



## **CAMBERWELL COMMUNITY COUNCIL**

MINUTES of the Camberwell Community Council held on Wednesday 23 July 2014 at 7.00 pm at Employment Academy, 29 Peckham Road, London SE5 8UA

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**PRESENT:** Councillor Kieron Williams (Chair)  
Councillor Chris Gonde (Vice-Chair)  
Councillor Radha Burgess  
Councillor Dora Dixon-Fyle MBE  
Councillor Tom Flynn  
Councillor Peter John  
Councillor Sarah King  
Councillor Mark Williams  
Councillor Ian Wingfield

**OFFICER  
SUPPORT:** Jessica Caruth, Senior Project Manager  
Fitzroy Lewis, Community Council Development Officer  
Tim Murtagh, Constitutional Officer

### **1. INTRODUCTION AND WELCOME**

The chair welcomed residents, councillors and officers to the meeting.

### **2. APOLOGIES**

There were none.

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

There were none.

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

There were none.

#### **5. MINUTES**

That the minutes of the meeting held on 1 April 2014 be agreed as a correct record of that meeting and signed by the chair.

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

There were none.

#### **7. REVITALISE5 CAMBERWELL**

Councillor Mark Williams, cabinet member for regeneration, planning and transport, explained that the main areas of local work were the new library, Camberwell Green, the pocket parks and the junctions review.

##### **Camberwell Green**

There had been extensive public consultation and the plan was to expand and enhance the green along with the facilities available to the public. The location of the toilet was still being reviewed prior to planning approval being sought. Work on Camberwell Green was due to commence in Spring 2016.

##### **Junctions review**

The main roads that run through Camberwell were controlled by Transport for London (TfL) and a lot of work had been done with them by the council. Several million pounds had been spent on improving traffic flows and making it safer and more pleasant for pedestrians and cyclists. Some bus stops would be spread out to reduce some congested stopping zones that existed. A few issues were still to be resolved with TfL and it was about getting the best solution for Camberwell. One thing being looked at was extending the crossing time for pedestrians near the doctor's surgery which was not sufficient.

##### **Pocket parks**

Work was taking place on areas on Datchelor Place, Grove Lane and Artichoke Place to enhance and deliver those for Camberwell.

##### **Transport**

The council was also lobbying TfL to have the tube extended to Camberwell and on to Peckham. Work was being done with Lambeth to extend the cycle hire scheme to as much of the borough as possible including Camberwell.

Councillor Williams asked residents to think about what they wanted next for their area after the current schemes were completed.

Jessica Caruth, Senior Project Manager, explained that she was project managing the new Camberwell library. The structured building framework was now visible over the

hoardings. The planned opening would take place in Spring 2015. It would be a modern facility with:

- a large flexible meeting room with kitchenette
- modern equipment throughout
- large areas for adults and children
- computers for public use
- 18 study spaces
- books, games, DVDs to rent
- a programme of activities and events taking place
- access to wider council services
- 10 buggy spaces
- free wifi

There would be improved walkways and lighting to the library. More trees would be planted than were being cut down to make way for the new library.

A deputation at the last community council meeting in April 2014, had raised some concerns about the level of traffic on Camberwell Grove. Councillor Mark Williams, responded that the aim was to reduce speed and accidents in Camberwell and the whole borough, and to make it a more pleasant place for people to live. The decision had recently been signed off to make the borough 20 mph throughout which would soon be implemented. A request had been made to TfL for their roads to be consistent with the 20 mph zone in Southwark. Linked to that work there would be a big push on promoting walking and cycling in the borough. Officers had been asked to do a comprehensive traffic study of Camberwell to see what further improvements could be made. A review was also taking place on all the traffic crossing points to identify and replace any dangerous crossings.

Mr Sheard who raised the deputation welcomed the 20mph speed limit but asked for a focus on Camberwell Grove, which in his view, had long been overlooked.

Councillor Dixon-Fyle added that with regard to the new library update, there had been a commitment from Peabody officers to help. If Peabody were given a space, they would assist local residents within the new library.

## **8. FORWARD PLAN FOR THE YEAR AHEAD**

The chair explained that as it was the start of a new cycle of meetings, the community council wanted to hear the views of residents on the topics that should be the focus for the year ahead in Camberwell.

Four topics were explored during group workshop discussions:

- Improving housing across Camberwell
- Art and culture in Camberwell
- Regeneration of Camberwell
- Issues for young people in Camberwell

Councillors and officers facilitated the workshop sessions.

## **9. THEATRE PECKHAM PERFORMANCE**

Performers from Theatre Peckham sang a couple of songs which were very well received and applauded by those in attendance.

## **10. COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS**

### **The big London energy switch**

Annie from the citizens advice bureaux, explained that the big London energy switch was a collective energy switching scheme. A group of local authorities across London had come together to help customers pay less for electricity. Any bill payer could take part following registration. A customer would then be contacted with the cheapest tariff available for them without obligation to buy. Many households had saved a lot of money already. See [www.biglondonenergyswitch.org.uk](http://www.biglondonenergyswitch.org.uk)

### **Summer programme for young people**

Edward James, Southwark youth service, explained that there was a broad range of activities available for young people in the area. Among these were:

- Driving theory
- Food hygiene accredited
- First aid at work
- Singing
- Street dance
- Photography
- Film-making
- Manga drawing

Course places could be booked via [www.futureversity.org.uk](http://www.futureversity.org.uk) or Tel. 020 7247 7900.

### **Community infrastructure levy (CIL) and Section 106 update**

The chair outlined that the community infrastructure levy (CIL) and section 106 would feature at the September community council meeting. Ideas were being sought to go on the community infrastructure project list (CIPL) for local publically accessible improvements that could be funded by S106 or future local CIL.

### **Sceaux Gardens youth activities**

Councillor Mark Williams explained that £2,000 from an under spend of Cleaner Safer Revenue funding would be transferred (via a chief officer report and decision) to part fund the Sceaux Gardens summer programme.

## **11. COMMUNITY SAFETY UPDATE**

Inspector Richard Hynes, from the south west cluster neighbourhood, explained that borough wide crime had fallen 6.2%. Although, thefts from motor vehicles and of mopeds along with criminal damage offences were on the rise.

South Camberwell ward – 42% fall in crime across all offences.

Brunswick Park ward – 10% reduction since last year.

Camberwell Green ward – Some increase in offences had been recorded during the last

month so resources would be focused there to tackle that.

Inspector Hynes asked residents to be careful with open windows during the hot weather as it was a period when burglaries tended to rise. Police numbers were up to 35 officers, including 11 PCSOs (Police Community Support Officers). Residents were encouraged to join local neighbourhood watch schemes or set one up. Also, to generally keep an eye out for the elderly in the community.

In response to questions, Inspector Hynes made the following points:

- A question at a previous meeting related to the use of tazers and mental health hospitals – There was no specific guidance on tazer use. Use was down to an officer's judgement on a case by case basis. Officers were trained to a high level.
- Regarding work with young people during the summer – There would be a youth bus in places like Burgess Park. The special bus had games consoles and the internet. Several bikes (previously seized) had been donated to the Southside Young Leaders Academy and the police would chat to young people involved, whilst they work on those bikes. Work was also being done at Artichoke Place with the Camberwell Youth Forum.
- The police would issue tickets to offending cyclists seen going through red lights and travelling on the pavement. A number of operations had targeted the problem.
- The police would try and attend local tenants and residents' association meetings when requested in advance to do so.
- The police were doing various operations on premises supplying drugs. If the police received information about drug dealers, officers would respond. It was important to rid the community of the blight of drugs.

## **12. PUBLIC QUESTION TIME**

The following public questions were asked at the meeting:

1. Does Southwark Council have a blanket way of implementing its warm / safe / dry housing programme. For example, do windows have to be white, double glazed, PVC or can there be variations according to an estate.

Cllr Ian Wingfield, Deputy Leader and Cabinet Member for Communities, Employment & Business said that question would be looked into and an answer be reported back to a future meeting.

2. Re Brunswick Park – Have councillors been invited to attend consultation meetings on housing and major works.

Brunswick Park councillors confirmed that they had been invited to those.

### **13. LOCAL PARKING AMENDMENTS**

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

Members considered the information contained in the report.

#### **RESOLVED:**

1. 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:
  - Dowlas Street, Coleman Road and Rainbow Street – install double yellow lines on all junctions.
  - Besant Place – install double yellow lines outside and opposite No.5.
2. That the proposed waiting restrictions in Crossthwaite Avenue be deferred to the next meeting so that councillors can discuss the relevant issues in more detail with residents and officers.

### **14. COMMUNITY COUNCIL QUESTION TO COUNCIL ASSEMBLY**

There was no question from this meeting.

The meeting ended at 9.15pm

**CHAIR:**

**DATED:**