PECKHAM COMMUNITY COUNCIL

MINUTES of the Peckham Community Council held on Wednesday 2 March 2011 at 7.00 pm at Camelot School, Bird in Bush Road London SE15 1QP

PRESENT:
Councillor Cleo Soanes (Chair)
Councillor Michael Situ (Vice-Chair)
Councillor Barrie Hargrove
Councillor Richard Livingstone
Councillor Catherine McDonald

OFFICER SUPPORT:
Marian Farrugia (Neighbourhood Co-ordinator)
Nadine James (Community Councils Development Officer)
Tim Murtagh (Constitutional Officer)

1. INTRODUCTION AND WELCOME

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

2. APOLOGIES

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor Tayo Situ.

3. ITEMS OF BUSINESS THAT THE CHAIR DEEMS URGENT

There were none.

4. DISCLOSURE OF MEMBERS' INTERESTS AND DISPENSATIONS

There were none.
5. MINUTES

That the minutes of the meeting held on 5 February 2011 be agreed as a correct record of the meeting, and signed by the chair.

6. DEPUTATIONS/PETITIONS (IF ANY)

There were none.

7. ANY COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

A significant part of Burgess Park had been given over to the community as a food growing area. On Saturday 5 March at 2pm, a gathering would consider what different food types should be grown there.

MCSAS Hearts of Love were having a youth arts show on Monday 14 March – Friday 18 March at Central Venture Park, Peckham.

A new community grants scheme around domestic violence against local women and girls had been launched. Funded by the Home Office in conjunction with the Safer Southwark Partnership. Grant forms were available. Local people would decide the award of grants on Saturday 26 March. Three tiers of funding were available.
Contact: jason.vincent@southwark.gov.uk or call 020 7525 3411.

Marian Farrugia reported that the February job fair was attended by about 65 people. Feedback included a 70% satisfaction rate, whilst 84% said they would attend another one. Training, curriculum vitae and employer advice had proved particularly popular. Many of those who took part had registered for job and training opportunities. The chair thanked those who had organised and attended the Saturday job fair and said there was a clear need for more events of that type.

David Reid of Peckham Voluntary Sector Forum (PVSF) explained that the PVSF was set up to improve the quality of life for residents of Peckham and Nunhead through helping community groups to manage their organisations better. The next forum meeting would take place on 10 March 2011, 10am – 2pm at Bells Garden Community Centre.

Dipesh Patel explained that the new draft Air Quality Strategy and Action Plan was being consulted on. The last one was published in 2003 and things had changed since then. There were 20 measures by which the strategy would aim to improve the quality of the air in the Borough. Residents were invited to comment on what was most important to them e.g. emissions from buses or construction sites.
Contact: dipesh.patel@southwark.gov.uk or call 020 7525 5723.

The chair announced that the final community council of the municipal year would be a celebration of all that is good about local young people, ‘Peckham’s got talent’ on Thursday 12 May 2011. All were welcome.
8. CLEANER GREENER SAFER FUNDING RE-ALLOCATION

Executive Function

RESOLVED:
That £14,500 from Cleaner, Greener, Safer (CGS) savings be reallocated to the following existing CGS projects:

Friary Play Area (Gisburn), Resurfacing of Peckham BMX Track, Northfield Community Wild Flower Garden Anti-Litter Fence.

That £21,220 from the Eagle Wharf Canal Head improvements project be reallocated to a new project to replace the boardwalk in Sumner Park.

That £10,000 from the Burgess Park BMX track project be reallocated to undertake detailed design plans for the new Burgess Park track.

That £25,000 from the Peckham Pulse multi-use games area (MUGA) be reallocated to an alternative MUGA site in Peckham at the Damilola Taylor Centre multi-games court.

9. AREA ACTION PLAN

Michael Carnuccio (Planning Policy) explained that the Peckham and Nunhead Area Action Plan (PNAAP) was a 15 year plan for how developments would be managed in Peckham. The PNAAP had already been through several stages and in May 2011 the preferred options would be considered. The final document would follow in a few years.

All comments received so far would have a response that would form part of the next stage so residents could see how those have been reflected in the process. There had been several local meetings on issues including building design and the local economy.

Residents expressed views including:
- there should be less or no developments for a while, as people were fed up with diggers and disruption. Continuous building and demolition was annoying.
- there should be a greater variety of shops including some of better quality.

Councillor Livingstone emphasised the importance of people taking part in the AAP process so that the future vision of Peckham was more suited to those who live in the area.

10. CENSUS

The chair said that the national census day would be on 27 March 2011. It was really important that everyone completed the form sent out as the information was for use by national and local government to plan appropriate services.

Councillor Livingstone added that central government based its financial contribution to the
borough on the number of people that completed the census. In 2001, about 70% of local people completed the census and those who did not had cost the borough about £80million in the ten years since. The information contained in the census would remain confidential for about one hundred years.

### 11. TEENAGE PREGNANCY COMMISSION PROJECT

Councillor Catherine McDonald (Cabinet Member for Children’s Services) said the teenage pregnancy commission had been launched in November in line with a manifesto commitment. It recognised that teenage pregnancy rates in Southwark were among the highest nationally and there was a determination to do something about it. The commission would come up with a report and recommendations for Cabinet to consider how to tackle the issue.

Esy Oluwafemi (coordinator for Wisegem) explained that she had been doing outreach work on teenage pregnancy for many years. That included training young parents to go out and talk to other young people about their experiences. Schools should address the issue through SRE (Sex and Relationship Education) classes and there needs to be investment in youth clubs.

Fiona Russell (strategy officer, Children's Services) said that officers wanted to hear the views of the community. A number of consultations had taken place with young people and parents of teenagers at churches and community groups. There were many residents who wanted to help young people make positive choices. Peckham had the highest number of conceptions, terminations and births to teenage mothers in the borough.

Contact fiona.russell@southwark.gov.uk or Tel. 020 7525 3923

### 12. WORLD OF HOPE - YOUTH INITIATIVE AGAINST CONFLICT

Florence Emakpose (founder of World of Hope) explained that the group was formed in 2006 as a response to local violence. It teaches young people the importance of appreciation, caring and respect via befriending, mentoring and outreach work. It was about empowering young people by guiding them to understand what is meant by being a responsible person in the community. World of Hope would welcome resources to continue its local work.

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### 13. POLICE SAFER NEIGHBOURHOODS TEAMS AND COMMUNITY WARDENS UPDATES

The Police Safer Neighbourhoods Teams were not in attendance.

Sue Hunter (Area Manager) explained that the main recent development was the reorganisation due to funding cuts. That should be completed in March with the new teams in place by April. Wardens were still visiting a list of vulnerable residents and there had
been good results with that. The neighbourhood watch schemes were proving popular with many residents getting involved.

In response to questions, Sue emphasised the importance of patrols on estates which would continue. On 11-12 March 2011, there would be work on the Gloucester Grove Estate with the RSPCA. That would involve chipping, training and tackling the problem of dangerous dogs.

The chair announced that on 6 April 2011, Council Assembly would have a theme: The Future for Southwark – developing our plan for the Borough. Residents were invited to send in a question for a cabinet member or full Council. The initiative had arisen out of the Democracy Commission and more information would be available at future meetings.

14. LOCAL PARKING AMENDMENTS

14.1 LOCAL PARKING AMENDMENT - MEETING HOUSE LANE, KINCAID ROAD AND GELDART ROAD

Executive Function

RESOLVED:

That the following local parking amendments be approved:

• Meeting House Lane, Kincaid Road and Geldart Road (1011Q2-010) – determination of objection to proposed waiting restriction

In addition, that officers bring a report to a future meeting, on the potential for shortening or removing lines without compromising safety, on the junction of Meeting House Lane and Carlton Grove.

14.2 LOCAL PARKING AMENDMENT - BURCHER GALE GROVE

Executive Function

RESOLVED:

That the following local parking amendment be approved:

• Burcher Gale Grove (1011Q3009) – proposed at any time waiting restrictions

15. PROPOSALS TO EXTEND RENEWAL AREA STATUS

This item was deferred.
16. PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

In response to a question on the Wood Dene Estate, Councillor Livingstone explained that the proposed scheme may no longer be going ahead as a result of cuts. The Council was looking for a solution but the site was likely to be empty for longer than was originally thought.

In response to an enquiry about Area 10, Councillor Hargrove explained it was a large building near the library used by arts organisations. Unfortunately due to health and safety issues the Council has had to ask groups to vacate the building and for it to be demolished. There were no plans for a replacement as yet but Councillor Hargrove said he would like an arts/cinema/performance space to go there. The chair encouraged residents to express views about the Area Action Plan so those could be considered in the process.

17. SCHOOL GOVERNOR NOMINATIONS

Executive Function

RESOLVED:

That Mr Daniel Clay be appointed as school governor for Camelot Primary School.

Meeting ended at 9.35pm

CHAIR:

DATED: