



Peckham and Nunhead Community Council

MINUTES of the OPEN section of the Peckham and Nunhead Community Council held on Saturday 7 February 2015 at 1.00 pm at The Damilola Taylor Centre, 1 East Surrey Grove, Peckham, London SE15 6DR

PRESENT: Councillor Johnson Situ (Chair)
Councillor Cleo Soanes (Vice chair)
Councillor Evelyn Akoto
Councillor Jasmine Ali
Councillor Fiona Colley
Councillor Sunil Chopra
Councillor Nick Dolezal
Councillor Renata Hamvas
Councillor Barrie Hargrove
Councillor Richard Livingstone
Councillor Jamille Mohammed
Councillor Sandra Rhule
Councillor Michael Situ

OTHER MEMBERS

PRESENT: Councillor Ian Wingfield
Councillor Stephanie Cryan

OFFICER Magda Bartosch, Planning Project Officer
SUPPORT: Clement Agyei Frempong, Senior Project Engineer
Michelle Normanly, Projects Officer
Dorcas Mills, Principal Licensing Officer
Gill Kelly, Community Council Officer
Beverley Olamijulo, Constitutional Officer

1. INTRODUCTION AND WELCOME

The chair introduced himself and welcomed those present at the meeting. He thanked the Damilola Taylor Centre for hosting the meeting.

Councillors and officers then introduced themselves.

The young people at the centre performed a musical dance routine at the meeting.

2. APOLOGIES

Apologies for absence were submitted on behalf of Councillors Gavin Edwards and Victoria Mills. Councillor Barrie Hargrove submitted apologies for lateness.

3. DISCLOSURE OF MEMBERS' INTERESTS AND DISPENSATIONS

There were none.

4. ITEMS OF BUSINESS THAT THE CHAIR DEEMS URGENT

The chair gave notice and agreed to consider the following as late and urgent business set out in supplemental agenda no. 1:

Item 5 – Minutes from the previous meeting held on 10 November 2015

Item 6 - Deputation from Peckham Planning Network.

In addition the community council agreed to consider the Highways Capital Investment 2014 – 2015 for Peckham Rye ward under any other business.

5. MINUTES FROM THE PREVIOUS MEETING

RESOLVED:

That the minutes of the meeting held on 10 November 2014 be agreed as an accurate record of the meeting and signed by the chair.

6. DEPUTATIONS

Matt Soper, spokesperson for the deputation addressed the meeting on behalf of Peckham Planning Network.

The deputation also presented a petition to the community council regarding the protection of Peckham's rooftop views. A copy of their petition was available on the Peckham Vision website. <http://www.peckhamvision.org>

Matt said the group expressed concern about the plans for a tall building which overlooked the rooftop views from two of the town centre's cultural hubs, which had emerged over the last few years.

Matt said the petition was presented to the community council because the council were consulting on the new Southwark plan. Part of the new Southwark plan included the future of the site which includes the cinema and multi storey car park. The Bussey building was a very significant part of the success of the new cultural activities in both of the buildings, which were a significant feature of the growing cultural sector in Peckham's town centre economy.

The council had not made a decision about the future uses of the building as requested by the Planning Inspector. As this was such an important site in Peckham Town Centre, its future had implications for the planning policy for the whole area, this needed to be covered in the consultation on the New Southwark Plan.

The deputation by stating that these cultural industries had significant beneficial effects for the local economy, commerce, education skills and jobs in the area.

In response to the deputation Councillor Dolezal outlined and the following:

He thanked the representatives for their deputation, and said that he had read the information the deputation had provided and their website. As one of the Labour councillors, he was had been involved in attempting to bring the car park back into use since 1994 when it had been derelict that no one wanted to use.

The cinema which was in the centre of Peckham was eventually subsidised by the council for five years. Things had moved on from 1994. The cinema was now one of the best venues which attracted large amounts of people with this cultural offering.

Councillor Dolezal said he was heartened by the Inspector's comments that said, *"there should be views, there should be the culture, and there should be the restaurant that is significant that it should be taken out of the Peckham area action plan until such time in the future."*

He explained that proper discussions were vital and the commitment to have these discussions was equally important. Officers were now in place to ensure that they go forward in a coherent way and to see the best for the future of Peckham.

The council and local ward councillors had spent a considerable amount of time since 2010 working to secure the temporary use of the site in order to get it on a proper footing. The council were also working in partnership with Sustrans to ensure that there was a proper timeframe for discussions with the local community.

7. COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS AND PRESENTATIONS

The following announcements were made:

Police updates

Inspector Lloyd provided an update on policing matters which included crime figures for the wards. He reported that there were fewer robberies, burglaries and thefts. He said the challenges the police faced were criminal damage, and dealing with retail disputes between shop owners. The police also ran a ward panel system, so they could know what the community's concerns were.

Charities trustees

The council were looking for volunteers to become charity trustees on various charities that operate in the borough and to assist Southwark residents that might be in financial need. Forms and further information was available at the meeting.

Fair trade fortnight

The chair announced fair trade fortnight which would be held on 23 February to 8 March 2015. Southwark was a fair trade borough and was committed to bringing people together to promote the use and sale of fair trade products. There were a number of activities and events that took place in the borough.

Further information could be found on the council's website: www.southwark.gov.uk/fairtrade

Neighbourhood Fund 2015

The chair announced the launch of the neighbourhood fund at the meeting. The neighbourhood fund was for projects that would help the local community. There would be £542,000 to spend on a wide range of projects that support local action by communities to bring people together and make neighbourhoods come to life. Information leaflets were available at the meeting. The deadline for submitted applications was on the 16 February 2015.

Draft Southwark statement of licensing policy

Information about the public consultation on the latest revision of the draft Southwark statement of licensing policy 2015 – 2020 was announced at the meeting. The council were seeking views from the local community on the policy statement that was responsible for dealing with entertainment licensing on late night alcohol, regulated entertainment and late night refreshments.

The council wanted the views of local residents and businesses to establish the following:

- To find out if the policy was clear and easy to understand
- Was it fair and balanced
- Did the policy adequately deal with the licensing objectives of crime and disorder, public safety, public nuisance and the protection of children from harm.
- The council's approach on the borough's saturation areas.

Consultation forms were available at the meeting, and on the council's website.

8. THEME: EDUCATION EMPLOYMENT AND TRAINING

Councillor Wingfield, cabinet member for communities, employment and business outlined the following:

- Employment, education and training were key elements which should be vital in the borough. The current administration would ensure that around 2000 apprenticeships would be created.
- The fairer future for all vision was delivered successfully. Councillor Wingfield referred to Southwark works who had celebrated their 10th anniversary. They help

local people to get jobs, particularly those that found it harder to find work – people with disabilities and older people. Southwark works also helped people from different ethnic minorities. A small proportion of those had been out of work for more than six months or who had never been employed before.

- To ensure that employers in the borough sign up to the London living wage.
- There was a wide range of information from the police, about employment. This could be done through other partners and agencies. Details were provided at the meeting.
- The council provides mentoring and other financial assistance to help people find employment.
- The national apprenticeship week took place recently - employers were encouraged to sign up and provide a commitment to the national apprenticeship standard to set people up for employment.

Southwark apprenticeship: Suley, a young person talked about his experience and how he joined the apprentice scheme in 2013. He worked as a customer services officer at Queens Road Peckham. He then went on to work in the council's organisational development team and now worked as a participation officer in community engagement. He said he had benefited a great deal from the scheme.

Professor Rao Bhamidimarri from the South Bank Technical College – spoke about preparing students for their academic role and talked about the apprenticeship scheme.

Councillor Stephanie Cryan, cabinet member for financial inclusion – spoke about referred to the Southwark Credit Union and encouraged young people to join the scheme so that they do not fall foul of high interest payday loans. The money savvy scheme which offered financial assistance and advice.

Specialist questions

Questions asked by the panel included the following:

Councillor Wingfield confirmed that the council worked in partnership with the Department of Works and Pension, who were helpful and worked well with the council. It was noted that the Southwark emergency support scheme worked in conjunction with the Dept of Works and Pension.

In response to questions, Councillor Jasmine Ali mentioned that she was involved in the local policy forum. The forum explored training and employment opportunities for young people, and worked with primary school children. Members of the forum thought of new ideas for young people that they could bring forward to group. Councillor Ali said if anyone was interested they could speak to her after the meeting.

SWOT analysis – strengths, weaknesses and opportunities

The young people outlined:

Strengths:

The area has a number of sport activities for young people - like the Damilola Taylor centre. The YCC representatives thanked Steve Verrall who was based at the centre for all his hard work with the young people.

The representatives said as there were a number of good schools in Peckham and Nunhead, this made it a success for the area.

Weaknesses:

- Too many fast food shops

- Not enough local libraries
- Litter on buses – most of the litter seem to be from fast food outlets
- Housing – a general problem with overcrowding in properties where a family of five would be in a two bed room property.

Opportunities:

More activities, jobs for young people – considering it was noted as a high crime area. The representatives did express concern about the cuts to council spending which would affect the council and local community groups. They also made reference to the high premium quotes for car insurance in the area when it was compared to other London boroughs. Councillor Livingstone mentioned that as cabinet member for housing it acknowledged that there was not enough affordable housing. The council were looking at every possible site for this. The council had also revised the allocations process in order to make it fairer for those that were considered to be overcrowded or in urgent need. The council were still looking at the ramifications of this – as it would not be an easy process.

9. CYCLE PERMEABILITY SCHEME - REPORT

Members considered the recommendations contained within the report.

RESOLVED:

That the community council supports the recommendation to the cabinet member for regeneration, planning, and transport to implement the cycle permeability proposals set out in table 1 and Appendix A of the report.

10. WORKS TO IMPROVE THE STREETScape TO QUEENS ROAD

Magda Bartosch, planning project officer was present to brief the community council on the programme of works that were scheduled to take place at Queens Road.

Magda mentioned that £500,000 was earmarked for building work on Queens Road which involved repairing shop fronts and on surrounding roads. This would be done in conjunction with TfL.

Site plans of the construction work were shown on display boards at the meeting. It was announced that there would be a series of events on the Queens Road streetscape which had been publicised on the council's website. This included links to the proposals and consultation venues.

It was noted that further updates would be given at a future meeting.

11. BRAYARDS ROAD NEIGHBOURHOOD: WALKING AND CYCLING IMPROVEMENTS

Members noted the officer's presentation and considered the recommendations in the report.

In response to questions, regarding the concerns that were raised by Southwark cyclists – the officer explained that the scheme would include a traffic calming feature that would slow down traffic. The officer agreed to contact Southwark cyclists about their concerns.

RESOLVED:

That the community council supports the recommendation to the cabinet member regeneration, planning, and transport to implement the cycle permeability proposals outlined in table 1 and Appendix A of the report.

12. CLEANER GREENER SAFER - FUNDING REALLOCATION

Note: This item is an executive function.

Members considered the recommendations in the report.

RESOLVED:

That Peckham and Nunhead Community Council approved the re-allocation of a total of £93,000 to two projects (set out below) in the 2014/2015 cleaner greener safer capital programme and as part of the 2015/2016 programme, as set out in Appendix 1 of the report, be agreed:

Proposal name:	Award
Bells Gardens community garden	£2,000
Lindley Estate children's playground	£7,000
Total allocated	£9,000
Peckham	£13,000
Livesey	£71,000
Total available to be reallocated as part of the 2015 -16 programme	£84,000

13. CLEANER GREENER SAFER CAPITAL FUNDING PROGRAMME 2015 - 2016

Note: This item is an executive function.

Members considered the recommendations contained within the report.

RESOLVED:

1. That the following allocation of funds (on page 3) for the 2015-16 cleaner greener safer capital programme in the Peckham and Nunhead community council area be agreed:

Peckham ward

Proposal name:	Award
Peckham hanging baskets 2015/16	£5,000
Peckham Square artwork (working title)	£21,600
Developing a green environment for Gloucester Grove residents	£2,160
Keep the spirit of Christmas alive in Peckham	£10,355
The Bradfield Club in Peckham Solar Energy Project	£24,908
Oliver Goldsmith Community Allotment – feasibility study	£1,000
Peckham Square notice board	£2,600
Total allocated	£67,623
Unallocated funding	£ 34,901

Livesey ward

Proposal	Award
Rejuvenation for greening and security sensor lights: Green Hundred Road, Leyton Square park, rear of Battle /Caversham / Deerhurst Houses)	£40,000
Fruitful Friary working in conjunction with Rejuvenation (377627)	£25,000
Communal benches at Caroline Gardens	£3,000
Lympstone peace garden	£6,000
Lewes House recycling bin area	£10,000

Livesey ward

Proposal	Award
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Regenerate Football Pen and Lighting – additional funding	£20,000
Breathing Life into the Livesey notice board	£1,620
Acorn Estate fencing and other environmental improvements	£20,000
Lindley Estate playground – additional funding	£7,000
Northfield House environmental improvements – capital works only	£10,000
Total allocated	£142,620
Unallocated funding	£254.00

2. That the consideration of cleaner greener safer capital funding schemes in Peckham Rye, The Lane and Nunhead wards be deferred until the next meeting on 23 March 2015.

14. PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

PQ1:

A resident asked a question about Highshore School which they said was moving towards catering more for disabled children. In order to achieve this, the building might be completely demolished and a new school built in its place. This would be very expensive, were there any other alternatives that the council could consider?

A1:

Councillor Mills, cabinet member for children and schools might attend the next community council meeting to address this issue. Councillor Colley said the school has to expand in order to meet the requirement for disabled children. At this present time, the council were unable to find a suitable location.

The community council agreed to put a question on the subject matter to the next council assembly meeting (for March 2015).

PQ2

A resident explained that she attended an SE15 event which was held last year. What was the council doing to make the event more successful and effective? How would you get more people involved?

A2:

Councillor Hargrove said he attended the event and he confirmed that it had been successful. He states that this was not a council funded event – it was funded by SGTO (Southwark group of tenants' organisation). Website: <http://www.sgto.org.uk>

PQ3:

A resident submitted a question prior to the meeting which was summarised by the chair about whether the consultation could be extended on the Peckham Co-Design / remodelling of Peckham Square so the council would take into account the views of residents?

A3:

The chair said he had discussed this issue with the cabinet member for regeneration, planning and transport who had agreed to attend the next community council meeting to address the issues of the regeneration that was taking in place in Peckham. Councillor Hargrove confirmed that no formal decision had been made on Peckham Square.

PQ4:

A resident referred to the cost of a notice board which was £2,000 and asked why did it cost that much?

A4: An officer response would be provided at the next meeting.

15. COMMUNITY COUNCIL QUESTION TO COUNCIL ASSEMBLY

The following was put forward as a community council question to the council assembly meeting – March 2015:

“The community council would like a general update about increasing the provision of school places in Peckham and Nunhead for both primary and secondary and specifically, what plans are there for Highshore School and have other alternatives been considered rather than demolishing the building?”

A response to the question would be provided at the community council meeting.

16. LOCAL PARKING AMENDMENTS

Note: This item is an executive function.

Members considered the recommendations in the report.

RESOLVED:

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

- Adys Road – install double yellow lines at the junction with Oglander Road to prevent obstructive parking and improve sight lines.
- Clifton Way – install double yellow lines at the junctions with Pomeroy Street and Loder Street to prevent obstructive parking and improve sight lines.
- Forest Hill Road – install double yellow lines adjacent to a planned vehicle crossover that would provide access to No.76.
- Marmora Road – install double yellow lines adjacent to a planned vehicle crossover that would provide access to No. 60.

St George’s Way – install double yellow lines at the junction with Trafalgar Avenue to

prevent obstructive parking and improve sight lines.

17. HIGHWAYS CAPITAL INVESTMENT 2014 -2015

Note: This item is an executive function.

Members considered the highways capital investment schemes in Peckham Rye ward as urgent business following its deferral from the previous meeting.

RESOLVED:

That the schemes outlined below for Peckham Rye ward be agreed:

- Homeleigh Road Footway
(section not done in 2013/14 south / west) £31,598
- Fernholme Road
Carriageway Resurfacing – £29,984

Meeting ended at 5.15 pm

CHAIR:

DATED:

[CABINET ONLY]

DEADLINE FOR NOTIFICATION OF CALL-IN UNDER SECTION 21 OF THE OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY PROCEDURE RULES IS MIDNIGHT, [DATE].

THE ABOVE DECISIONS WILL NOT BE IMPLEMENTABLE UNTIL AFTER THAT DATE. SHOULD A DECISION OF THE CABINET BE CALLED-IN FOR SCRUTINY, THEN THE RELEVANT DECISION WILL BE HELD IN ABEYANCE PENDING THE OUTCOME OF SCRUTINY CONSIDERATION.