



CAMBERWELL COMMUNITY COUNCIL

MINUTES of the Camberwell Community Council held on Wednesday 23 November 2016 at 7.00 pm at Employment Academy, 29 Peckham Road, London SE5 8UA

PRESENT: Councillor Kieron Williams (Chair)
Councillor Octavia Lamb (Vice-Chair)
Councillor Radha Burgess
Councillor Tom Flynn
Councillor Sarah King
Councillor Mark Williams
Councillor Ian Wingfield

**OTHER MEMBERS
PRESENT:** Councillor Johnson Situ

**OFFICER
SUPPORT:** Grace Semakula, Community Councils Development Officer
Tim Murtagh, Constitutional Officer

1. INTRODUCTION AND WELCOME

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

2. APOLOGIES

There were apologies for absence from Councillors Dora Dixon-Fyle and Peter John.

3. ITEMS OF BUSINESS THAT THE CHAIR DEEMS URGENT

There were none.

4. DISCLOSURE OF MEMBERS' INTERESTS AND DISPENSATIONS

Councillor Radha Burgess declared a non-pecuniary interest in item 9, as she is a resident of Grove Lane.

5. MINUTES

RESOLVED:

That the minutes of the meeting held on 21 September 2016 be agreed as a correct record of that meeting.

6. LOCAL POLICE UPDATE

Sergeant Andrew Sellings and PC Mark McKay gave an update on recent activities in the area.

7. HOW CAN WE CREATE MORE QUALITY JOBS IN CAMBERWELL?

Councillor Johnson Situ, cabinet member for business, employment and culture, introduced the item and gave an overview on businesses and the local economy.

He explained that in 2014 a commitment was made to support 5,000 residents into employment. So far more than 3,303 had been supported into jobs across the borough. Many roles had been created out of Section 106 investment.

The council was also focused on apprenticeships and had supported more than 800 apprenticeships. Employers were asked to commit to the London Living Wage and a one year placement as part of the apprentices programme.

Since 2010, there had been a rise in employment in the borough from 66% to 78% in 2016. That meant about 42,000 more jobs in the borough compared to 2010.

The economic wellbeing strategy would be refreshed in the months ahead to set up the borough for the challenges that were ahead for Southwark.

Southwark Apprentices Programme

Frankie, a Southwark apprentice outlined her experience. She had started in the corporate programme's team in 2014, had worked on a range of projects and got interested in project management. Earlier this year, she had completed the Prince 2 qualification and had received a lot of positive support as an apprentice.

Jasdale, a former Southwark apprentice, explained that he had joined as a customer service apprentice in 2013 in the housing repairs section. He explained he used to be shy but following extensive training he had developed his skills and was offered a job with the council. Jasdale said that joining with other apprentices as part of a group gave all that group a network and support base and he still regularly met up with other people who joined the apprentices programme with him in 2013. He now worked in the Chief Executive's office as part of the local economy team.

A Living Wage

Emma Kosmin, programme manager at the Living Wage Foundation gave a presentation.

- The Living Wage Foundation is at the heart of a movement of organisations, businesses and people who believe a fair day's work deserves a fair day's pay
- The living wage is based on what employees need to make ends meet
- Employers voluntarily choose to pay it
- A separate rate for London reflects the higher costs of living in London
- It recognises that under-25s face the same living cost pressures as everyone else.

In Southwark, there were nearly one hundred accredited living wage employers. The plan was to keep adding to the list.

8. COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

Neighbourhoods fund 2017-18

The chair announced that the application process for the neighbourhoods fund was currently open and would run until 19 December 2016. Further information on the council website. Contact: grace.semakul@southwark.gov.uk or Tel. 020 7525 4928.

Southwark Wellbeing and Mental Health Strategy

The chair explained that the council and the local NHS were working together to develop a new strategy on wellbeing and mental health. A number of public events were planned to look at the issues involved. Contact: sophiegray@nhs.net

The Employment Academy

Chris Deacon of Thames Reach, explained that Thames Reach was an organisation working across London with the aim of ending street homelessness. A key part of the strategy for preventing homelessness was to provide employment support. A lot of Thames Reach employment support services were run out of 29 Peckham Road (tonight's meeting venue). One of the services was the "Step-Up Programme." This was for people in work who wanted to work more hours or who were currently underpaid / experiencing in-work poverty. This was an increasing problem as it could lead to people losing their accommodation through inability to pay rent. Contact: employmentacademy@thamesreach.org.uk

9. WORKSHOPS / BREAK-OUT SESSION ON THE THEME

The meeting went into workshops / break out sessions.

Workshop One – Promoting the living wage.

Workshop Two – Support available to help people into work.

10. DEPUTATIONS/PETITIONS (IF ANY)

Becky Duffy, a local resident, made a deputation regarding the need for traffic control on Grove Lane particularly between Champion Park and Stories Mews. Becky explained that cars speeded in the area and that there had been a number of serious traffic accidents in the last couple of years including one fatality of a person crossing the road. She added that a recent traffic survey may not have been taken at a time of day indicative of the problem. During peak traffic volume hours of the day, the traffic tended to be slow but in

the evenings things were very different. There was a 20mph limit on the road but some vehicles had lost control and ended up on their roof. Becky circulated pictures of a car that had flipped onto its roof in the area.

Councillor Sarah King thanked Ms Duffy for raising the issues in the deputation and said it was important to involve the police and get information from them on the accidents that had occurred.

Councillor Ian Wingfield, cabinet member for environment and the public realm, responded that the traffic survey had narrow hours and officers had been asked to do a further traffic survey with extended hours. The council had a safer routes to school programme and the two local schools nearby should be consulted and this area should be incorporated into that programme. Transport for London (TfL) would also be consulted as the road was a bus route. TfL's input would be needed prior to any traffic intervention being made. Any options would be consulted on with local residents.

Councillors noted the deputation report and added that the issue of speeding buses in the area would be raised with Val Shawcross at the Greater London Assembly.

11. PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

The following public questions were raised at the meeting:

Q1 "What is the time-frame and actions currently [being] taken by Southwark Council and Transport for London to reopen Camberwell, Walworth and Borough Road stations and is this part of a wider regeneration strategy?"

Councillor Mark Williams, cabinet member for regeneration and new homes, responded that the council had lobbied Transport for London (TfL) to reopen Camberwell Station. Good progress had been made and recently Mike Brown (TfL commissioner) visited the site to see the potential. Southwark and Lambeth councils were working on a business case jointly with TfL to reopen the station and ensure the Thameslink and other rail services stop there. Walworth Station was unlikely to be reopened due to its close proximity to residential properties. Reopening of Camberwell Station was key to wider regeneration plans including redevelopment of the bus station site and the opening up of walking and cycling routes.

Q2 The following written question had been submitted and was read out by the chair: "Since HSBC closed in Denmark Hill, there's a permanent collection of old mattresses, blankets, garments all along the front of the former bank. What steps are being taken to ensure that the local authority and HSBC take some responsibility for providing accommodation for the homeless people who are sleeping here and for clearing up the eyesore?"

The chair asked for an officer response to the public question and for that to be forwarded to the author of the question.

12. SECURE CYCLE PARKING (BIKE HANGAR)

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

Councillors considered the information contained in the report.

RESOLVED:

That the implementation of a cycle hangar in Bellenden Road be approved subject to the necessary statutory procedures.

13. LOCAL PARKING AMENDMENTS

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

Councillors considered the information contained in the report.

RESOLVED:

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

- Kerfield Place – to install new single yellow lines outside Nos. 8 and 9 and adjacent to the existing private parking areas to maintain access to off street parking and to improve inter-visibility with vehicles on Kerfield Place.
- Pelham Close – to install double yellow lines and a 10-metre parking bay to maintain access and to prevent obstructive and dangerous parking for all road users.
- Tower Mill Road – to install double yellow lines on junctions and adjacent to footway build-outs to maintain access and to prevent obstructive and dangerous parking, and to improve inter-visibility at junctions for all road users.

Regarding the Pelham Close decision, Councillor Sarah King commented that there was resident support for the scheme but asked that the concerns of two families with disabled members be considered by officers as they go forward.

14. COMMUNITY COUNCIL QUESTION TO COUNCIL ASSEMBLY

RESOLVED:

That the decision on a question to be put to the March 2017 meeting of council assembly be deferred to the next meeting of the community council.

The meeting ended at 8.55pm

CHAIR:

DATED: