

Dulwich Community Council

MINUTES of the Dulwich Community Council held on Wednesday 7 December 2016
at 7.00 pm at Christ Church, 263 Barry Road, London SE22 0JT

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

OTHER MEMBERS PRESENT: Councillor Victoria Mills

OFFICER SUPPORT: Glenn Garcia (Head of Pupil Access)
Ric Euteneuer (Principal Strategy Officer (School Places))
Fitzroy Lewis (Community Council Development Officer)
Ambrose Omoma (Community Involvement Project Worker)
Gerald Gohler (Constitutional Officer)

1. PRELIMINARY BUSINESS

1.1 INTRODUCTION AND WELCOME BY THE CHAIR

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

1.2 APOLOGIES

There were apologies for lateness from Councillor Rosie Shimell.

1.3 DISCLOSURE OF MEMBERS' INTERESTS AND DISPENSATIONS

There were none.

1.4 ITEMS OF BUSINESS THAT THE CHAIR DEEMS URGENT

There were none.

1.5 MINUTES

RESOLVED:

That the minutes of the meeting held on 28 September 2016 be agreed as an accurate record, and signed by the chair.

The chair explained that leading on from the discussions at the last community council meeting, from 1 January 2017 onwards, the decision maker for all local traffic management orders including decisions on double yellow lines would be the cabinet member for environment and the public realm. Any legacy issues could be taken back to community council for consultation, before a decision was made by the cabinet member.

1.6 COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS AND PRESENTATIONS

Northcross Road market extension consultation

Ambrose Omoma, community involvement project worker, informed the meeting that the consultation about the market stalls in Northcross Road, just off Lordship Lane, was currently taking place. The proposals included:

- Extending the market
- Having a permanent road closure in place every Saturday from Lordship Lane to Archdale Road
- Creating a turning space at the end of Nutfield Road.

The consultation would be running until 31 January 2017. He encouraged residents, visitors and people working in the area to participate. The meeting heard that the new plans involved having market stalls in the road facing inward, so the pavements would not be filled with shoppers. Stalls would be extended from Nutfield Road to Archdale Road, which was why the plans included restricting traffic on these two roads on Saturdays. The reason for the expansion of the market was that it was very popular and the demand for stalls by traders was high, which had led to a long waiting list. For further information, or to participate online, please see the council's consultation hub at:

<https://consultations.southwark.gov.uk/environment-leisure/north-cross-road-market-extension/>

Neighbourhoods Fund 2017-18

Fitzroy Lewis, community council development officer, informed the meeting that the application process for the Neighbourhoods Fund 2017-18 was currently open until 19 December 2016. The Neighbourhoods Fund was designed to fund local events or activities. £500 to £5,000 could be awarded to projects starting from April 2017. He

encouraged people to register and apply online at:

http://www.2.southwark.gov.uk/info/200555/neighbourhoods_fund

The decisions about the funding would be taken at the community council meeting in spring 2017.

2. THEME: PRIMARY AND SECONDARY EDUCATION PROVISION IN DULWICH

Councillor Victoria Mills, cabinet member for children and schools, addressed the meeting saying that educational achievement in Southwark had risen steadily and that results were now above the national average. 93% of Southwark schools were rated good or outstanding by Ofsted. The council was working in partnership and had a good collaborative relationship with, all schools, including academies. In terms of the 2016 GCSE results, Southwark was provisionally ranked 23rd in the country.

The council had overcome the shortfall in primary school places which the Dulwich area had experienced in 2008 by investing in existing popular, oversubscribed and outstanding schools, especially after the Building Schools for the Future (BSF) programme had ended in 2010. The council was not allowed to open new schools, and so was working with potential academy and free school providers to broker new sites. These included the Belham School and the new secondary school on the Dulwich hospital site, for example. The council's building and investment programme was about £180 million. The money, for this had come from the Department for Education, the free school programme and from council funds.

Councillor Mills welcomed the government's decision not to force all schools to become academies, but flagged up that government had consulted on proposals to make changes to the national funding formula, which risked Southwark schools losing between eight and 20 percent of their budgets.

2.1 ADMISSIONS PROCESS

Glenn Garcia, head of pupil access, presented information on the admissions processes for the different types of schools and the code governing them (see attached presentation). She highlighted that when parents made their six choices for secondary schools, these were not in order of preference and the decisions depended on children meeting the schools' admissions criteria.

Ric Euteneuer, principal strategy officer (school places), explained the places planning process (see attached presentation). He informed the meeting that according to the data received from the Greater London Authority, there was no need for extra school places in the Dulwich area, but that the council was monitoring the need for school places every year.

The meeting heard that Rotherhithe and Bermondsey were parts of the borough where there was pressure on school places, but that in terms of secondary school places, there were enough in the borough.

2.2 TABLE WORKSHOPS / DISCUSSIONS

The meeting then split into workshops discussing school admissions, place provision and other issues.

3. COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT ITEMS

3.1 PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

There were none.

3.2 DEPUTATIONS/PETITIONS (IF ANY)

There were none.

3.3 COMMUNITY COUNCIL QUESTION TO COUNCIL ASSEMBLY

RESOLVED:

That the decision about the community council question for Council Assembly on 22 March 2017 be deferred to the next meeting scheduled for 1 February 2017.

The meeting ended at 8.30 pm.

CHAIR:

DATED: