



CAMBERWELL COMMUNITY COUNCIL

MINUTES of the Camberwell Community Council held on Tuesday 6 March 2012 at 7.00 pm at Brandon 3 Retired Citizens Club, 1 Grimsal Path, Warham Street, London SE5 0TB

PRESENT: Councillor Norma Gibbes (Chair)
Councillor Dora Dixon-Fyle (Vice-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

OFFICER SUPPORT: Des Waters, Head of Public Realm
Paul Cowell, Events Manager
John Kissi, Flood Risk Asset Officer
Kate Johnson, Planning Policy Officer
Abdi Mohamed Ibrahim, Neighbourhood Coordinator
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 Mark Williams and Ian Wingfield.

3. DISCLOSURE OF MEMBERS' INTERESTS AND DISPENSATIONS

There were none.

4. ITEMS OF BUSINESS THAT THE CHAIR DEEMS URGENT

There were none.

5. MINUTES

RESOLVED:

That the minutes of the meeting held on the 10 January 2012 be approved as a correct record and signed by the chair.

6. DEPUTATIONS/PETITIONS (IF ANY)

RESOLVED:

That the deputation request from Save Camberwell Orchard Campaign be heard.

The deputation spokesperson, Donnachadh McCarthy, a representative of the Save Camberwell Orchard Campaign addressed the meeting. He said the purpose of the deputation was to highlight their campaign about protecting Camberwell Green Community Orchard.

Donnachadh explained that they sought funding for the orchard in the early 1980's and 1990's so it remained a community green space. Concern was expressed about the new Camberwell Library being built there as recent consultation on the library proposals did not indicate where the preferred location would be.

The Camberwell area had the highest need for local open space particularly with the increased density of the community area, it was very deprived of open space.

Donnachadh also mentioned that the new library could be integrated with major regeneration projects or the Camberwell Leisure Centre. That could save the council a lot of money if it could be done that way. He requested that the Camberwell community council ask officers to undertake a feasibility study with costings, and to feedback details to the community council.

In response to the questions, Councillor Veronica Ward explained that no decision had been made on where library would be. She said it was important to stress that Camberwell was desperately in need of a library service in the middle of Camberwell as the present one in this modern age was totally unacceptable.

Councillor Peter John responded to a question regarding a S106 agreement that involved a free library would be built - he stated that any regeneration scheme would have a cost that might involve some improvements to an area that could also include affordable housing. Possible options and locations for the library would be looked at however it was important to note that things do move forward on this issue.

The chair thanked the representative for the deputation and took on board the comments that were made at the meeting.

7. COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS AND PRESENTATIONS

Community announcements:

The chair announced that Camberwell Library would be considered at a later meeting. Camberwell Consolidated Charities and the Cleaner Greener Safer Revenue Fund would be presented at the next community council in April 2012.

Bowel Cancer – a spokesperson for the organisation explained that Bowel Cancer UK consists of a small network of local people that have raised awareness of Bowel Cancer in the UK and want to urge more people to do this. Further information and handouts were provided at the meeting which included what signs and symptoms to look for, like bleeding when going to the toilet and pains in the stomach.

The risk factors are for people over 50 or those that have a family history of the illness. The representative said the simple steps would be taking a bowel sample that could be tested by the screening centre. The spokesperson was also available at the break to respond to questions.

For information please refer to the website www.bowelcanceruk.org.uk

8. COMMUNITY SAFETY UPDATES FROM THE SAFER NEIGHBOURHOOD TEAMS

PC Joe Meares based at Brunswick and South Camberwell safer neighbourhoods team reported on the ward priorities which arose out of the police ward panel meetings in the Camberwell Community Council area:

Brunswick Park ward priorities

- Motor vehicle crime – South side of Peckham Road, the team were leaflet dropping in the area to raise awareness and not to leave valuables on show.
- Neighbourhood watch scheme has been set up in Shenley Road/Bushey Hill Road, SE5 – to put together intelligence gathering in these areas to help target known individuals that had committed offences.
- Burglary awareness – people were encouraged to jot down the serial numbers for items like iPads, televisions or any other electrical items in case they are stolen it would make it easier to locate when goods are recovered.
- Routine visits to known burglars to gather intelligence so the police know their whereabouts at all times of the day.
- Anti social behaviour (ASB) on the Estates – a number of reported calls referred to people that were gathering in the stairwells. As a result of regular patrols in the area this has now been reduced.

- Stop and Search continues to take place in the local area.

South Camberwell ward priorities

- One residential burglary that was captured on CCTV – the person in question had been arrested. People were encouraged to report any offences especially if residents had their own CCTVs.
- Youth engagement on the East Dulwich Estate, Albrighton Youth Club on Tuesdays and Thursdays, and a PCSO would be present at these sessions if there were any issues that needed to be discussed with them. The SNT are trying a different approach for youths to gain their trust.
- ASB on the Denmark Hill Estate – three families were not getting on, have caused problems on the estate mainly related to disorder offences. The SNT would monitor any repercussions as a result of an arrest of one family member.
- The theft of push bikes was on the increase, some of the stolen bikes are very expensive (£2,000 value) and were known to be advertised on 'Gum Tree' auction website.

Camberwell Green ward priorities

- Street drinking – the SNT recently seized alcohol from 21 people and have continued to work closely with the community wardens on this. If street drinkers refuse to hand over the liquor then they would receive a £30 penalty fine.
- Anti social behaviour (ASB) on Poet's Estate which involved tenancy enforcement.
- Dealing with irresponsible shopkeepers, two arrests were made for drug offences and one (drug related) stabbing.
- ASB on the Crawford Estate – working with SNT in Lambeth which involved a combined operation to deal with gangs on the estate. Also officers undertook a weapons sweep on the estate which included several arrests for possession of drugs.

Staff Changes:

PC Joe Meares reported that as of the 2 April 2012 he would be moving on as an Inspector at Greenwich Police and Sergeant Leighton would be moving to Lambeth Police as an Inspector.

In response to questions, PC Meares spoke about the training times for community wardens which he agreed to check. Hate crime is dealt with by the community safety unit who are also responsible for domestic violence. In order to tackle robbery and muggings in the area, there would be uniform support of the police as well as those in unmarked cars. They also help with the local neighbourhood watch schemes and briefings.

The chair thanked PC Joe Meares for his presentation and wished him all the best for the future.

9. MAIN THEME: CAMBERWELL AND THE OLYMPICS - PART I

This item was introduced by Councillor Veronica Ward, cabinet member for culture, leisure, sport and the Olympics who said that Southwark residents were involved in the Olympics and local events, e.g. 200th year anniversary of Charles Dickens so there would be lots of visitors. Also the capital legacy fund would help provide new sport facilities to help promote health, fitness and wellbeing that are linked with the cultural experiences that are available in the borough.

Paul Cowell, Events Manager outlined Southwark's vision for the Olympics, stating that it would be the largest event in the world where there should be opportunities to promote health and wellbeing and enable young people to attend the games in the borough.

Paul said the Southwark Olympic Delivery Board which consisted of local stakeholders and duties of the sub planning group which had been set up to ensure Southwark supported this inspiring, safe and inclusive games.

The different work streams included: employment, transport, operations, health, capital legacy fund, sport, accreditation and volunteering.

Andrew from the Youth Service in Children's Services outlined that Schools had signed up to "the Get set" network to enable them to apply for free Olympic tickets. Sport events have been organised to encourage young people to volunteer and to become sports leaders. There were also a wide variety of cultural and arts events and projects for young people to take up sport or any other activities so they remain active. The cultural institutions for some of these activities include: The Globe, Tate Modern and Dulwich Picture Gallery.

Andrew mentioned that volunteering amongst young people was being encouraged by signposting them on so they receive accreditation. The AQA (Assessment and Qualifications Alliance) for young people includes the Duke of Edinburgh award. Such accreditation for young people could be used as transferable skills and work experience when they were looking for jobs. A representative from the Youth Community Council suggested Andrew attend a meeting of the YCC to present these ideas to them.

Key Dates

Torch relay – 21 July 2012 arrives in London
Olympics opening ceremony – 27 July 2012
Olympics closing ceremony – 12 August 2012
Paralympics opening ceremony – 29 August 2012
Paralympics closing ceremony – 9 September 2012

Des Waters, Head of Public Realm explained the impact the Games would have on services and public transport: journeys to and from work (commute), business travel and deliveries to local businesses. The key locations are Canada Water and London Bridge Station – with busier times being during the day. None of the roads in Southwark would be

affected although there is likely to be some displacement for some users that might decide to come into Southwark. The likelihood is that roads in the north part of the borough are going to be affected by other events so the decision would be to close those roads.

Des reported that no planned road works with the exception of emergency road works would be permitted. Between the 5 - 12 August 2012, there could be minor changes to the traffic signals in the area. The council has asked road network organisations not to carry out any road works during this time.

In response to questions the following details were noted:

- There would be delays at London Bridge railway station people were advised to take alternative routes and avoid travelling between 5pm – 7pm in the evening.

Des agreed to provide Cllr Stephen Govier with a written answer on the transport/travel arrangements as soon it becomes available.

- Those that do not have access to the internet should listen to the local radio; look out for information on leaflets and posters.
- During the Games there is to be improved accessibility, better signage and sign posting for people with disabilities.
- Barclays cycle hire - distribution would be extended to the Olympic Park.
- Camberwell Baths – no changing facilities for wheelchair users – Cllr Veronica Ward agreed to take this matter and provide a written response at the next meeting.
- Young people participation – leaflets would be printed and distributed to encourage their participation.
- A brochure would be published just before the Diamond Jubilee listing information on Southwark Experience, cultural activities events at the Globe Theatre, Peckham, Tate Modern, Thames Festival, London 2012 Festival and other indoor and outdoor events around the borough.
- Volunteering fairs are being organised for local groups.
- Health Factor Challenge which was delivered in 2011 involved providing nutritional advice and raising awareness about health and wellbeing across the borough – cycling and walking.
- Capital legacy – led by the Leader of the Council to help increase participation in sport; groups and organisations could bid for money. Ten projects in Camberwell area were identified and had received funding.
- Lists of projects included the upgrading and refurbishment of Bethwin Sports MUGA gym, new BMX track in Burgess Park and the Camberwell Leisure Centre.

The chair thanked Des Waters and his team for their presentations and the hard work they

have done on this.

10. PRELIMINARY FLOOD RISK ASSESSMENT

John Kissi from the Flood Risk Asset Team spoke about the flood risk assessment and surface water management plan.

Summary of the presentation

The Camberwell area is more susceptible for surface water flooding which could affect sewerage capacity. Therefore the council was undertaking a detailed investigation, in order to reduce the likelihood of flooding.

The council worked closely with the Environment Agency and were looking at ways to seek funding from other agencies so as to reduce the impact of flooding.

Flooding occurs when large amounts of water accumulate on previously dry land.

Historical Flooding

- Widespread flooding in 2004, also affected Southwark
- Put flooding on the national agenda
- Summer of 2007, Yorkshire, Gloucestershire and others
- Total cost of £3.2 billion
- Average cost, businesses £75,000 to £112,000
- Average cost, households £23,000 to £30,000

Future flooding could get worse

- Climate change
- Wetter winters
- More intense rainfall
- Rising water table (winter)
- Increased interaction between flooding sources
- Increased likelihood of flooding
- London clay; little infiltration, more run off

Response – legislation

- EU Flood Directive (2007/60/EC) (Pitt Review, Flood Risk Regulations 2009)
- Flood and Water Management Act 2010

Action – what the council has done

- Preliminary Flood Risk Assessment
 - Significant flood risk
 - Critical drainage areas
 - Consequences of past and future flooding
- Surface Water Management Plan
 - Flooding - sources and mechanisms
 - Investment – reduce likelihood of flooding
 - Community engagement – reduce impact

Actions - what can you do?

- Individual flood plan – information available on the environment agency website <http://publications.environment-agency.gov.uk/>
- Water conservation
- Rain water harvesting
- Community Flood Plans: flood wardens or flood champions - the officer present asked for volunteers from the community council area

Next steps

- Submit ideas to EA for funding
- Initiate detailed consultation
- Obtain local knowledge
- Develop and implement

For more information on Flood Risk Management in Southwark contact John Kissi, Flood Risk Manager, john.kissi@southwark.gov.uk or telephone number 020 7525 2

11. CAMBERWELL AND THE OLYMPICS - PART II

The item on the Olympics was taken in the earlier part of the meeting.

12. OPEN SPACES STRATEGY CONSULTATION

Kate Johnson, Planning Policy Officer, presented the Open Space Strategy and highlighted the following:

- The open space strategy sets out a framework for open space provision in the borough.
- The open space strategy replaces work previously undertaken in 2003 and updates the work carried out in 2010.
- The document would make up an important part of the evidence base needed in the preparation of planning policy documents.
- Public consultation on the draft strategy is to run until 24 April 2012.
- The council plan to adopt the final strategy in September 2012.

Site audit

As part of the preparation of the strategy, a site audit of all existing open spaces had taken place in the area. The audit had found that open space is generally of high quality.

- Many spaces hold cultural events – strong focus for local communities.
- Perform a varied range of functions.
- Spaces are generally well utilised with a good range of facilities.

Accessibility

- Small sections of Nunhead and North Dulwich were deficient in access to parks (all types).
- Camberwell sub area lack larger open space and natural green space and deficient in access to parks.

As part of the consultation process workshops were scheduled take place at Tooley Street offices on 17 March 2012 and on 22 March 2012 at Peckham Library.

Residents should contact the planning policy team on 0207 525 5471.

13. PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

There were no public questions.

14. CLEANER GREENER, SAFER (CGS) CAPITAL FUNDING ALLOCATION 2012 - 2013

Executive Function

RESOLVED:

That the following Cleaner Greener, Safer (CGS) schemes be allocated capital funding for 2012 – 2013:

Reference	Proposal Name	Award	Notes
CGS115583	Path resurfacing at 72 Grove Lane	£7,800	
CGS120288	Victorian landscaping, Brunswick Park	£6,500	
CGS120044	Voltaire Communal Garden, Fenced off green space to rear of 7-10 Voltaire House, Sceaux Gardens Estate, Camberwell, SE5 7DD. (Peckham Road side)	£30,000	
CGS118962	Cleaner Greener Wells Way Corner	£15,800	
CGS120448	Mary Boast Walk	£5,000	Feasibility study
CGS120446	New street lights in Artichoke Place	£3,900	Preference for Victorian and traditional character lanterns, in keeping with the area
118938	Social/Light/Safe	£36,000	Award for lighting elements of proposal & cleaning or replacing existing lights

118927	Camberwell Green park area improvement - Elmington Estate areas	£9,800	New table tennis table and resurfacing around existing at Camberwell Green
118924	Goschen play area	£25,000	£5k feasibility & £20k seed funding
CGS116823	Public footpath railings for new school entrance.	£2,600	GRANT
CGS119909	Garden Street Planters on Grosvenor Estate	£28,800	
CGS120209	VIVE! (Vibrancy, Independence and Vitality in Elders) Growers - a food growing and gardening project at Southwark Pensioners Centre (SPC)	£6,500	
CGS120302	Camberwell Green Open Air Art Gallery	£6,500	Award not grant. Size and locations to be agreed. Not A0. Each project stage to be signed off and approved by Camberwell Green Cllrs
CGS120082	Clubland Urban Garden Project in Camberwell	£15,120	
118940	Brighter lighter the safer	£23,800	2 new columns and repairs to existing lighting and damaged cabling
120762	Ballcourt Denmark Hill Estate, SE5	£10,000	Feasibility study. Estate to apply for implementation funding 2013/14
120033	Fence to Communal Garden 121-117 Dylways and 4 flats above	£1,950	
CGS115582	Additional bike lockers around East Dulwich station	£7,150	Bike lockers to be within South Camberwell ward boundaries
CGS118275	Security lighting and secure donation boxes	£7,800	GRANT
CGS118415	Greener, brighter gardens at Dog Kennel Hill Adventure Playground	£9,749	PART GRANT (gardening), PART AWARD (lighting)
TOTAL		£259,769	

The meeting ended at 9.50 pm.

CHAIR:

DATED: