



DULWICH COMMUNITY COUNCIL

MINUTES of the Dulwich Community Council held on Wednesday 24 June 2015 at 7.00 pm at Christ Church, 263 Barry Road, London SE22 0JT

PRESENT: Councillor Jon Hartley (Chair)
Councillor Charlie Smith (Vice-Chair)
Councillor Andy Simmons
Councillor Rosie Shimell
Councillor James Barber
Councillor Helen Hayes
Councillor Anne Kirby
Councillor Michael Mitchell
Councillor Jane Lyons

OFFICER SUPPORT: Sue Hunter, Community Wardens' Service
Chris Durban, Cycle Programme Manager
Grace Semakula, Community Council Development Officer
Beverley Olamijulo, Constitutional Officer

1. INTRODUCTION AND WELCOME

The chair introduced himself, and welcomed councillors, members of the public and officers to the meeting.

2. APOLOGIES

Apologies for lateness was received from Councillor Helen Hayes.

3. DISCLOSURE OF MEMBERS' INTERESTS AND DISPENSATIONS

None were disclosed.

4. ITEMS OF BUSINESS THAT THE CHAIR DEEMS URGENT

There were no urgent items.

5. MINUTES FROM THE PREVIOUS MEETING

RESOLVED:

That the minutes of the meeting held on the 17 March 2015 be agreed as an accurate record of the meeting and signed by the chair.

Updates on matters arising from the previous meeting

Local traffic and parking amendments

The chair mentioned that following the last meeting on 24 June when the community council resolved that the council should review its policy on double yellow lines crossovers for residential roads that were non-classified. The council had taken the view following discussions with council transport officers, that all roads which were residential or non-classified would no longer require double yellow lines for dropped kerbs.

Councillor Barber explained that the installation of double yellow lines on residential classified roads would still require approval at the community council citing Barry Road, SE22, as an example which should be treated as a residential road as opposed to a red route. He mentioned that it was important for the council to show some flexibility on these schemes.

One hour free parking at shopping parades

Councillor Michael Mitchell asked about the agenda item on the one hour free parking at shopping parades which was presented previously at a community council meeting. It was noted that members of Dulwich Community Council would receive an update at a future meeting.

6. DEPUTATION /PETITIONS

The community council received a deputation from Melbourne Grove Traffic Action Group.

Ros Atkins, spokesperson for the Melbourne Grove Traffic Action group addressed the meeting and presented data and provided information on a local survey which suggested that the traffic situation in Melbourne Grove was a major concern for residents that lived on Melbourne Grove, some of whom were present at the meeting.

The main concerns that were expressed at the meeting were speeding motorists, citing that this road was being used as a rat run and that this was causing safety concerns particularly for children and older people. The spokesperson stated following a local consultation which was undertaken by residents, the information gathered showed that 90% of respondents in the neighbouring streets were in favour of traffic calming measures (potentially a barrier) on Melbourne Grove.

The deputation also presented a petition that contained 138 signatures from local residents. It was outlined that in signing the petition, residents of Melbourne Grove, south of East Dulwich Grove requested that the council place a barrier across their street at a

point between the junctions with Tell Grove and Ashbourne Grove.

The deputation outlined that there should be better speed limit signage and other speed calming measures available to the council to consider as alternatives. The deputation referred to police data, which outlined that 76% of vehicles were speeding along Melbourne Grove. In addition the spokesperson stated that there were two new schools which would be located in the area – causing more traffic congestion on the roads. It was suggested by the deputation that having a barrier would be the quickest, cheapest and most effective way to resolve this problem.

During questions a local resident referred to previous traffic surveys that were conducted on Melbourne Grove and those surveys outlined that there were no major traffic implications that needed addressing at the time. Members of the community council mentioned that any proposals for a barrier on Melbourne Grove could cause some displacement for the neighbouring streets like Townley Road. Members felt it was important to explore all options – e.g. better signage, introduction of a 20 mph zone and that if a barrier was considered, that it would be on a trial basis.

At this point members further debated on the issue and proposed that the following motion below:

RESOLVED:

That the community council agreed that the council should undertake a traffic study (allocation of £10k from the cleaner greener safer funding for a study) in order to evaluate the correct option for Melbourne Grove taking into account neighbouring roads – Townley Road, Ashbourne Grove and Chesterfield Road.

7. YOUTH COMMUNITY SLOT

Members noted that the youth development worker should provide feedback on the Dulwich summer programme of activities for young people at the next meeting.

8. COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS AND PRESENTATIONS

Community wardens update

Sue Hunter from the community wardens provided an update on the structure, role and responsibilities of the community wardens. Sue explained that the community wardens' service had been reduced significantly due to staff cuts; however they had now received funding to cover areas in Dulwich. The wardens' service is police accredited, and tackled problems like dog fouling and litter. The wardens' service also covers the north of the borough.

Sue explained there would be more community warden patrols and public engagement with the focus being on or around Lordship Lane. The wardens would also be tasked to deal with weapon sweeps on a regular basis. It would also include assisting rough sleepers so they could be directed to the most appropriate contact.

Police updates

Sergeant Bartley informed the meeting he was about to retire and that new inspector Duncan Jackson would take over his position.

He explained the police would continue to tackle burglary, robbery, theft and drug offences.

Community infrastructure project list

The community infrastructure project list received annual updates from the community council meetings. The council welcomes ideas for new projects that would be accepted throughout the year. Suggestions received between now and September 2015 would be added to the existing projects and the list presented at a future meeting.

Additions should benefit one or more of the following publically accessible amenities:

- Community facilities
- Education
- Public realm
- Local transport improvements
- Open space and sport.

The community council could email their suggested projects to the council at jack.ricketts@southwark.gov.uk.

SGTO – football tournament in July and August 2015

Eddie Wilcox, Co-organiser from Southwark Group of Tenants Organisations (SGTO) spoke about the football tournament at Homestall Road, SE22 which was aimed at young people aged from 11 to 13 years and 14 to 16 years boys and girls.

Each part of the borough was asked to take part in the tournament and the group said they would welcome more teams from local housing estates to take part in the tournament.

David, the campaign manager said this was an important programme because it helped promote healthy living. He said he would encourage parents to be involved as well so that young people could represent their area and have a sense of pride. David said the tournament was a community led initiative for local people to help broaden participation and create community cohesion.

For more information contact: Ahmed Kaaba SGTO on 0207 639 6718

9. DULWICH COMMUNITY COUNCIL PRIORITIES FOR 2015-2016

The community council discussed priorities for 2015 -16 in the break out sessions:

Workshop 1

What are the big issues for the Dulwich area?

- Traffic management
- Townley Road junction
- Southwark Quietways
- Traffic – more joined up thinking
- Consultation processes (or lack of).

How should the council engage with local people on these issues and what are the best ways of doing this?

- Timely and open engagement
- Collaborative and transparent processes
- Going to where the 'people' are, rather than expecting them to find us
- Meetings and conversations in Dulwich
- Officer visits to the area
- Website which is understandable and clearly indicates which documents are up to date, and those that are not up to date.

What do you like about community council meetings, what do you dislike?

- Best part was the feedback sessions where we broke out into the separate rooms as there was a feeling that it might be difficult to make your voice heard at the community council we welcome the free flowing conversation in the breakout sessions.
- The group thought that more people actually got to speak in the break out session.
- How were we planning to capture these thoughts and feed them back?
- The worst part of community councils ... the suspicion is that he or she who shouts loudest gets most attention or results.

Workshop 2

What are the big issues for the Dulwich area?

- Herne Hill - traffic speed, and lack of enforcement
- Housing - costs of availability

- Disturbances from licensed and temporary premises
- More informed updates from police and the noise team
- Police presence in the community and meetings and to highlight/. Talk about burglary issues
- Network Rail - work on Herne Hill station and the surrounding area.
- Alleyn Park - parking for both teachers and parents.
- How do we get schools to implement green travel plans?
- Updates on the parking outside and around schools
- School coaches and driving is an issue.

How should the council engage with local people on these issues and what are the best ways of doing do?

- More interactive discussions
- Making informal contact with people
- Keep people to the right amount of time
- Making sure that people have their say and have their voices are heard.

What do you like about community council meetings, what do you dislike?

- Sometimes not a clear mix of the formal and informal at the meeting
- People need to use the microphone when speaking out at the meeting.

10. PROPOSED EXTENDED PRIMARY CARE SERVICES PRESENTATION

Dr Nancy Kuchemann, Southwark GP was present to talk about access to local services and for primary care and to look at ways in which these services would soon be easily accessible as a result of change to the primary care services in general.

A programme of engagement had taken place over the last few years and one proposal for extended primary care was to have GP appointments up to 8.00pm for urgent and immediate problems. Both services would have access to a patient's notes and the first point of call would be the GP surgery then if that was not possible people should contact the extended access clinics which would be put through an appointment system.

Dr Kuchemann said it was important to be registered so people were able to access these services so they were available to everyone. Dr Kuchemann made reference to

pharmacies stating that extra investment had been made in these services. She agreed to be available during the break.

11. CLEANER GREENER SAFER PROGRAMME UPDATE

That Dulwich community council noted:

1. That there were 62 live cleaner greener safer (CGS) projects and grants in Dulwich area, 58 of the projects were completed within the two year completion rate target.
2. That three of the four older CGS awards were expected to be completed within two months and one project - the Herne Hill Velodrome Access improvements, was given an extended deadline in order for the project to be completed in late spring 2016, following major works on the site.
3. That the number of awards approved in the last four years of the programme were shown in Appendix 1 of the report.
4. That the list of live projects and grants with an estimated completion date were shown in Appendix 2 of the report.

12. PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

During this item questions were raised about planning matters in the community council area, most of which were in regards to the consultation process and deadlines for residents to submit their representations to the council.

The chair said the community council could not instruct the planning department to defer consultation dates or alter the time frames for such issues. Cllrs Lyons and Kirby agreed to contact the chair of planning about the concerns expressed at the meeting.

13. COMMUNITY COUNCIL QUESTION TO COUNCIL ASSEMBLY

At the meeting members agreed to submit the following community question to council assembly

Community council question previously submitted to council assembly

Could the cabinet member for environment and public realm please provide an update on the consultation and implementation of the one hour free parking at shopping parades in the borough?"

Response from the council assembly meeting on the 8th July 2015

A number of shopping parades in the borough have been identified for the introduction of one hour free parking and a formal decision to progress these sites for implementation will be taken later this month. The proposed sites will be subject to statutory consultation,

which we expect to take place in September. If there are no objections to these proposed sites, one hour free parking will be implemented on the shopping parades in late autumn.

More details on the project are available online at:

www.southwark.gov.uk/onehourparking

14. LOCAL TRAFFIC AND PARKING AMENDMENTS

Note: This is an executive function.

Members considered the recommendations in the report.

RESOLVED:

1. That the following local traffic and parking amendments be approved for implementation subject to the outcome of any necessary statutory consultation and procedures:
 - Turney Road – install double yellow lines at the junction with Croxted Road to improve traffic flow through the junction and to maintain filter lanes.
 - Burbage Road – install double yellow lines to improve inter-visibility adjacent to the entrance to the velodrome.
2. That the objections received against a non-strategic traffic management matter are considered and determined as follows:
 - North Dulwich Triangle – that the three objections made against the proposal to install ‘at any time’ waiting restrictions (double yellow lines) at 7 junctions be rejected, and officers instructed to proceed and make the traffic order but that implementation be deferred until the parking zone consultation is complete.

15. DULWICH BIKE HANGARS

The officer introduced the item. Members then considered the recommendations contained within the report.

RESOLVED:

1. That the Dulwich Community Council approved the recommendations being made to the cabinet member for environment and the public realm.
2. That the cycle hangars be introduced in the following locations:
 - Heber Road
 - Ulverscroft Road
 - Matham Grove
 - Glengarry Road
3. That the named schemes proceed to implementation subject to the statutory

procedures and outcomes.

4. That the community council notes the council's on going commitment to improve and promote cycling and safety in the borough.

The meeting ended at 10.10 pm.

CHAIR:

DATED: