



CAMBERWELL COMMUNITY COUNCIL

MINUTES of the Camberwell Community Council held on Thursday 22 September 2011 at 7.00 pm at Walworth Methodist Church, 54 Camberwell Road, London SE5 0EN

PRESENT: Councillor Dora Dixon-Fyle (Vice-Chair, In the Chair)
Councillor Kevin Ahern
Councillor Stephen Govier
Councillor Peter John
Councillor the Right Revd Emmanuel Oyewole
Councillor Veronica Ward
Councillor Mark Williams
Councillor Ian Wingfield

OTHER MEMBERS

PRESENT: Councillor Martin Seaton, Chair of Walworth Community Council

OFFICER SUPPORT: Pam Usher, (Library Services Manager)
Paul Gellard, (Programme Manager, Public Realm)
Alison Squires, (Planning Policy Officer)
Ian McGeough, (Outreach Officer, Veolia)
Abdi Mohamed Ibrahim, (Neighbourhood Coordinator)
Kevin Dykes, (Senior Development Officer)
Grace Semakula, (Community Council Development Officer)
Beverley Olamijulo, (Constitutional Officer)

1. INTRODUCTION AND WELCOME

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

2. APOLOGIES

Apologies for absence was received from Councillor Norma Gibbes (Chair).

3. DISCLOSURE OF MEMBERS' INTERESTS AND DISPENSATIONS

There were none.

4. ITEMS OF BUSINESS THAT THE CHAIR DEEMS URGENT

There were none.

5. MINUTES FROM THE PREVIOUS MEETING

RESOLVED:

That the minutes of the meeting held on 22 June 2011 be agreed as a correct record of that meeting and signed by the chair.

6. DEPUTATIONS/PETITIONS (IF ANY)

None were received.

7. COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS AND EVENTS

The chair announced that officers would be available at the break to talk about the following:

Oxjam and Eid event – an all day festival across SE5

Michael Armstrong from Oxjam Camberwell Takeover activity was present at the break to talk about a joint event in Camberwell, working in partnership with Mumtaz Banu to plan a local celebration of Eid-al-Fitr that would take place on 22 October 2011.

Flyers were available at the meeting. The event showed how local groups worked together. For more information contact email oxjam.camberwell2011@gmail.com Tel: 07876208039

Local cemeteries

This item was about a borough wide consultation on cemeteries. The borough's three main cemeteries were now full or near to capacity. Therefore the council would need to develop a long term plan which involved looking at a range of options including acquiring land outside the borough or using the existing plot of the sites. The council's website listed eight options for the future of cemeteries details. The council organised a number of sessions and workshops including a public consultation on which took place on 24 September 2011 at Honor Oak Recreation Grounds.

Democracy Commission

Kevin Dykes, Senior Development Officer from the community engagement team was present to highlight the work of the Democracy Commission Phase 2. This was to look at

the role and function of community councils as a result of the council's decision to make a saving of £344,000 from April 2012 and the aim to identify improvements to community councils. As part of the work of the Commission, officers were engaged in a process to find out what residents think about community councils which had been done through focus groups, questionnaires, workshop sessions and discussions at community councils.

Affordable housing

Alison Squires from Planning Policy talked about the consultation that had taken place on affordable housing.

The guidance document followed on from one adopted in 2008 and subsequent ones like the Aylesbury Action Plan and the Core Strategy. The new document provided guidance on student accommodation, the minimum of 35% affordable housing for developments with 10 or more units, and payments in lieu of on-site affordable accommodation.

Affordable housing meets the needs of households whose incomes were not enough to allow them to buy or rent decent and appropriate housing in the borough.

The council's consultation closed on 30 September 2011. Officer contact: Alison Squires email at planning@southwark.gov.uk

8. SAFER NEIGHBOURHOOD TEAMS UPDATE

Sergeant Kristian Leighton from Camberwell Green Safer Neighbourhood Team (SNT) reported on the following:

Camberwell Green ward priorities:

- Robbery, burglary anti-social behaviour and vehicle crime across the wards. Most of the anti social behaviour occurred around Southampton Way.

Brunswick ward priorities:

- Robbery – personal property, ASB Strategy (all wards), and ASB by groups of youths.

South Camberwell ward priorities:

- Burglary, theft and/or taking of motor vehicles and Robbery – personal property.

Sgt Leighton announced that Brunswick and South Camberwell Safer Neighbourhood Teams would in future be sharing the same sergeant. This would be mean overseeing and working in both teams, reviewing and dealing with priorities in both wards.

The meeting, at this juncture, discussed some of incidences which occurred during the riots in the borough.

In response to a question about what the Police were doing about hate crime, Sgt Leighton explained that there were a dedicated team of investigators in the borough to

tackle homophobic, race and disability related hate crime. Such crime would be dealt with seriously in the courts.

The chair thanked Sergeant Leighton for his attendance.

9. RECYCLING IN CAMBERWELL - VEOLIA ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES

Ian McGeough from Veolia Environmental Services explained that the food waste pilot was a huge success that they would extend the scheme to other properties in the area. Residents would shortly receive information and leaflets about food waste. In addition from October 2011 the recycling team would take tetra packs or juice cartons which previously had not been recyclable. The team would like to come back to the community council next year to discuss the waste facility in the Old Kent Road.

In response to questions Ian explained there was a 50% success rate for food waste and hoped during the fortnightly recycling collection the success rate would increase.

Ian explained that rolling out the food waste collection to other properties would not incur any added expense to residents. Residents would be consulted on further changes to the recycling facilities and the collection.

A resident asked a question about the state of Camberwell New Road which in his view looked like a rubbish dump and why Veolia Environmental Services were unable to clean the streets. Ian explained this was not the responsibility of Veolia but should be down to Southwark's cleaning contractors.

The chair thanked Ian McGeough for attending the meeting.

10. LIBRARY REVIEW CONSULTATION

The Library service review was presented by cabinet member, Councillor Veronica Ward and Pam Usher, Library Services Manager.

Councillor Ward mentioned cuts to the services, that 5,000 people responded to the survey and that the public meetings were well attended. It was noted that officers from the library services and Councillor Ward attended community council meetings in each of the eight areas and the feedback from all was positive.

Councillor Ward talked about the new Library in Canada Water and the proposal for a new Library in Camberwell. People applauded at the proposal. Pam Usher said quite a few people completed the survey online with a great deal of positive feedback from young people that use the libraries for their home work and general studies.

Details of the survey are given below and the findings of the survey would be compiled in a report for the council's cabinet meeting which took place on 18 October 2011.

Feedback from people who were consulted at Camberwell Library

Camberwell

88% Came to borrow books
47% Came to borrow AV materials
44% Came for information
35% Came to email
33% Came to study

Whole Borough

79% Came to borrow books
42% Came to borrow AV materials
41% Came for information
31% Came to email
31% Came to study

Volunteers

45% Agree with the use of volunteers
32% Disagree with the use of volunteers
22% Neither agree nor disagree
48% Said that they would NOT volunteer
44% Said that they would volunteer for up to 10 hours per month

Charging for the use of PCs

39% Agree that a charge should be introduced for using PCs
46% Disagree that a charge should be introduced for using PCs
15% Neither agree nor disagree

Longer opening hours and maintaining library

32% Said that they would keep existing opening hours even if this means fewer libraries
68% Said they would keep existing libraries even if this means shorter opening hours

Savings

42% Reduce the opening hours
40% Reduce the budget for IT
30% Reduce the number of smaller libraries

Feedback from people who were consulted at Grove Vale Library

Grove Vale

83% Came to borrow books
49% Came to borrow audio visual materials
38% Came for information
46% Came to read

Whole Borough

79% Came to borrow books
42% Came to borrow audio visual materials
41% Came for information
55% Came to read

Volunteers

35% Agree with the use of volunteers
40% Disagree with the use of volunteers

25% Neither agree nor disagree
69% Said that they would NOT volunteer
27% Said that they would volunteer for up to 10 hours per month

Charging for the use of PCs

41% Agree that a charge should be introduced for using PCs
39% Disagree that a charge should be introduced for using PCs
19% Neither agree nor disagree

Longer opening hours and maintaining library buildings

19% Said that they would keep existing opening hours even if this means fewer libraries
81% Said they would keep existing libraries even if this means shorter opening hours

Savings

53% Reduce the opening hours
37% Reduce the budget for IT
18% Reduce the number of smaller libraries

After the presentation people asked questions and provided comments on the library review.

In response to questions, Pam explained that the council would consider shared space or accommodation for libraries like sharing a building with a local housing office or other type of community space.

Councillor Govier commented on the council looking at other means of funding libraries and to look at other local boroughs which offer a free library service similar to the one located in Upper Norwood (Westow Hill, London SE19).

If this model were adopted by the council, no libraries would need to close. Councillor Ward stated that all options would be investigated but that time and working progress on this were limited. It is not the council's wish to close any libraries.

In response to a question regarding improved access and disabled toilets in libraries, Councillor Ward mentioned the council were trying to improve access for all Southwark libraries like the Canada Water Library, Blue Anchor Library and the Dulwich Library all have disabled access. The council would continue to engage as widely as possible on these issues especially with regard to disabled toilets, which had been an ongoing issue which has to be addressed further.

It was noted that further information on the library review would be given at a future community council meeting.

The chair thanked Councillor Ward and Pam Usher for their presentations.

11. GROVE VALE FIRST AND SECOND STAGE PARKING CONSULTATION

Paul Gellard from Public Realm presented the report

He outlined that 22 roads had been consulted about whether residents would agree to a controlled parking zone in their area. Full details of this would be provided in mid October. This would include an initial design and questionnaire for people to complete. A report providing feedback on the survey would be brought back to the Camberwell Community Council on 10 January 2012. It was noted that public exhibitions on the scheme would be held in public libraries in the area.

Members advised officers that they should consult those mostly affected by these changes (e.g. the Albrighton Community Centre) and others who would be displaced as a result of the proposed CPZ. In addition the consultation should include those that reside outside the CPZ zones so their views could be noted.

The presenting officer agreed to do this.

RESOLVED:

1. That the report outlining the consultation methods and boundaries for the Grove Vale first and second stage parking consultation be noted and approved.
2. That a further report be presented at Camberwell community council meeting on 10 January 2012, after which it would be taken as a IDM (individual decision making) report in February 2012 and, if approved, statutory consultation should take place in March 2012.

12. LOCAL PARKING AMENDMENTS

Executive Function

RESOLVED:

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

- Evesham Walk and Love Walk – amendments to existing parking arrangements
- Grosvenor Terrace – install at any time waiting restrictions

13. PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

The following questions were raised at the meeting:

- Q1 The council's Hate Crime strategy; I understand this has not gone through yet why?

- A1: A follow up response will be given at the next meeting.
- Q2: To Camberwell Green ward councillors: The last administration ensured the road sweepers were out in force keeping our streets clean. This has not happened with the present administration. Please could you look into this?
- A2: The chair said this matter would be looked into and a response given at a future meeting.
- Q3: Why does the open Camberwell agenda contain 14 blank pages that has 'document is restricted'?
- A3: This occurred in error when the agendas were published. Officers stated this would not happen again.
- Q4: Recycling collection: It has been noted that there has been a successful increase with people recycling items based on weekly collections. Does the council propose to make recycling collections on a fortnightly basis?
- A4: Follow up response at a future community council.
- Q5: Why cannot individual requirements be canvassed before bins are allocated?
- A5: Follow up response at a future community council.
- Q6: Now that the Town Hall is closed would members of the community council consider using the 'House of Praise' church as a meeting venue which would be available free of charge?
- A6: This was noted.
- Q7: Walworth Road was recently repaired of all its cracks and potholes. Now whenever it rains the same problem seems to be re-occurring?
- A7: Councillor Martin Seaton, chair of Walworth Community Council who was in attendance responded by confirming there had been an audit on this and contractors have been employed to deal with the problem.

14. EXCLUSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC

RESOLVED:

That the public were excluded from the meeting for the following items of business on the grounds that they involved 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:

1. That Ms Shelley Burke be re-appointed to Lyndhurst Primary School.
2. That Ms Rachael Morgan be appointed to John Ruskin Primary School.
3. That the following applicants be appointed to Lyndhurst Primary School:
 - Ms Louise Bazalgette
 - Mr Darren Hooker
 - Ms Claire Gipson

The meeting ended at 9.50 pm.

CHAIR:

DATED: