



## **DULWICH COMMUNITY COUNCIL**

MINUTES of the Dulwich Community Council held on Thursday 28 April 2011 at 7.15 pm at East Dulwich Community Centre, 46 - 50 Darrell Road, London SE22 9NL

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**PRESENT:** Councillor James Barber (Chair)  
Councillor Helen Hayes (Vice chair)  
Councillor Robin Crookshank Hilton  
Councillor Toby Eckersley  
Councillor Jonathan Mitchell  
Councillor Michael Mitchell  
Councillor Lewis Robinson  
Councillor Rosie Shimell  
Councillor Andy Simmons

**OFFICER SUPPORT:** Abdi Mohamed Ibrahim, Neighbourhood Co-ordinator  
Grace Semakula, Community Council Development Officer  
Beverley Olamijulo, Constitutional Officer

### **1. INTRODUCTION AND WELCOME**

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

### **2. APOLOGIES**

Councillor Jonathan Mitchell submitted his apologies for lateness.

### **3. DISCLOSURE OF MEMBERS' INTERESTS AND DISPENSATIONS**

A Member declared an interest in relation to the following agenda item:

#### **Item 15 – LEA School Governor Appointment (closed item of business)**

Councillor Robin Crookshank Hilton, personal, because she knows the applicant and agreed not take part in the debate or decision of this item.

#### 4. ITEMS OF BUSINESS THAT THE CHAIR DEEMS URGENT

None were received.

#### 5. MINUTES FROM THE PREVIOUS MEETING

##### RESOLVED:

That the minutes of the meeting held on 8 March 2011 be agreed as a correct record of the meeting and signed by the Chair subject to minor corrections on pages 7 and 8:

Presentation on the Dulwich Picture Gallery should say: 120,000 visitors **annually** and the presentation from a Village ward Councillor should say: The sessions take place every **Friday**.

#### 6. DEPUTATIONS/PETITIONS (IF ANY)

There were none.

#### 7. CHAIR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS AND COMMUNITY PRESENTATIONS

The chair announced:

**Community Council Fund:** The community council support local and community activities in the Dulwich community council area. £15,000 of community council funding was available for local groups to apply for. Further details were available on the website and from officers in community engagement team. An announcement on successful applicants should be heard at the June meeting.

**The £2m Olympic Capital legacy funding:** As part of Southwark's commitment to a lasting legacy from the Olympics and Paralympics Games in 2012. The invitation was for project bids on how best the capital funds could be spent. Example to build a outdoor gym or refurbish a sports facility. The closing date was 29 April 2011. Website details: [www.southwark.gov.uk/olympics](http://www.southwark.gov.uk/olympics)

**Residential Design Standards:** The Planning policy team are consulting on revisions to the residential design standards supplementary planning document. This includes new guidance on larger minimum dwelling sizes. The document should be available to view in all our libraries and one stop shops and on the council's website. All comments must be received by 5pm Thursday 2 June 2011. Contact Alison Squires on [alison.squires@southwark.gov.uk](mailto:alison.squires@southwark.gov.uk) for more information.

Mark who manages the **East Dulwich Community Centre** welcomed those that were at the community council meeting. He spoke briefly about the centre and the regular after school club which operates from the site.

## 8. PUBLIC ACCESS REVIEW, THE MET POLICE

Superintendent Cheryl Burden, Southwark Police was present to speak about the partnership schemes she is involved in and referred to the Met Police website that was running a survey up until 27 May 2011.

The survey is part of a consultation process which is not about front line services but about counter services and individual police stations. This information has been conveyed to the safer neighbourhood teams and police surgeries. Super. Cheryl Burden mentioned that it was important to seek the views of the public before it goes through the London Mayor and Metropolitan Police Authority (MPA). Those present at the meeting were asked for views on this issue and handouts were also available for people to take with them.

There is a core service commitment to ensure counter services in Southwark Police Stations each have a 24/7 service which is fully equipped and has access for those with disabilities or those whose first language is not English. It is important they are well maintained for people attending the station particularly for those who prefer to report certain types of offences face-face.

At the end of the presentation Super. Cheryl Burden responded to questions about Camberwell Police Station being resourced by volunteers which should be the same for counter services. The response was that the volunteers coordinators group go through a vetting process which could create long delays.

Super. Cheryl Burden reiterated that the Review was not about closing down East Dulwich Police Station or any other Police Station in the Borough but reviewing counter services.

Further questions were asked and comments made cross borough policing and accessibility by public transport. This was in reference to College ward which meets the five Boroughs. The Southwark Borough Commander is identifying these specific needs as well as the 24/7 operation.. Super Cheryl Burden stated that based on the demographics of the area, a change of hours is one example of looking at the provision. Residents raised concern about the counter service and whether it would be based on the number of crimes reported and if it was, it would not meet the criteria because the Police stations are closed at 10pm and the counter service criteria of 12 visitors during an 8 hour period needs to be revisited.

Residents also highlighted the importance of counter services at Police Stations because the community needs somewhere to go instead relying solely on technology. It appears that the public are having less and less access to the Police.

Superintendent Cheryl Burden again, referred people to the Met Police website: [www.met.police.co.uk](http://www.met.police.co.uk) to complete the questionnaire and copies were available at the meeting.

The chair thanked the Superintendent for her presentation and for responding to questions.

## **9. COMMUNITY SAFETY UPDATE IN EAST DULWICH WARD**

East Dulwich ward priorities:

Sergeant Turnbull introduced himself as the new sergeant for East Dulwich ward and announced that Sgt Duncan Jackson is now based at South Camberwell ward.

Sgt Turnbull reported that East Dulwich ward priorities were burglary which the safer neighbourhood team continue to target. The second priority is motor vehicle crime focussing on East Dulwich Grove and Ashbourne Grove. The team are also trying to rejuvenate the area's neighbourhood watch scheme.

College ward priorities:

Sgt Warran's apologies were noted at the meeting as he is currently off sick.

It was reported that 5 arrests were made on the Kingswood Estate. Also reports of a minor stabbing and increase in robberies. Although crime figures year on year suggest that they remain the same with robberies slightly up.

Village ward priorities:

Focussing on vehicle crime which occurs mostly at night. Burglary crime has gone down most of which happens to be theft in gardens but no access into properties.

The SNT are patrolling the hot spot areas especially with the warm weather theft of pedal cycles are likely to increase. The next ward panel meeting was on 4 May 2011 at St Barnabus Church.

## **10. EAST DULWICH WARD FOCUS**

Iain Johncock, Strategy Manager, Property from Children's Services was present to highlight some of the issues concerning secondary and primary school places in the Dulwich Community Council area.

Most of the programmes under the Building Schools for the Future were in tact. Significant investment has already gone underway in Kingsdale and Charter Schools including Harris Academy for Boys.

The previous admissions process for primary places had a significant high number of late applications. There is now a one place application system which means a child would be offered one place which helped reduce the number of late applications.

Two thirds of applications were made online; this method means that a large majority of children are offered their first choice. Bulge classes have to be carefully judged and fully resourced. The officer stated that permanent works were completed at Goodrich and Heber Primary Schools. Also there is now an expanding school entry at Lyndhurst Primary School. An example of bulge classes is at Dulwich Hamlet.

Comments were expressed at the meeting about the above some of which included:

That bulge classes had to be fully addressed particularly with the oversubscription of schools in the South of the borough and some school admissions for example Langbourne Primary which is the closest primary school to Kingsdale, Charter and Harris Academy for Boys has no geographical admissions policy. In addition there needs to be a new process for Free Schools which are like academies.

The officer stated that bulge classes in Southwark was not uncommon as other parts of London are experiencing the same.

The chair thanked Iain Johncock for his presentation and for responding to questions.

## **11. PUBLIC QUESTION TIME**

### **Northcross Road Market - update**

Nicky Costin from Public Realm, Southwark Environment spoke about the proposed road closure within the vicinity of Northcross Road market. He explained that a Group of local residents and local ward councillors has been established and would meet bimonthly to consider the options on whether the road closure between 8am to 5pm on Saturdays is feasible.

The following was noted:

- Northcross Road market has around 25 to 30 pitches .
- Local community representatives asked if it were possible for the licensing committee chair to meet with local residents before a formal decision is made at the committee.
- That a full consultation which is due in six month's time should properly address people's concerns.
- That details of the consultation and questionnaire should be widely publicised and known to all those concerned.
- Responses to the market opening on a Sunday, most were not in favour of this but preferred a more viable, thriving market on a Saturday.

### **Grove Vale and Lordship Lane road safety improvements - update**

Matthew Hill, Public Realm, Southwark Environment provided a written response which was tabled at the meeting:

In response to the statutory consultation process relating to the implementation of the Grove Vale proposals, which include new/enhanced pedestrian crossings and raised tables, narrowing of the road and the creation of new parking bays, a petition was received, organised by the Grove Vale traders, with 800 signatures. The petition is being

presented to Cabinet on 19 April. In response to concerns raised, the cabinet member has agreed to an amendment to the consulted design which creates one further short stay parking space on the south side of Grove Vale near the junction with Derwent Grove, as well as agreeing that the new parking bays created will be limited to short stay to encourage turnover for customers of the businesses. Implementation will commence shortly.

A separate public consultation is due to start soon on proposed pedestrian improvements on Lordship Lane. These improvements include the creation of two new signal controlled pedestrian crossings, one at the junction of East Dulwich Grove and one outside the Co-op store. It is the intention that any parking lost on Lordship Lane will be compensated for with increased short-stay parking on nearby side streets. Implementation will follow later this year, subject to the outcome of the consultation process.

*A copy of this response including an update on Burbage Road is also attached at the end of the minutes.*

## **12. PARKING CHARGES BASED ON CARBON EMISSIONS FOR RESIDENTIAL PARKING**

David Sole, Parking Services & Development Manager, explained that his team were consulting community councils on a proposal to base residents' on-street parking charges on their vehicles CO2 emissions. The proposal tied in with Southwark's commitment to promote sustainable forms of transport and to reduce levels of air pollution resulting from road transport. David presented the two options:

- Option 1 was an across the board increase for all residents' permits. This would mean the cost of a residents parking permit will increase from £99.30 to £125.
- Option 2 consisted of charging motorists for permits based on CO2 emissions, and engine size, if the vehicle pre-dates 2001. This meant cheaper permits for residents with low emission vehicles and higher charges for cars that emit more CO2. With this option 47% of car owners would be paying less for their permit than the Option 1 flat rate of £125. The scheme would be based on the DVLA Model with 6 bands.

Vehicles which pre-dated 2001 would be charged on the vehicles cubic capacity. Vehicles of CC less than 1600 will pay less than option 1. With this option 42% of car owners would be paying less for their permit than the Option 1 flat rate of £125. Vehicles of CC more than 1600 would pay more.

The officer invited people's views on the options. These would be fed back to the cabinet member for consideration.

Councillors discussed the two options.

Residents were given the opportunity to express their views and those present were overwhelmingly in favour of option 2.

**RESOLVED:**

That the Community Council endorses the introduction of an emissions-based scheme with option 2 being the preferable option.

**13. LOCAL PARKING AMENDMENTS**

Executive Function

**RESOLVED:**

1. That the following local parking schemes as set out in the report be approved subject to the outcome of any necessary statutory procedures:
  - Holmdene Avenue – Install one disabled persons (blue badge) parking bay.
  - Heber Road – Install one disabled persons (blue badge) parking bay.
  - Green Dale – Install at any time waiting restrictions
2. Alleyn Park – Install waiting restrictions (Mon – Fri – 10 am 3-5pm):

That the above local parking scheme be approved subject to an extension down to the Railway Bridge to include all properties opposite Dulwich College playing fields. A revised map is attached to reflect the change.

**14. EXCLUSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC**

That the public be excluded from the meeting for the following items of business on the grounds that they involve the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in paragraphs 1 and 2, Access to Information Procedure rules of the Constitution.

**15. LEA SCHOOL GOVERNOR APPOINTMENTS**

Executive Function

**RESOLVED:**

That Mr Charles Wynn-Evans be re-appointed as a LA governor representative at Heber Primary School.

The meeting ended at 8.55pm.

**CHAIR:**

**DATED:**