



DULWICH COMMUNITY COUNCIL

MINUTES of the Dulwich Community Council held on Tuesday 24 January 2012 at 7.00 pm at The Community Suite, St Barnabas Church, 40 Calton Avenue, London SE21 7DG

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 Rosie Shimell
Councillor Andy Simmons

OFFICER SUPPORT: Malcolm Hines, Chief Financial Officer (NHS Southwark)
Tim Walker, Senior Engineer
Paul Gellard, Transport and Projects Officer
Ian McGeough, Outreach Officer (Veolia E.S.)
Abdi 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 lateness were received from Councillors Jonathan Mitchell, Andy Simmons and Michael Mitchell.

3. DISCLOSURE OF MEMBERS' INTERESTS AND DISPENSATIONS

The following members declared interests in relation to the agenda items below:

Item 8 – Grove Vale First and Second Stage Controlled Parking Zone (CPZ) Study

Councillor Robin Crookshank Hilton, personal and non prejudicial, as a resident of Melbourne Grove.

Item 10 – Developing Health and Care Services

Councillor Andy Simmons, personal and non prejudicial, as he has several honorary NHS employment contracts within Southwark.

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 7 November 2011 be agreed as an accurate record of that meeting, and signed by the chair.

Councillor Robin Crookshank Hilton announced that Millwall Football Scheme raised a £1000 at the end of the last meeting she thanked those who contributed.

6. DEPUTATIONS/PETITIONS

Dulwich Community Council considered the following deputation requests which related to item 8 on the agenda, Grove Vale First and Second Stage Controlled Parking Zone (CPZ) Study:

South Southwark Business Association (SSBA)

The South Southwark Business Association (SSBA) explained that opposed the proposed CPZ in Grove Vale because it would have a detrimental effect in the area.

The spokesperson mentioned that the association would like to see the area flourish because it has a number of traditional shops which have somewhat been affected by the Sainsbury's supermarket.

Other independent traders have travelled to East Dulwich because they want to replicate the same elsewhere. The spokesperson also made reference to various articles on the website about 'Save our British High Street'. He urged the community council to relax the parking restrictions as it would kill small businesses and have a negative impact on the local community. The community council were asked to note the concerns of local traders taking in to account the other challenges the council has to face.

Zenoria Street Residents

The spokesperson said residents in this street were against the proposed option for the CPZ because Zenoria Street is a small residential street, directly off the north end of

Lordship Lane. It has suffered enormously from all kinds of parking; short, medium, long term and commuter parking which also includes the weekends. The CPZ proposal would have no effect as the neighbouring roads had the same problem with parking. Residents would end up paying for the privilege of not being able to park in their street, which is something they could currently do for free. The issue is made worse by a nearby minicab firm whose cars are parked waiting that causes further congestion in the area.

The spokesperson stated that Zenoria Street was in desperate need of an effective solution to parking and the congestion problems it suffers and the only CPZ scheme that would work is an all day restriction that includes the weekends. In the absence of this then no restrictions would be better than the limited one hour a day. The residents asked the community council to support the residents and reject option 4 which was outlined in the report.

In response to questions the spokesperson explained that parking Monday to Friday could damage businesses and have a detrimental effect on residents. Initially the scheme was supported by residents but then realised it would not address the problem. Residents would see no point of paying £125 a year with no where to park their vehicle.

Glengarry, Trossachs, Tarbert and Thorncombe residents

The spokesperson representing residents of Glengarry, Trossachs, Tarbert and Thorncombe Roads urged the community council to support the majority of local people and reject the proposal for a CPZ as it would not deliver the solution concerning the problem with commuter parking. It creates another problem with displacement of vehicles from one road to another. He explained that no analysis had been done to substantiate that there was a problem with commuter parking in the Grove Vale area.

He asked the community council to accept the clear majority's view not to have controlled parking in their area. The spokesperson also referred to local petitions and quoted statistics on the matter which confirmed a large percentage of those who were not in favour of the CPZ proposal. Therefore the percentage of those clearly outweighed those that support and that their views should be respected.

Derwent Grove residents

The deputation spokesperson stated that many of Derwent Grove residents have voted in favour of CPZ as it was the only solution they have at present to avoid many commuters parking on their street particularly those that use it as the East Dulwich Railway car park. The speaker said as a resident who had on Derwent Grove for 10 years it prevents those from visiting or traders and builders from carrying out their work as a result of the commuter parking. The speaker explained that Derwent Grove residents would support a scheme that is a reasonable and effective with restrictive parking for one or maximum of two hours a day.

Elsie Road residents:

The deputation spokesperson explained that 22 out of 42 households objected the CPZ proposal and signed a petition on the subject matter. She urged the community council to see their point of view to reject options 1 and 2 set out in the officer's report and support the local community. At the moment parking is bearable but with two over developments

in the area already the CPZ would not solve the problem.

The chair thanked everyone for their deputation presentations.

7. COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS AND PRESENTATIONS

The following information was provided at the meeting:

Dulwich Supplementary Planning Document (SPD)

The item would be considered at the next meeting.

Southwark Civic Awards

Nomination forms were available at the meeting. Southwark have been hosting these awards since 1997 which is based on the work people do on a voluntary basis to help build their community. It could include acts of bravery or preventing a crime from happening. People were encouraged to nominate someone who they think deserved a civic award as a way of acknowledging the hard work they do. The deadline date for nominations was on 31 January 2012.

Bowel Cancer UK

Information stall was available at the meeting.

Veolia Environmental Services

Information stall was available at the meeting and officers were available at the break to discuss the new waste management facility at the Old Kent Road which has replaced Manor Place depot that is now closed. Ian McGeough from Veolia was present at the break to provide handouts and talked about the long term contract between Veolia and Southwark Council to reduce waste and help with recycling in the borough.

8. GROVE VALE FIRST AND SECOND STAGE CONTROLLED PARKING ZONE (CPZ) STUDY

Paul Gellard, Transport and projects officer presented this item and outlined the following:

The CPZ consultation was funded through TfL and as part of the consultation Dulwich and Camberwell community councils considered the boundary and methods.

The council sent consultation packs to key stakeholders and held exhibitions in November 2011. Maps of roads affected and consulted by the CPZ were referred to in the agenda pack. 241 questionnaires were completed, the average response rate was 21% and nine petitions were submitted. Officers derived at five options following the consultation which were detailed in the report.

A summary of those options included:

- Not to proceed with the installation of a CPZ in the Grove Vale area
- Not to proceed with CPZ but carry out minor changes
- Introduce a one hour CPZ on a experimental basis in Derwent Grove only
- Introduce a one hour CPZ (experimental basis) in Derwent Grove, Elsie Road, Jarvis Road, Melbourne Grove, Oxonian Street, Tintagel Crescent and Zenoria Street
- Introduce a one hour CPZ in Derwent Grove, Elsie Road and Tintagel Crescent

The officer stated that the community council are requested to provide comment before a key decision would be made by the cabinet member, Councillor Barrie Hargrove. It was noted that Camberwell community council made a collective decision not to proceed with the introduction of a CPZ in Grove Vale.

Tim Walker, Senior Engineer responded to questions about commuter parking, information about the previous consultation which took place and the results of the current consultation and how officers came up with the options above. Officers looked at the results at a road by road basis then came up with a modified scheme.

Following the officer's presentation there was a lengthy debate and further comments about a number of issues which related to the company that undertook the survey. They were able to monitor the number of vehicles and registered the details during the hours of 5.00am - 6.00am and 9.00 pm - 10.00pm. The data collected were categorised as commuters, traders, residents and others. The company witnessed a large number of parked vehicles that were supposedly owned by commuters.

A representative from Grove Vale Business Association mentioned that neighbouring borough Lambeth, recently introduced a CPZ in an area which affected local businesses the same would apply to Southwark if the CPZ went ahead. The situation would be made worse with the increase in parking charges.

Another issue referred to the eighteen month time period for any experimental CPZ arrangements. Tim explained that stakeholders would have an opportunity to consult again if necessary make a recommendation to consult wider. Officers could carry out a de-clutter exercise that would involve reducing yellow lines along some roads and introduce short stay parking.

Concerns were also raised about those that work in the local hospital providing crucial services to the community.

Councillor Andy Simmons asked if the Goose Green Primary School which is located in the Grove vale area has a Green Travel Plan? It mentioned the School did have a Travel Plan that has been in existence since July 2011.

The chair thanked the officers for their presentations and those that took part in the discussion.

RESOLVED:

That Dulwich community council recommend to the cabinet member for transport,

environment and recycling, option 2, set out in the report which was not to proceed with the installation of a CPZ but carry out minor changes in the Grove Vale area.

9. SAFER NEIGHBOURHOODS TEAMS UPDATE

Sergeant Warran from College safer neighbourhood team submitted his apologies for this meeting but provided the following:

The College SNT ward priorities are:

- Burglary dwelling, the SNT arrested three people for burglary and recovered two stolen motor vehicles. As a result there has been a reduction of burglaries.
- Distraction burglary and cold calling (unwanted phone calls), Sydenham Hill Estate. The team carried out vulnerable victim visits and gave crime prevention advice.
- Anti social behaviour on Ward Estates, the SNT continues to work with Southwark anti social behaviour unit on ongoing issues.

Sergeant Turnbull from East Dulwich safer neighbourhood team provided an update on policing issues and community safety matters.

He reported that a new Met Police commissioner for South East London has been appointed - Mr Bernard Hogan Howe and a new borough commander is now post – Charles Griggs who has served in the borough before.

Staffing: It was also reported that PC Bell would be covering Sgt Turnbull's post whilst he covers the Olympics on secondment.

Crime information

- Burglary: Offences have been greatly reduced than in previous months. A person was arrested for 28 burglary offences; goods were recovered and to returned to their rightful owners.
- Opportunist burglary: Windows were left open and mortice locks left unlocked.
- Motor vehicle theft: The theft of three motor vehicles and bikes were reported.
- Stealing motor vehicle parts and stealing petrol: SNT have leafleted the area to make people aware and being proactive as the offences happen.
- Anti social behaviour: Fire work season went without incident. Focussed on Norwood Road night time economy.
- Robbery: Significant lower than previous in East Dulwich and Village particularly as East Dulwich had the lowest reported crime since the last three years.
- Traffic operation: The teams have launched a traffic based initiative – automatic

number plate recognition to target those that have unpaid fines. They would be stopped, car confiscated and used to recover the fines.

- Hepworth Sculpture: High profile theft in Dulwich park – metal theft has been on the increase to the extent it now affects national infrastructure.

10. DEVELOPING HEALTH AND CARE SERVICES

Malcolm Hines, Chief Financial Officer, NHS Southwark introduced himself and representatives of NHS Southwark who were in attendance; a non executive member, a local resident, a project officer and the outreach community engagement officer.

Introduction:

Malcolm talked about the 'Transforming Southwark NHS' consultation which took place in 2009 and was presented to this community council as part of the consultation. The process also involved four locality workshops in 2010.

Key change:

The key change was more involvement and leadership. The local health services reforms are going through Parliament at the moment which would give more power to GPs. The consultation on this has already started. The project board is in place and chaired by non executive member, Robert Park and board members include those that are general practitioners.

The board would engage and receive feedback to meet different people's requirements - the majority of these would be held in Dulwich.

The board are also looking at a community engagement plan. Malcolm explained that any person involved in a voluntary, disabilities, or pensioner group they were encouraged to contact the representatives above.

Consultation:

The first stage of the consultation was to look at the clinical model, feedback on the outcome and reach an agreement on the clinical model to improve health services. This would include a new health facility in south of the borough that would have 21st century top quality care. The strategic planning document should be available in the summer.

The second stage of the consultation would involve the outcome of discussion on the clinical model, discuss the future of the Dulwich hospital site, and the best options for this. Formal consultation would be taken up in late 2012. This would form part of a 'business case' to the London Health Authority.

It was noted that an announcement and launch (drop in) event would take place on 8 February 2012 between 3 – 7pm at Dulwich Hospital. At the event people were encouraged to be part of the project board so it is fully representative and could help form the business case.

The Dulwich hospital site is currently owned by Southwark Primary Care Trust. Discussions are ongoing what would happen to the ownership of the site after 2013.

Robert explained that the board would look at the range of services in the Dulwich locality and what they could deliver. If the whole site is not used the remaining would be offered out to the public sector.

Malcolm mentioned that they would be looking at short term uses and they are willing to discuss with people what actually would be feasible and look at reasonable proposals as the NHS budget had significantly been reduced. A possibility is to retrench some of the services to reduce the overheads of the site.

Malcolm advised that a briefing document would be published shortly that would indicate areas where there is a need for improvement e.g. primary care and diagnostic services. The board were asked to recognise and consider the problems of the boundary because some Lambeth patients that use the Dulwich hospital site.

The officer took this on board.

11. PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

There were no public questions.

12. LOCAL PARKING AMENDMENTS

Executive Function

Members considered the report.

RESOLVED:

1. 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:
 - Colby Road – installation of a disabled persons (blue badge) parking bay.
 - Melbourne Grove – installation of a disabled persons (blue badge) parking bay.
 - Alleyn Park – installation of ‘at any time’ waiting restrictions.
 - Dulwich Wood Avenue – reduction of existing ‘at any time’ waiting restrictions (double yellow lines) at the junction with Dulwich Wood Park.
 - Stradella Road - removal of bay markings and installation of a single yellow line to provide access to No 12 by recently installed dropped kerb.

2. That Dulwich Community council requests for a report on the council's policy with regard to applications for crossovers in controlled parking zones.

13. COMMUNITY COUNCILS HIGHWAYS AND LIGHTING CAPITAL INVESTMENT

Executive Function

Members considered the report.

RESOLVED:

Village Ward:

1. That the 2012 – 2013 allocation together with the underspend brought forward be allocated to the schemes set out in the revised Appendix 2 with the exception of the third (101 – 115 Dulwich Village) and the tenth (Croxted Road 224 – Bus stop), and that the balance remaining (c. £10,000) be held back to deal with pothole repairs as necessary during the year.

East Dulwich Ward:

2. That maintenance works continue on North Cross Road until the next financial year.

College Ward:

3. That the capital highways investment be prioritised for the next two years in Seeley Drive and Colby Road.

The meeting ended at 10.25 pm.

CHAIR:

DATED: