



DULWICH COMMUNITY COUNCIL

MINUTES of the Dulwich Community Council held on Thursday 15 September 2011 at 7.00 pm at Dulwich Library, 368 Lordship Lane, London SE22 8NB

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

OTHER MEMBERS

PRESENT: Councillor Veronica Ward, Cabinet member for Culture, Leisure, Sport and the Olympics

OFFICER SUPPORT:

Adrian Whittle, Head of Culture, Libraries and Leisure
Barbara Selby, Head of Transport Planning
Mick Lucas, Public Realm, Asset Manager
Matt Hill, Public Realm Programme Manager
Paul Cowell, Events Manager,
Abdullahi Mohamed-Ibrahim, Neighbourhood Co-ordinator
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 Rosie Shimell.

3. DISCLOSURE OF MEMBERS' INTERESTS AND DISPENSATIONS

There were none.

4. ITEMS OF BUSINESS THAT THE CHAIR DEEMS URGENT

There were none.

5. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

RESOLVED:

That the minutes of the meeting held on 8 June 2011 be agreed as an accurate record of that meeting and signed by the chair subject to the following amendment:

Page 2, last paragraph which currently reads "The meeting heard calls for 20 mph zones to be abolished and for free parking to be introduced". Should read:

"The meeting heard calls for controlled parking zones to be abolished and free parking to be introduced".

6. DEPUTATION REQUESTS

RESOLVED:

That the deputation requests be heard from representatives of the South Southwark Business Association and Southwark Living Streets.

Deputation - South Southwark Business Association

The deputation spokesperson, Rodney Franklin from South Southwark Business Association addressed the meeting about the proposed crossings on Lordship Lane, London SE22 and its impact on parking, loss of local business, in relation to public safety.

The spokesperson mentioned that there were an array of local shops and businesses in the area many of which were independent so there was no need for a crossing although they accepted it would be beneficial for shoppers particularly Goose Green and East Dulwich Grove residents. The spokesperson added that no detail on the number of accidents in the area was known by the council.

He asked Transport for London (TfL) for this information which had not been forthcoming. He explained that if there was no accident data then the analysis does not add up and the introduced crossing on Lordship Lane would affect local businesses.

A question was asked of the deputation about the urgent need for a crossing along Lordship Lane especially as the present crossings were so far apart from each other that shoppers literally go out into the road to cross to the other side.

The spokesperson said the council could consider other parking options.

Deputation - Southwark Living Streets

The deputation spokesperson, Alastair Hanton, vice chair of Southwark Living Streets

addressed the meeting and mentioned the audit which took place a few years ago by Living Streets which involved local residents and businesses from both sides of Lordship Lane.

The key proposals which arose out of the audit was to make it a safer and more friendly environment and improve the competitiveness of the area. There are a number of traders that were carbon neutral customers so the loss of car parking spaces would not be that detrimental. Alastair concluded his deputation by stating Southwark Living Streets endorsed the council's proposals.

The chair thanked both representatives for their deputations.

7. COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS AND PRESENTATIONS

Cemeteries consultation

Deborah McKenzie, from the Parks section was present to talk about the borough wide consultation on cemeteries. The borough's three main cemeteries were now full or near to capacity. Therefore the council need to develop a long term plan which involved looking at a range of options to acquiring land outside the borough or using the existing plot of the burial sites. The council's website details all eight options for the future of cemeteries. A number of sessions and workshops took place including a public consultation on 24 September 2011 at Honor Oak Recreation Grounds.

For more information email, parks@southwark.gov.uk or visit the website www.southwark.gov.uk and choose topic community and living and search 'future of Southwark's cemeteries'.

Local Implementation Plan

Barbara Selby from Transport Planning was present to explain that the council would draw up a list of suggested local transport schemes to Transport for London (TfL).

As such the council would like residents to submit their views about the schemes in their area. Barbara explained that the visibility study for the Paxton Green scheme should be completed in 3 years. Officers have alternated the timetable of the Paxton Green roundabout. The plan would be to have an introductory exhibition for residents on what Paxton Green should look like. Further schemes would be introduced in 2013. The chair explained that the officer would be available at the break to speak to people about any of the transport schemes.

An announcement on a new capital budget of £1.88 million for transport schemes borough wide was made at the meeting. Further details on this would be given at a future community council meeting.

Veolia Environmental Services

Ian McGeough, Outreach Officer from Veolia Environmental Services was present and available at the break and announced some major changes to the refuse and recycling service for kerbside properties. The food waste pilot scheme in the borough had been so

successful it was being rolled out to other properties and tetra packs are now recyclable.

Proposed event in Dulwich Park

Paul Cowell from the Events team was present to explain that there was an events programme scheduled to take place in the south of the borough. The event was meant to be one of three events running this year focussing on north, middle and south of the borough.

The North (Bermondsey Festival), middle (Elephant and Nun) and South (The Colour Thief) scheduled for 4 November 2011. Paul mentioned that it would involve a number of schools and include theatrical lighting event.

Questions from councillors were asked about whether there had been adequate consultation with local people about the event. Paul mentioned The Friends of Dulwich Park were notified and local Schools were contacted on how they could get involved. Some residents felt this type of event with 5,000 or more people attending could have an ecological effect on the park. Another concern was the cost estimated at £55,000 when other sponsored events in the borough were cancelled. It appeared that the local ward councillors were unaware of the event.

AGREED:

Dulwich Community Council recommends officers speedily consult all stakeholders and ward councillors about the planned event and more information should be made available on the format.

Sgt Turnbull asked if the Police could be included in the consultation.

Community Conversations

The chair, Cllr Lewis Robinson announced at the meeting that members and local community's thanks be recorded to the local Police who were called upon to deal with the riots and disturbances that were witnessed recently. People were asked to note the Community Conversation held on Saturday 24 September 2011, 10am to 3.00pm at Dog Kennel Hill, outside Sainsbury's in East Dulwich.

Southwark Legal Advice Network

Sarah Rose from Southwark Legal Advice Network announced two events that took place in the borough. The first event on 26 September 2011 was a drop in providing and offering legal advice for the over 50s to help improve their housing options. The second event on 23 October 2011 also provided advice on housing options to families with a disabled child.

8. COMMUNITY SAFETY UPDATES

Sgt Turnbull provided an update on staffing in the safer neighbourhood teams:

He announced that Sgt Jeff Jenkinson, previously at Village safer neighbourhood team had now moved to Livesey safer neighbourhood team. Also as part of a cost cutting exercise, one sergeant would be responsible for East Dulwich and Village safer neighbourhood teams. However both teams would remain separate and work within their identified shift patterns.

The Sergeant reported on the following:

East Dulwich ward priorities:

There was a massive rise in residential burglary, with 22 reported burglaries in the last 8 weeks. The properties affected were of similar constructions with mortise locks and single occupancy. The individual had been caught and happened to be an experienced burglar who was released on licence. The Sergeant said people should be vigilant.

Drug offences and criminal damage have been reduced however due to the recent riots in London crime disorder went up.

Village ward priorities:

There had been a rise in burglary but overall crime was significantly down. However, people were told to be aware of fraudulent practices taking place in the local area.

An 81 year old was targeted recently where a person posed as a courier after arriving at the lady's home, gave false details knowing that the person was vulnerable she handed over her credit card details with the PIN to the bogus caller. People were told to be on their guard.

Sgt Turnbull mentioned that East Dulwich Police Station had a reprieve of two years. He agreed to keep people updated on the issue.

Another priority was tackling stairwell disorder with youth congregation and anti social behaviour. The Cleaner Greener, Safer funding awarded to the team had been used to prevent congregation and stairwell disorder. The neighbourhood watch scheme had been in place and the team encouraged new members to come forward.

The Sergeant took questions from the audience about bike theft and statistics on burglary.

The response was that bike theft had gone down slightly but any recovered bicycles were likely to be sold off by the Police. Although there were database links which should ensure they were returned to their rightful owner. Overall statistics suggest the figures are still low even with the spate of burglaries in the area.

A further question was asked about the re-location of services within the Police Station. The Sergeant responded by saying nothing had been decided about the services within the Police Station.

Sgt Warran submitted his apologies to the meeting. The College ward priorities remain unchanged.

9. EAST DULWICH CORRIDOR SCHEME - LORDSHIP LANE

Matt Hill from Public Realm introduced the report.

The officer informed the community council about the proposed implementation of the Lordship Lane elements of a project called the East Dulwich Corridor Scheme and the total cost of the scheme would be approximately £400,000.

The scheme's aim would be to improve pedestrian accessibility and key elements of the scheme would be to have a raised pedestrian crossing and new traffic controlled parking to assist movement of traffic along Lordship Lane.

The council consulted over 400 residents and local businesses in the area which received a good response rate. The main concern was kerbside parking. The scheme proposed two loading bay spaces, six extra car parking spaces and two additional spaces outside Barclays Bank.

The officer responded to a question from Councillor James Barber about horse box spaces behind Dulwich Police Station. He said they would be removed because they had not been in use for years.

The council would introduce a 30 minute parking scheme that would not levy any charges to people. Matt explained the proposed works for a pedestrian phasing at the junction of the south circular was agreed two years ago but the work was put on hold because TfL were reviewing their budget which was still within their programme. The local councillors had lobbied TfL about this in order to ensure the works were carried out as soon as possible.

In response to a question raised by Councillor Toby Eckersley regarding the number of business respondents who were in favour of the scheme, the officer directed members to the officer's report on page 42 of the agenda. He outlined that many were in favour of the scheme particularly in light of numerous complaints made to the council regarding parking congestion in the East Dulwich area.

In turn members gave their views stating that signalling crossings were much needed especially outside the Co-operative supermarket. Also providing car parking bays was very important for town centres but it was equally important to improve facilities for pedestrians. The footfall problem would help the Lordship lane traders and shoppers.

RESOLVED:

That Dulwich community council endorsed the proposed design of the East Dulwich Corridor Scheme which should be referred to the relevant cabinet member to make a decision on the scheme based on the three mentioned elements below:

- Raised table across East Dulwich Grove at the junction with Lordship Lane.
- Signal controlled 'puffin' crossing across Lordship Lane immediately to the south of East Dulwich Grove.

- Raised signal controlled ‘puffin’ crossing across Lordship Lane outside Co-operative supermarket.

10. PUBLIC REALM UPDATE ON HIGHWAYS AND LIGHTING SCHEMES

The chair announced:

- The £75,000 lighting works for 2010 – 2011, the schemes identified were near to completion. Currently the amount available for highways is £90,000 and the amount available for lighting was £12,000 for that year.
- The lighting and highways allocation set for 2011 – 2012 had been agreed by the council where it would still provide a commitment to lighting improvements.
- The allocation budget for 2012 – 2013 would be for highways only.

Matt Hill from Public Realm suggested members allocate £90,000 of the highways budget.

ACTION:

A report on the lighting and highways allocation for 2011 – 2012 would be presented to the community council at a later date. Members would have the opportunity to agree the selected schemes.

11. PRELIMINARY FLOOD (AND SURFACE WATER) RISK ASSESSMENT

Mick Lucas from Public Realm gave a presentation on the flood risk management of the council and reported that there had been a change in legislation since the flood risk report of 2009.

- The forming of partnerships with other authorities like, Thames Water, Greater London Assembly (GLA), London Councils and Environment Agency.
- Funding opportunities from Thames Water and other local government agencies.
- More detailed information on flood risk mapping, flood management plans and a list of works that would be identified by the council.

The council’s website highlights flood maps drainage details and general flooding in the local area. The flood risk assessment identified a critical drainage area at the junction of Brockwell Park.

The officer advised that Southwark council were co-operating with Lambeth council on this. Any solutions to these issues would be debated at a future community council meeting.

12. SOUTHWARK GAS NETWORKS

Ian Law from Southwark Street Works manager gave a presentation on the UK gas infrastructure. Ian explained the gas network was replacing assets with plastic instead of iron pipes. The duty of street authorities like the highway authority would be to ensure the work was completed on the highway and to ensure any gas escape would be treated with some urgency.

Gas supply was a necessity so the authority had an obligation to give people gas supply hence the reason the iron pipes were being replaced with plastic ones particularly those high risk pipes which was co-ordinated within the highways risk based programme.

The officer took questions from the audience about the iron pipes and whether it would include the joint. The response was it would include the pipes and joint that would help the flow of gas although joints could be repaired as a one off operation. The major replacement of pipes to plastic should reduce the incident rate for repairs. The gas network deal with most London Boroughs and each job had a time budget or programme of works which listed each area so residents were aware of the works going on at any given time.

A question was asked about the Plan for the replacement of pipes and whether the information could be made available to local ward councillors. The officer agreed to provide that information to members.

13. LIBRARY REVIEW SERVICE - PRESENTATION

The Library review was presented at Dulwich Community Council by the Head of Culture, Libraries and Leisure, Adrian Whittle and cabinet member, Cllr Veronica Ward who provided feedback on the workshops and online survey that the Council conducted recently.

Adrian mentioned that in June the council announced they would be undertaking a public review of the Library Service during the summer. Residents were asked to give their views on how to maintain a high quality library service within the context of the council having to make £34m of budget savings in this year's budget and further savings in the years ahead.

For libraries, a savings target of £397,000 had to be achieved by 2014 and a new model of delivery for the Home Library Service put in place to save a further £150,000 by 2013. The survey asked about the ways in which people currently use the library service and asked for opinions and preferences for various options that could potentially save money. Over the summer holidays the council had undertaken consultation with young people about their views on the library service and 264 young people took part.

All of the information that was collected from the consultation exercise had been analysed including some specific feedback from local residents who participated in the consultation at Dulwich, Kingswood and Grove Vale Libraries.

The complete findings of the review would be presented in a formal report to Cabinet on

18 October 2011 to inform the members in their decision making on the future options for libraries.

Key findings of the review

- Overall the review found that 79% of people in the borough borrow books, job hunt, use the internet or study because there was no quiet space at home.
- 80% of people that use libraries in Dulwich borrow books and less people use the library to job hunt.
- 46% of those surveyed felt that the council should make more use of volunteers and also a number of residents agreed to be volunteers.
- Free internet access and WiFi access: 30% of those surveyed agreed on a charge for internet use in Dulwich and Kingswood.
- A large percentage of Kingswood residents suggested libraries should not be shut down but remain open with the hours reduced.
- Overall residents felt there should be a reduction in the number of small libraries, with less books and DVDs.

Councillor Ward mentioned the review had received a good response as 5,000 people in the borough had responded. The council had received lots of ideas example, how to use volunteers effectively, use of libraries after school hours and reducing the opening hours. Councillor Ward spoke about the new library in Canada Water and the proposal for a new library in Camberwell.

The chair thanked Adrian and Councillor Ward for attending the meeting.

14. PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

There were none.

15. GROVE VALE FIRST AND SECOND STAGE PARKING CONSULTATION

Mat Hill from Public Realm was present to give an overview of the first and second stage consultation that took place around Grove Vale.

The officer explained that twenty two roads were consulted on the principle of a controlled parking zone in East Dulwich and South Camberwell wards.

The consultation area concentrated on streets around Grove Vale, which were a short walking distance from East Dulwich railway station. The streets were last consulted in 2002 - 2003 as part of a Dulwich wide parking study.

The boundary of Dulwich and Camberwell runs along the centre line of Grove Vale and

therefore agreement was sought from both community councils.

All residents, businesses and stakeholders were included in the consultation. However, any decision to progress a CPZ would only apply on the public highway and not on housing estates or private parking areas.

RESOLVED:

That members note and approve the report outlining the consultation methods and boundaries for the Grove Vale first and second stage parking consultation. Members note that a further report would be presented at Dulwich community council meeting on 24 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.

16. AFFORDABLE HOUSING SUPPLEMENTARY PLANNING GUIDANCE - CONSULTATION

Kate Johnson from the planning policy was available at the break to talk about the consultation on Affordable Housing with residents and local councillors.

Summary:

Affordable housing meets the needs of households whose incomes were not enough to allow them to buy or rent decent and appropriate housing in their borough. It also provides guidance on social rented housing and intermediate housing.

Planning Policies for student housing and affordable housing should be integrated with market housing. It should also meet the council's requirements in the residential design standards SPD and must meet or exceed the minimum dwelling sizes.

The council's consultation closed on 30 September 2011. For information on the consultation contacts are: Kate Johnson or Alison Squires, email at planning_policy@southwark.gov.uk

17. LOCAL PARKING AMENDMENTS

Executive Function

RESOLVED:

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

- East Dulwich Grove – installation of a disabled persons (blue badge) parking bay.
- Hansler Road – installation of a disabled persons (blue badge) parking bay.

- Landells Road – installation of a disabled persons (blue badge) parking bay.

18. CLEANER GREENER SAFER - REALLOCATION OF FUNDS

Executive Function

RESOLVED:

That the following amounts of Cleaner, Greener, Safer under spend in the Dulwich Community Council area be allocated to:

Scheme Title / Description	Allocation
Village Ward: Half Moon Lane Parade regeneration project phase 2.	£4,500 (or £7,000 if £3,000 in the delegated highway budget is not available).
Lycott Grove Estate safety Improvements.	£1,500
Total:	£6000 or £8500 if the devolved highways budget underspend is not available.
College Ward: Ildersley Grove lighting scheme	£9,000
Croxted Road TRA project	£3,100
Total:	£12,100

Note:

The above CGS allocation would be subject to a decision at a future community council meeting.

The meeting ended at 10.00 pm.

CHAIR

DATED: