greener safer funding programme which specifically looked into improvements to the high street. He said anything was achievable if money could be invested in these sorts of schemes. He emphasised the importance of giving support to the local high street.

Peter felt that the publicity on free parking in the borough's town centres which was part of a "shop local campaign" during the Christmas period had not been widely publicised. He said people should be given special dispensation to park free of charge during the day or in the evening.

Peter briefly mentioned the pop up shop located at 91 High Street next to Peckham Space. The pop up shop is used to test new business ideas and ventures on the high street.

## **9. PECKHAM TOWNSCAPE HERITAGE**

The item was considered in conjunction with item 10, Rye Lane Peckham Conservation area management plan.

Michael Tsourkaris, design & conservation officer spoke about the Peckham Townscape Heritage which involved repairs and restoration works to historic features. Officers had identified 45 buildings on Peckham High Street. Illustrated plans were on display at the meeting. He reported that a stage two bid was held in January 2014. He hoped to hear back about their bid to the heritage lottery fund in order for them to agree to the restoration.

Michael spoke about the management plan for Rye Lane copies of which were available at the meeting. The officer mentioned the council were seeking views of residents, local stakeholders and community businesses about the management plan. The consultation period was held for 12 weeks until 21 February 2014. The officer said any comments from the community council and the management plan would be presented to the planning committee and the Heritage Lottery Fund.

The officer responded to questions and agreed to attend community based meetings and arrange drop in sessions at local libraries. He also took on board people's concerns about the lack of consultation and community engagement with residents and the short timescales for the consultation.

The chair thanked officers for their presentation and encouraged people to speak with representatives at the break.

## **10. RYE LANE PECKHAM CONSERVATION AREA MANAGEMENT PLAN**

This item was considered inconjunction with item 9.

### **SHORT FILM SHOWN DURING THE BREAK**

Deborah Oduyoye a film producer of the "Meet the Adebajjos" talked briefly about how she started her career after she attended university. She spoke about the talent of local people, what opportunities there were for young people and how she was proud to be a resident of the borough. The meeting were shown a clip of the film, "Meet the Adebajjos" during the break.

The chair thanked Deborah for attending the community council meeting.

## **11. PUBLIC QUESTION TIME**

**Q1**

A local resident from Asprey Road residents association asked about some of the shops that had closed down around Queens' Road train station and Pomeroy Street. This included the recent closure of a dry cleaners shop which seemed profitable and busy; she wondered whether that was due to the proposed regeneration in Queens Road. She said local residents had been concerned about the closure of shops and wondered why this was happening?

**A1**

Councillor Colley responded by saying she could not comment as to why some shops closed. It might be that the shops were not making money which was usually the reason for shops closing. Councillor Colley reported there had been some improvements to shop fronts in the area but would find out about the timelines for the proposed programme of works from officers and understood further investment needed to be made in the area.

Councillor Mills added that through the community restoration fund around £440,000 would be used towards improvements to the five town centres in the borough. The council also brought a "town centre growth initiative" which had been a pot of money (£600k) that would be open in the new year. Business led organisations could come forward with proposals to help their local town centre or high street to thrive and be more successful. Councillor Mills said as Queens' Road missed out in the last round, there would be an opportunity for local residents and businesses to put in a bid for the next round.

**Q2**

A market trader from Rye Lane said why had there been only three Christmas lights up on Rye Lane.

**A2**

Councillor Hargrove said he was surprised by this, because that had not happened like that in previous years. He agreed to look into the matter and report back to the meeting.

**Q3**

A resident from Rye Lane said Pocket Places Peckham had been an interesting concept throughout the year. It involved developing ideas and engaging with the community. He said he hoped some of the projects would be successful and valuable to the community especially as there was funding available for this year and the next. What would the council do to ensure these projects remained sustainable in the long term and not go into disrepair?

**A3**

Councillor Hargrove responded by saying that Pocket Places was a joint funded project between the council and Sustrans. He felt that it was important for the community to show support because there might not be another opportunity to make a change to the area of Peckham so he urged people to have confidence to ensure its success.

**Q4**

Local resident asked about the Peckham area action plan?

**A4**

Councillor Colley explained that the Peckham area action plan was produced in 2005 and was now in it's the final stages. The planning inspector had held an examination of the

council's proposals and people were given an opportunity to express their views in its final stages. The planning inspector had indicated to the council that the findings were sound but suggested a few changes. This would mean another "light" consultation for those who had expressed a view previously. She said information and further details could be found on the council's website.

## 12. CLEANER GREENER SAFER: FUNDING REALLOCATION 2013 - 2014

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

Members considered the information contained in the report.

### RESOLVED:

1. That Peckham and Nunhead community council approved changes of scope for the Cleaner Greener Safer schemes below:

<b>Project</b>	<b>Amount</b>
Unwin Estate door entry system	£50,000
Bells Gardens circular bench refurbishment	£3,000

2. That £43,313 is reallocated from the schemes below:

Peckham High Street Historic frontage	£24,213
Nunhead and Peckham Rye Meter scheme	£9,500
Safe crossing at Brockley Way	£9,600

3. That the community council notes that £10,046 of unallocated funding is available in this year's round of capital funding in 2013 - 2014.

4. That a total of £44,080 of Cleaner Greener Safer capital funding is reallocate to the schemes below:

Wickway safer entrance, Gloucester Grove Estate	£24,100
Non principal roads programme 2013 – 2014	£19,980

5. That CGS capital funding is allocated towards the 20 mph signage on Underhill Road as agreed at the September community council meeting.

### 13. LOCAL PARKING AMENDMENTS

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

Members considered the information contained in the report.

#### **RESOLVED:**

1. That the nine objections received against the proposal to install at any time restrictions (double yellow lines) in Chesterfield Way be noted.
2. That the community council approved the recommendations for officers to undertake the following:
  - a. consider the objections
  - b. partially accede to the objections by reducing the amount of double yellow lines
  - c. be instructed to make the traffic order
  - d. write to the objectors to inform them of the decision
  - e. be instructed to implement the double yellow lines in the yellow lines in the Chesterfield Way as shown in Appendix 1.
3. That officers be asked to organise a site visit with the relevant cabinet member, ward members and residents in order to discuss ways of alleviating the parking pressure on Chesterfield Way.

### 14. COMMUNITY COUNCIL QUESTION TO COUNCIL ASSEMBLY

The following community council question to council assembly was submitted and agreed at the meeting:

#### **Peckham Rye Station and Peckham Town Centre**

"Please could you provide an update on the consultation process, scheduled works and timescale for Network Rail Peckham Rye Station redevelopment project. Given that a lot of the arts based economic activity continues to recognise the established creative industries and will encourage new creative industries to emerge?"

Meeting ended at 9.40 pm

**CHAIR:**

**DATED:**