

Dulwich Community Council

MINUTES of the Dulwich Community Council held on Tuesday 15 March 2016 at 7.00 pm at Kingswood House, Kingswood Estate, Seeley Drive, London SE21 8QR

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

OFFICER SUPPORT: Julian Allen, Youth Worker
Matthew Hill, Head of Highways
Frankie Canby, Apprentice, Southwark
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.

The chair also thanked Kingswood House for hosting the community council meeting.

2. APOLOGIES

Councillor James Barber submitted his apologies for absence and Councillor Helen Hayes submitted her apologies for lateness.

3. DISCLOSURE OF MEMBERS' INTERESTS AND DISPENSATIONS

The following members each declared an interest in the agenda items listed below:

Councillor Andy Simmons, non-pecuniary, in relation to item 17 - local traffic and parking amendments - concerning a road in College ward.

Councillor Charlie Smith, non-pecuniary, in relation item 14 - neighbourhood fund projects – as he is the chair of the trustees board for the Southwark Pensioners' Centre and also he knew one of the representatives from the Silverdance project.

Councillor Jane Lyons, non-pecuniary, in relation to item 6 - deputation on Quietway 7 consultation as she knew the representatives.

4. NOTIFICATION OF ANY ITEMS OF BUSINESS WHICH THE CHAIR DEEMS URGENT

The chair agreed to accept as urgent business supplemental agenda no.1 containing a deputation report which was a request from local resident associations concerning the Quietway 7 consultation around the junction in Dulwich Village.

5. MINUTES FROM THE PREVIOUS MEETING

RESOLVED:

That the minutes of the meeting held on 27 January 2016 be agreed as an accurate record, and signed by the chair, subject to the following corrections:

The following decisions should have been included in the minutes:

1. Item 12: Cleaner greener safer funding in Village ward - to award funding to Half Moon Lane and Burbage for the amount of £40,000.
2. Item 15: Local traffic and parking amendments - to approve the proposal for double yellow lines at Woodward Road/Eynella Road.

6. DEPUTATIONS /PETITIONS

The community council received a deputation request from local residents from:

- Turney Road and Burbage Road residents association
- Woodward Road residents association,
- Calton Avenue residents association
- Court Lane and Court Lane Gardens residents association.

Ian Rankine, the spokesperson explained the reasons for presenting the deputation which was in relation to the council's proposal on the Quietway 7 consultation about the junction in Dulwich Village.

The main points that were addressed at the meeting concerned the following:

- The council's timeframe for comments on the Quietway proposals had been extended until 21 March 2016. Residents said they wanted the matter put on hold until the period of purdah for the by-election and the London mayoral election was over.
- The residents requested that the Quietway proposals should not be considered in their present form because of the following:

- Concerns about a main cycle route through a dense residential area that contains a number of local schools.
 - The proposals would result in the reduced safety of pedestrians and school children.
 - The proposals would cause a significant increase in traffic congestion.
- The deputation had conducted a recent survey which showed an overwhelming rejection of the scheme by residents. Reasons for this were, that the consultation had been rushed with information being delivered late. Concerns were also expressed about the removal of the guard railings outside the Village School.
- In the view of the deputation, the reduction of three lanes to two at the Dulwich Village junction and giving priority to the less busy Calton Avenue would not improve traffic flow in the area.
- The deputation said they were not against cycling but would prefer to see safety improvements for all road users and pedestrians.
- The deputation requested that the council consider their views and concerns and develop a better and more considered alternative with the necessary consultation.

The chair thanked the deputation representatives for their presentation.

7. YOUTH COMMUNITY SLOT

National Apprenticeship week

Frankie Canby, a Southwark apprentice from the learning and development team spoke about national apprenticeship week and Southwark's apprenticeship scheme. Frankie explained that there was no age limit for the scheme and people of any ages could be accepted. Since being an apprentice, Frankie had completed a business administration level 3 course and was now studying for level 4. Her aim was to be a project manager.

Frankie said the apprenticeship scheme helped her a lot whilst she attended college. She encouraged people to visit the Southwark website and look at the apprenticeship web page. People were informed that applications for the scheme were available until May 2016 and if anyone knew a person that might be interested they should refer them to the website.

Kingswood Youth People's project

Young people from Kingswood youth people's project were in attendance to present a short film about legal highs that have the same affect as illegal substances and how it affects young people. The film was designed to educate people about the dangers.

Julian Allen, youth worker said that the young people had worked really hard to bring the film together. They had edited it over the course of a year bringing together their different skills in order to make the film.

8. COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS AND PRESENTATIONS

Connect – the communication disability network

Sally McVicker from Connect spoke about the charity she worked for which was a communication and disability network based in Southwark Bridge Road.

The charity offered support to people that had aphasia as result of them suffering from a stroke and therefore might have difficulty communicating or understanding things. Sally was present with Justine who had suffered a stroke at the age of 29.

Justine talked about her experience as a person with aphasia and how it affected her on a daily basis.

Justine explained that she struggled with speech and memory. She also mentioned that she was a trainer at Connect and organised drop-ins at the project. It was noted that there were 189 people with aphasia in Southwark.

For more information contact Connect, the communication and disability network

Website: www.ukconnect.org telephone number: 020 7367 0840 email: info@ukconnect.org

Southwark - Age Friendly Borough

Councillor Charlie Smith spoke about the council's plan to make it an age friendly and a health aspiring borough and provided leaflets to the meeting. He said he would welcome people's comments on this issue.

Southwark Civic Awards

The chair announced that the nomination forms for the Southwark Civic Awards 2016 were available on the council's website. The closing date for receipt of nominations was on the 29 March 2016. People were encouraged to visit the website www.southwark.gov.uk/civicawards.

For more information contact the awards enquiry line 020 7525 7303 or email mayors.office@southwark.gov.uk

Police updates

Inspector Bartley gave an update on policing matters in each of the wards.

The inspector announced the appointment of a new police constable in College ward and provided useful contact points and drop-in sessions that were held at Kingswood community shop, Dulwich library, Christ Church, St Barnabas Parish hall and North Cross Road market.

The inspector also outlined that burglary was still a priority in the area. In addition, he also explained that the local community were taking part in a 20 mph road enforcement taskforce. He announced the public events taking place in the area one of which was the Dulwich Park Fayre. The police agreed to be available during the break to speak to people.

9. DULWICH CYCLE WORKSHOPS - OUTCOME

Matt Hill, public realm programme manager gave an interim report on the Elephant and Castle to Crystal Palace Quietway (QW7) public consultation in the Dulwich and Crystal Palace areas.

It was noted that the consultation process was split into four sections:

- Calton Avenue
- Dulwich Village junction
- Turney Road
- Dulwich Wood Avenue and Farquhar Road

The consultation took place from 15 February 2016 to 13 March 2016 and was extended until 20 March 2016.

Matt explained that approximately 1,670 leaflets were delivered to residents and local businesses. The ward members were consulted on the scheme and the associated design, during meetings that were held between 11 and 12 January 2016.

The meeting noted the number of people who attended the events:

- 23 February 2016 at Dulwich Library – 71 attendees.
- 27 February 2016 at the Kingsdale Foundation School - 15 attendees.
- 5 March 2016 at Nelly's Nursery Dulwich Community Sports Trust – 89 attendees. This event was held jointly with Lambeth council, who exhibited proposals along sections of Quietway 7 within Lambeth.

Further analysis of the consultation feedback was due to be carried out and the final outcome of the consultation would be reported to the community council meeting in June 2016. A formal decision would be made by the cabinet member shortly after that date.

Following Matt's presentation, the community council heard the deputation.

10. SECURE CYCLE PARKING (BIKE HANGAR)

Note: This is an executive function for decision by the community council.

RESOLVED:

That the recommendations that are due to be made to the cabinet member for environment and the public realm on the following be agreed:

1. The community council supports the introduction of cycle hangars on the following roads, subject to the necessary statutory procedures:
 - Croxted Road
 - Landells Road and
 - Lordship Lane.
2. That the community council does not support the introduction of the cycle

hangars on the following roads:

- Bowen Drive and
- Seeley Drive.

11. COMMUNITY COUNCIL QUESTION TO COUNCIL ASSEMBLY

At the community council meeting in January 2016, the members of the community council submitted a question relating to the theme of the meeting which was on crime and community safety.

Question:

The community council would like to ask how the council were working with the police and other statutory/community agencies to address crime and community safety issues in the Dulwich area.

Response

The Crime and Disorder Act 1998 compels the council, the police and its statutory partners to work together to tackle crime and disorder. Resources are allocated using an intelligence based approach through monthly partnership tasking meetings, focusing on priorities rather than specific geographical locations.

The current focus in Dulwich is tackling residential burglary. The police and the council are working on a target hardening programme in the area, which has involved distributing SmartWater, (forensic marking system). By April 2016, approximately 5,000 properties will have received these kits. The local police and the council have been working in unison to communicate this initiative to residents through street signage, along with crime prevention advice provided by the joint enforcement teams (police and community wardens).

Note:

At this meeting, members agreed to defer sending a community council question to council assembly until the next meeting in June 2016. This would coincide with the council assembly meeting on the 13 July 2016.

12. PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

The following question was submitted:

There were rumours that a major review of how community councils were run is currently underway and that yet more powers previously devolved to local areas (traffic management decisions) are to be taken back centrally. Is this the case and, if so, why have residents not been consulted?

Response from the cabinet member for communities and safety:

The council conducts an annual evaluation of community councils which involves asking those who attend to complete a short survey of what they think about community councils – this consultation exercise informed the current proposals. The key findings of this

exercise included that:

- Respondents tended to say that they wanted more focused agenda items with more meaningful discussion.
- Respondents tended to want more interactive and dynamic meetings, rather than the current formal format.
- People were more likely to say that they preferred a local ward focus to make meetings more relevant.
- People were more likely to comment on wanting greater transparency about how decisions are taken.
- People tended to want more feedback for all the decisions, consultations and questions raised.

Members are currently being consulted on ways to increase community council's efficiency, broaden their reach and better the way in which the council engages with its residents. Whilst the starting point for this work – and its key driver – has remained to improve the functioning of community councils, the exercise also reflects the imperative to make budget savings in the current climate. Because the frequency of meetings (i.e. five meetings a year) and the existing boundaries will remain unchanged there are no plans to undertake a wider public consultation.

Currently the engagement role is constrained by all community councils operating as formally constituted “area committees” and having to comply with a range of constitutional requirements such as statutory notice periods, agendas and a formal meeting style. Increasingly the most exciting and innovative work of community councils relates to the engagement activity and a whole host of ideas and initiatives have been used in different areas to make them as engaging as possible. The proposals would direct decision making to two shorter formal meetings held directly prior to the main meeting and in the same venue.

Under the new proposals, local traffic management decisions could still be considered by a community council. Local ward councillors supported by relevant community council chair could place specific decisions on the agenda where there is a significant public interest. In this way traffic management issues of local concern could still be subject to local discussion.

For constitutional reasons because traffic management is an executive function, the responsibility would be formally held by the leader of the council (who may delegate to an individual cabinet member), but the referral mechanism would allow a specific decision to be referred to a community council for consideration.

13. ADDRESS BY HELEN HAYES MP

Helen Hayes MP for Dulwich and West Norwood spoke about her role and outlined the work she had been doing since she was elected.

Helen explained that she ran her surgeries every week and that these were rotated around her constituency. She pointed out that the single biggest cross party issue was housing and making homeownership more accessible.

Helen said she was a member of the communities and local government select committee.

She also gave an outline about issues she was dealing with such as, health, the council's budget, the closure of Lambeth Crown Court which had been relocated to Wandsworth, the EU referendum, climate change and issues surrounding young people.

The chair thanked Helen Hayes MP for her presentation.

14. NEIGHBOURHOOD FUND - AWARDS 2016 - 17

Note: This is an executive function for decision by the community council.

RESOLVED:

That allocation of funding to the following projects below be agreed:

VILLAGE WARD

Project name	Amount
Faces in Focus	£500
Health Wealth	£250
Millwall Community Trust	£1,000
Peckham Pride basketball Club	£200
Southwark Explorers Club	£215
Southwark Neighbourhood Watch Assoc	£105
Southwark Playhouse	£130
Dovercourt Road North Residents Assoc	£1,319
Dulwich Festival	£2,500
Dulwich Hamlet Junior School PTA	£1,200
Dulwich Hamlet Junior School PTA	£2,350
Dulwich Neighbourhood Forum	£2,000
Dulwich Picture Gallery	£2,500
Dulwich Society	£2,000
East Village Residents Association	£99
Link Age Southwark	£2,000
Lively Minds	£1,612.48
Southwark Hindu Centre	£1,000
St Faith's Community & Youth Association	£2,325
Stepping Stones	£900
Streatham & Marlborough Cricket Club	£268.50
The Trustees of Dulwich Almhouse Charity	£1,500
Wheels for Wellbeing	£2,000
Additional street cleaning	£10,000
Total amount allocated	£37,973.98

EAST DULWICH WARD

Project name	Amount
Faces in Focus	£5,000

Peckham Pride Basketball Club	£1,000
Southwark Explorers Club	£900
Bangladeshi Welfare Association	£1,110
Dulwich Festival	£2,500
Dulwich Milan Association	£1,000
East Dulwich Community Centre	£1,070
East Dulwich Safer Neighbourhood Panel	£5,000
Link Age Southwark	£5,000
SNUB	£2,000
Silver London	£1,975
Southwark Hindu Centre	£1,000
Streatham & Marlborough Cricket Club	£537
Dulwich Almshouse Charity	£3,155
Youth Learning Network	£3,312
Extra Street Cleaning	£10,000
Total amount allocated	£44,559

COLLEGE WARD

Project name	Amount
Faces in Focus	£1,334
Croxted Road Tenants & Residents Assoc.	£1,200
Dulwich Park Friends	£1,000
KETRA	£3,000
Kingswood Community Shop	£4,000
Link Age Southwark	£2,000
Love West Dulwich	£4,000
Mylife Productions	£3,000
Southwark Woodcraft	£2,000
St Stephen's Out and About Club	£3,000
Streatham & Marlborough Cricket Club	£537
Trustees of Dulwich Almshouse Charity	£500
Dulwich Clean Streets	£10,000
Total amount allocated	£35,571

Note:

KETRA allocation: £3,000 for 2016 with the remaining sum for 2017, conditional on the Kingswood Festival becoming part of the Dulwich Festival in 2017.

15. CLEANER GREENER SAFER 2015/16: CAPITAL FUNDING ALLOCATION

Note: This is an executive function for decision by the community council.

RESOLVED:

That the allocation of funds for the 2016-17 Cleaner Greener Safer capital programme for East Dulwich ward be deferred until the next meeting.

16. CLEANER GREENER SAFER: FUNDING REALLOCATION

Note: This is an executive function for decision by the community council.

RESOLVED:

That £33,027 of available funding be rolled over to the 2016-17 cleaner, greener safer funding programme for Dulwich Community Council.

17. LOCAL TRAFFIC AND PARKING AMENDMENTS

Note: This is an executive function for decision by the community council.

RESOLVED:

1. That the following local traffic and parking amendment be approved for implementation subject to the outcome of any necessary statutory consultation and procedures:
 - Dulwich Village – install double yellow lines at the junction with Aysgarth Road and single yellow lines outside Nos. 96 to 94.
2. That the local traffic and parking amendments for: East Dulwich ward, Village ward and College ward be deferred to the following meeting:
 - To install new double yellow lines on unrestricted junctions and upgrade junctions with existing single yellow lines to double yellow lines to improve inter-visibility and road safety for all road users.

The meeting ended at 10.00 pm

CHAIR:

DATED: