

Peckham and Nunhead Community Council

MINUTES of the OPEN section of the Peckham and Nunhead Community Council held on Monday 6 July 2015 at 7.00 pm at Harris Academy Peckham, 112 Peckham Road, London SE15 5DZ

PRESENT: Councillor Johnson Situ (Chair)
Councillor Jasmine Ali
Councillor Sunil Chopra
Councillor Renata Hamvas
Councillor Barrie Hargrove
Councillor Richard Livingstone
Councillor Jamille Mohammed
Councillor Sandra Rhule
Councillor Michael Situ

OFFICER SUPPORT: Ebony, Riddell Bamber, Community Participation Manager
Gill Kelly, Community Council Development Officer
Grace Semakula, Community 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. He thanked Harris Academy for hosting the meeting.

Councillors and officers then introduced themselves. Soon after the Kinetika Bloco group gave a short performance.

The chair announced that members of the public could film, audio record, photograph, or tweet the meeting as long as it did not disturb the proceedings.

2. APOLOGIES

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors, Cleo Soanes (vice chair), Evelyn Akoto, Fiona Colley, Nick Dolezal, Gavin Edwards and Victoria Mills.

Councillor Richard Livingstone gave his apologies for lateness.

3. DISCLOSURE OF MEMBERS' INTERESTS AND DISPENSATIONS

None were disclosed.

4. ITEMS OF BUSINESS THAT THE CHAIR DEEMS URGENT

The chair gave notice and agreed to consider the following late and urgent item in supplemental agenda no. 1:

- Item 6: Deputation request – shops along Rye Lane, SE15.

5. MINUTES FROM THE PREVIOUS MEETING

RESOLVED:

That the minutes of the meeting held on the 23 March 2015 be agreed as an accurate record of the meeting and signed by the chair.

6. DEPUTATIONS/PETITIONS

Deputation on Peckham Pulse

A summary of the deputation:

Chris Haydon (Comm *unity* TV Trust) addressed the community council meeting.

He expressed concerns about the contract and operation of Peckham Pulse with its current operator Fusion Lifestyle. He spoke about the council's competitive tendering exercise and referred to the appointment of a leisure management operator.

The current operator of Peckham Pulse, Fusion Lifestyle, who are responsible for the management of other Southwark leisure facilities were not maintained to a reasonable standard and he urged members to take note of this. He said the council should ensure that standards were maintained.

The spokesperson reported that there had been a number of (very poor) incidences at Peckham Pulse. In light of this, local people drew up a petition which contained 900 signatures expressing their disappointment with the management and standards at the centre. A user group was set up as a result of these concerns. That user group was eventually disbanded. The spokesperson also spoke about a number of issues relating to the centre.

In response Councillor Barrie Hargrove said he was aware and understood the long

standing grievance, and concerns expressed at the meeting. He had received a number of complaints about the standards and reported that further investment would go into all of the borough's leisure centres and a new provision for Peckham Pulse would be introduced in 2016.

Deputation from Highshore residents

Michelle Mare addressed the meeting on behalf of residents of Highshore Road.

A summary of the deputation:

The residents of Highshore Road and the surrounding area would like to preserve the special character of Rye Lane conservation area and neighbouring conservation areas. The deputation said they support the need for development (economic and social) but suggested that it had to be actively managed in Peckham, and for it not to be put at risk - a successful local micro-economy that keeps money in the area and clearly meets the need of specific clientele.

The deputation were concerned that recent amendments to permitted development laws restricted the council's ability to manage change of use from shops and other use classes, to financial and professional services such as estate agents which would threaten the local economy. Estate agents tend to cluster together on high streets, and when one moves into a new area, there was a strong driver for all the other competitors to do likewise.

The spokesperson outlined that the council should have a real foresight and care as they think about the development of the central area of Peckham particularly Rye Lane. The deputation would like the council to support the invocation of an Article 4 Direction, that would withdraw permitted development rights from estate agents and brand name chains so that they could submit planning applications for change of use, to help ensure the long term protection of the local economy.

7. YOUTH COMMUNITY SLOT

No representations were made.

8. COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS AND PRESENTATIONS

A minute's silence

The community council held a minute's silence for John Stocker who was born and bred in Peckham. He was one of the fatal victims of the terrorist attacks in Tunisia.

Information stalls

The chair announced that there were a number of stalls at the meeting. The stalls were from the following groups:
Peckham Coal Line project
SGTO (Southwark Group of Tenant Organisations)
Peckham Weeklies

NHS Southwark CCG (Clinical Commissioning Group) and Peckham Planning Network.

Announcement about the community infrastructure project list (CIPL)

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 in 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.

GP Services in Southwark – NHS Southwark Clinical Commissioning Group

Rosemary Watts from Southwark NHS 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 due to change to the primary care services in general.

There has been a programme of engagement that had taken place in the community over the last few years and one of the proposals for extended primary care was to have GP appointments up to 8.00pm in the evening particularly 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. If that was not possible people could contact the extended access clinics which allow a patient to be put through an appointment system.

Rosemary said it was important for people to be registered so they could access these services. These services were available to everyone. She agreed to be available during the break to respond to people's queries.

Success and achievements in Peckham and Nunhead

The chair announced the names of people and organisations that were given a civic award at Southwark Cathedral in May 2015 in recognition of their hard work, success and achievement within the community. Each person was applauded and handed a certificate of achievement from the chair. For further information contact The Mayor's Office on 020 7525 7303 or mayors.office@southwark.gov.uk

A special thanks of appreciation was handed to Bradley who cycled from the borough to Brighton.

11,000 new council homes - consultation on design

Ebony, Riddell Bamber, community participation manager was present to talk about the borough's commitment to building 11,000 new council homes by 2043 with the first 1,500

homes being delivered by 2018.

The council wanted the views of the local community about these new homes in order to make neighbourhoods great places to live.

People were urged to take part in the consultation and have a say on how these high quality homes should be developed with the community facilities and amenities that would be important for everyone.

More information is available on the council's website
http://www.southwark.gov.uk/info/200538/new_homes_delivery

Southwark Group of Tenant Organisations (SGTO)

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 wanted to welcome more teams from local housing estates to take part in the tournament.

This important programme would also help promote healthy living. SGTO want to encourage parents to be involved as well so that young people could represent their area and have a sense of pride. This community led initiative was to help young people broaden their participation and create community cohesion.

For more information visit www.sgto.org.uk or contact Ahmed Kaaba, community development officer SGTO on 0207 639 6718

Peckham Coal Line Project

Nick from Peckham Coal Line spoke about the project which was a proposal for an elevated urban park using the old coal sidings to link Queens Road Peckham with Rye Lane. He encouraged people to get involved to promote and support the project.

For more information visit website www.peckhamcoalline.strikingly.com

Police updates

Inspector David Lloyd gave an update on policing matters and highlighted the teams were tackling burglary in the area especially with windows being left open during the warm weather. He said there had been a rise in the theft of satellite navigation devices. He also mentioned the launch of a safer Southwark business partnership meeting on 22 July 2015 from 10.00 am until 12.30 pm.

For information visit www.southwark.gov.uk for the safer Southwark partnership web page

Peckham War Horse Project – photo re-enactment

The community council were shown a short film about the Peckham War Horse Project, which was a World War I (WWI) re-enactment that was photographed in May at Lyndhurst Way, SE15. The project has been supported by the Heritage Lottery Fund and the

community council's neighbourhood funds. It has been very successful and had been shown at local schools in the area.

9. SETTING THEMES AND PRIORITIES FOR THE YEAR 2015 - 16

The outcomes from the workshops which took place during the meeting:

The Lane ward workshop

1. Celebrating diversity with regeneration and transportation.
2. Cleaning up Rye Lane (priority topics 1 and 2).
3. Enterprise and creativity: We need to make sure that we have a diversity of businesses. We want the community to know that everyone can do a pop-up.
4. Child Safety along with mental health – we must look after the most vulnerable. Any expansion of school provision in the area would be positive.

Nunhead ward workshop

1. Queens Road station safe and secure bike storage – bays, hangers, rails, underground swipe card parking to make more cycle friendly.
2. Do we really want another betting shop – how to control domination of business lets.
3. Improve digital awareness, training and provision. Southwark website could be better.
4. Housing – Where to put it, parking and other related issues.
5. Transport – speed restriction zones, air quality, safety.
6. More festivals and cultural events in Nunhead.
7. Nunhead cemetery, money, arts and culture.
8. The budget
9. Green issues – pollution, bins and recycling.
10. Signage around Nunhead village.

Peckham ward

1. Regeneration – lack of public transport and infrastructure.
2. More consultation on developments in Peckham, want local consensus about scale of possible developments and a full presentation about the council's 11,000 new homes commitment.

3. Domestic abuse and child safety – alternative approaches in the face of severe budget cuts. This should include care of elderly and vulnerable with regular reports from social care.

Peckham Rye ward

1. Invite cross generational representation from different faith groups, example, the Hindu temple in Peckham Rye.
2. What is planned for the space opposite Nigel Road, Copeland industrial estate (hand car wash) rubbish on Rye Lane, Transport improvements.
3. Arts and crafts fair ahead of main community council meeting – maybe the Saturday meeting in February. An opportunity for local crafts to be promoted and online forum for community council events.
4. Digital inclusion - Wi-Fi in Nunhead Library, East Dulwich Library.
5. Education in schools on domestic abuse/child safety.
6. Transport – cycling, buses, trains, cycle hire scheme.

Livesey ward

1. One meeting should focus on mental health and wellbeing.
2. Provision of facilities in Livesey ward.
3. Discuss opening up connection between Old Kent Rd and the housing estates to the South (ASDA side).
4. Improvement of green spaces on housing estates to create better play spaces, community food growing areas and spaces for socialising.
5. Introduction of cycle parking, and on-road cycle racks/hangers around the estates.
6. Plant more trees
7. Old Kent Road “opportunity area” will change Livesey ward dramatically. The residents from Livesey need to be more involved in these discussions. This should be a focus in one community council meeting.

10. BREAK

11. PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

Public question from the previous community council regarding the cost of noticeboards

(February 2015)

Response

The award for the replacement notice board for Peckham Square is based on the cost of the original installation costs and includes project management fees which are applied to all CGS awards.

All notice boards installed by the CGS programme are a standard design so they can be accessed with a standard key. The price for single, free-standing notice boards is just under £1,000. This includes the supply of the board, a set of keys and the installation costs. The notice boards on Peckham Square are double-fronted and therefore non-standard. When evaluating the applications in January 2015, we did not have the time to contact the suppliers to find out whether it is possible to replace one of the boards, so the recommendation for the award was based on the supply of a new double-fronted board. If it is possible to replace one board, there will be an underspend on the original award. As with all CGS awards, all underspends are returned to ward councillors for reallocation if they are not required to implement the project.

Public questions from Rye Village Residents Association – circulated and attached.

12. COMMUNITY COUNCIL QUESTION TO COUNCIL ASSEMBLY

Community council question in March 2015:

At the March 2015 meeting the following was put forward as a community council question to the council assembly meeting in July 2015:

“Can the cabinet member for regeneration give the Peckham and Nunhead community council an update on the current progress of the Peckham square co-design?”

Response

The Peckham co-design process has been taking forward proposals for two squares – Station Square (in front of Peckham Rye Station) and Library Square. On Station Square, a planning application is scheduled to be submitted in September 2015 to create the new square and refurbish a building on Blenheim Grove. Detailed negotiations are taking place with the property interests and local traders. Subject to planning and acquisition of property interests, it is anticipated that a start on site will be made in summer 2016.

On Library Square, the council has consulted on options for improving 91-93 Peckham High Street and the Square. The next co-design meeting on 23 July 2015 will update on this work and set out a programme for taking the proposals forward.

Community council question in July 2015:

At the July 2015 meeting members agreed to submit the following community council question to the council assembly meeting in November 2015:

“Will the cabinet member for regeneration give an update to the Peckham and Nunhead community council on the Peckham Square arch?”

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

13. LOCAL PARKING AMENDMENTS

Note: This is an executive function.

Members considered the recommendations in the report.

RESOLVED:

That the following local traffic and parking amendments, detailed in the appendices of the report, be approved for implementation subject to the outcome of any necessary statutory consultation and procedures.

- Staffordshire Street – install double yellow lines along its entire length to prevent obstructive parking.
- Lugard Road – install double yellow lines adjacent to a bin room to enable access for waste collections.

Meeting ended at 9.00 pm

CHAIR:

DATED: