



CAMBERWELL COMMUNITY COUNCIL

MINUTES of the Camberwell Community Council held on Wednesday 25 April 2012 at 7.00 pm at Lettsom Tenants Hall, 114 Vestry Road, London SE5 8PQ

PRESENT: Councillor Norma Gibbes (Chair)
Councillor Dora Dixon-Fyle (Vice-Chair)
Councillor Kevin Ahern
Councillor Stephen Govier
Councillor the Right Revd Emmanuel Oyewole
Councillor Veronica Ward
Councillor Mark Williams

OFFICER SUPPORT: Tim Walker, (Senior Engineer), Public Realm
Rebecca Scott, (Programme Director) NHS Southwark (PCT)
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 were received from Councillors Peter John 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 6 March 2012 be approved as a correct

record and signed by the chair.

6. COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

The following announcements were made at the meeting:

Camberwell community council fund for 2012 – 2013

The chair announced that information and application forms on the community council fund were available at the meeting. Camberwell community council has £17,439.74 to support activities run by local groups.

This year's bids should be inspired by the London 2012 Olympic and Paralympics Games' values. Groups were asked to indicate this in their application.

The community council fund would fund projects that benefit people that live in the Camberwell community council area. This should include one-off events such as fun days and festivals, workshops or activities involving members of the local community.

Local groups could apply for £100 up to £1,000 and only one application per community council area should be submitted. The closing date for applications would be Friday, 25 May 2012 at 5pm. Any late or partially filled applications would not be considered.

For more information visit the website at www.southwark.gov.uk or contact Grace Semakula on 0207 525 4928, or email grace.semakula@southwark.gov.uk

Changes to the community council areas

The chair made an announcement about the proposed changes and merger of some community council areas which were noted on pages 15 to 16 of the agenda pack. Dulwich and Camberwell community councils were unaffected by the changes.

Poppy Appeal – British Legion

Alice Fisher, community fundraiser from the British Legion spoke about looking for volunteers to assist in selling poppies this autumn. She urged people to offer any spare time to help distribute poppies in local schools, churches and community organisations in the area. Alice agreed to attend another Camberwell community council meeting later this year.

For more information contact Alice Fisher, community fundraiser on 0207 863 3347 or visit www.britishlegion.org.uk

Camberwell Consolidated Charities

Dawn Martin, trustee of the Camberwell Consolidated Charities and a member of the charity's Benefits Committee. Dawn stated that she had been a trustee of the charity for more than 10 years.

The Camberwell Consolidated Charities were established in 1917 to provide extra financial

assistance to the elderly living in the historical parish of Camberwell (which includes Dulwich and Peckham). The aim of the charity was to alleviate poverty and hardship for pensioners in the local area. Small grants of £30 are paid per annum to beneficiaries if they are aged 65 years or older, have lived in the area of benefit Camberwell, Dulwich and Peckham for at least two years or if their income is at or marginally above the amount of the state minimum pension. The gifts are paid twice a year in June and December and are normally paid automatically for life if they remain in this area, although the amount paid might not always be the same.

The level of payment could vary because last December payments of £280 were paid to single beneficiaries and £420 to couples.

Application forms were available at the meeting and people were advised to submit their forms as soon as possible. The closing date would be at the end of May 2012. Any payments granted would not affect those that are in receipt of benefits.

For more information contact the Clerk to the Trustees, Camberwell Consolidated Charities, (Level 2, Hub 5) P.O. Box 64529, London SE1P 5LX on 0207 525 7511

Camberwell Business Network

Mark Dodd spoke on behalf of the Camberwell Business Network of SE5 Forum which was set up for the improvement of Camberwell so the community could connect with each other, local businesses and the council to help improve the environment and trading in Camberwell. It would highlight events and any concerns that were raised so they could be passed on to the relevant organisations.

The Camberwell Business Network was involved in the consultation launch of the Camberwell Town Centre and the business survey concerning the lack of and problems with parking in the area. There were two e-petitions running concurrently live on the council's website that highlighted these matters.

For more information visit the website www.se5forum.org

Apprenticeship recruitment

The council has worked with their partners to provide apprenticeship opportunities to people in the area so they could fully develop their potential.

Over 160 people from different backgrounds and age groups have joined the apprenticeship scheme. Every year people are offered a wide variety of placements to give them an opportunity to achieve their career ambitions.

For more information visit the Southwark website www.southwark.gov.uk

Health Services in the Dulwich Area

Rebecca Scott from NHS Southwark, referred to the presentation on developing health and care services in Dulwich at the community council meeting on 24 January 2012. Following this meeting an engagement document was produced and copies were available at the meeting to highlight issues on the following:

- The current health services for the people of Dulwich.
- A summary of health status and needs of the local population.
- Building on the work that has already been completed – a recent consultation exercise people in the area supported the idea of more integrated services in the community, with enhanced primary and community services.
- What are the ideas? Services in general practice, services in support of primary care and for people at home etc.

Rebecca explained there was now a three-month engagement exercise asking residents about the future of health services in the Dulwich area which would end in May 2012 and people were encouraged to complete the survey so their views could be heard. Officers would also be visiting local groups in the area.

For further information, contact the communications and engagement team on 020 7525 7888 or southwark.communication@southwarkpct.nhs.uk

The report is available on the website at www.southwarkpct.nhs.uk

7. DEPUTATIONS/PETITIONS

RESOLVED:

That the deputation request from a group of residents from Shenley and Linnell Roads be heard.

Gavin Hales spokesperson for the deputation outlined that he represented 14 households in Shenley Road and a minority of residents in Linnell Road. He said when Lucas Gardens CPZ was first introduced on 16 January 2012, those outside the zone were not consulted and the displacement of parking was not foreseen. He stated that at least two thirds of parking in the area had been displaced which had caused problems for families (outside the zone) being unable to park outside their homes and had made other roads in close proximity (no CPZs) congested and dangerous.

The spokesperson provided a list of recommendations that were summarised in the deputation report. Camberwell community council agreed to a motion based on those recommendations:

RESOLVED:

1. That the Camberwell Community Council formally requests that Southwark Council consult residents on streets outside of the LGCPZ not presently covered by parking controls on options to manage on-street parking pressures, including a new/extended CPZ.

A proposed list of streets to be consulted on as set out below:

- The southern (non-CPZ) section of Vestry Road
- McNeil Road
- Lyndhurst Grove (to the point at which CPZ Zone B starts)
- Azenby Road
- Linnell Road
- Oswyth Road
- Gairloch Road
- Shenley Road
- Cross Road
- Crofton Road
- Bushey Hill Road
- Talfourd Road
- Talfourd Place
- Denman Road

2. That the Camberwell Community Council formally requests that Southwark Council urgently review the implementation and operation of the LGCPZ with a view to moderating its impact on surrounding streets while still effectively managing parking pressures inside the LGCPZ area. Non-exhaustive lists of suggestions of potential changes are set out below:

- Consider whether/how the uptake of parking permits by residents inside the LGCPZ can be raised further to minimise the displacement of residential parking.
- Reduce the hours of operation of the LGCPZ to more evenly distribute parking pressures across the wider area while continuing to deter all-day commuter parking from the LGCPZ area.
- Remove the eastern (Lucas Gardens) side of Vestry Road (north of the junction with Linnell Road) from the LGCPZ.
- Convert parking bays inside the LGCPZ not currently fronted by residential addresses from 'permit holders only'.

Following the meeting, Officers agreed to discuss options with the relevant Cabinet Member who would then consider available budgets and what projects are feasible.

8. PARKING ISSUES IN CAMBERWELL

Tim Walker Senior Engineer from Public Realm presented the item and provided background information and history into parking and its legislation:

"The King's Highway", said Chief Justice Ellenborough in 1812, "is not to be used as a stable yard."

- 1847 Town Police Clauses Act - introduced to close roads to allow public events such as processions and street parties.

- 1967 Road Traffic Regulation Act

These Acts gave an explicit definition of places where people could or could not park hence the reason for the introduction of double yellow lines.

- 1991 – parking decriminalised so the government introduced traffic wardens to carry out enforcement to ensure people complied with the law.
- 2004 – Traffic Management Act – similar provisions to provide parking and, critically to ensure the movement of traffic.
- History of Southwark CPZs (controlled parking zones) 1974 – 1999 3 zones were introduced in the 1970s in the Bankside and Peckham areas to manage demand for parking where it had exceeded supply. Subsequently zones were introduced in the Walworth, Bermondsey and Herne Hill areas to manage demand prior to congestion charging. There are now 21 zones in Southwark.

What have the CPZs done for us?

- They are internationally recognised method to manage parking demand. Most major cities in the world have them.
- They were introduced to prioritise the limited kerbside parking space.
- To make it easier to find a space to park, reduce unnecessary commuter car trips and reduce the impact of parking.
- To improve the streetscape and enable other uses of the roads – not just for car parking purposes.

Why increase the number of CPZs?

- The main reason for the increase of CPZs over the past 30 years was down to an increasing number of cars on the roads, resulting in additional demand for parking.
- The amount of kerbside parking has not increased over that same period.
- Many of the restrictions on our roads are not down to CPZs but due to narrow roads, traffic lights, pedestrian crossings, bus and cycle lanes, and disabled parking etc. About one third of our roads are unsuitable for parking due to their geometry and other (non CPZ) restrictions.
- The figures shown on car ownership indicated the number of licensed private and light goods vehicles in the borough. It also had general statistics about the average number of cars on UK roads, another reason why restrictions are in place.

The presenting officer spoke about the various aspects of parking operations, covering the online ways to make representations if you were issued with a parking ticket (in error) and different methods of payment via different sources; smart phones and how to view parking tickets (PCNs or penalty charge notices) on the council's website.

During this segment members and the audience were given an opportunity to ask questions and express their views, most of which are highlighted below:

- Every zone that was introduced gets one to two hours a day. Graces Road had been a problem for years; the CPZ was actually working in Lucas Gardens.
- Local resident: It appears parts of South of the borough have no parking restrictions like, Alleyn and Dulwich Village, but in Camberwell you might get a £60 fine for parking in an area that has restrictions. The officer explained that CPZ distribution was due to the traffic congestion in more northerly and central areas that generally are not as prominent in southern parts of the borough. Officer stated that the cost of a parking ticket is not set by the council.
- Wells Way Residents Association representative: If the council decided to put certain roads in a parking zone that would cause displacement in neighbouring roads. The 8:30 am to 6:30 pm restrictions were not needed, more shared parking was needed but no one seemed to take note of their expressed views during the consultation process.
- Vestry Road resident: Vestry Road had been utterly disproportionate not all residents in the area have bought a parking permit and therefore would park in neighbouring non CPZ roads which caused further displacement to residents in these roads so commuter parking was not the main reason for the displacement.
- Dagmar Road resident: Any implementation of a CPZ in this locality has caused displacement parking in the area for years, which stemmed from the original consultation as the council did not consult residents outside the zone.
- Local resident: East Dulwich station; parts of street where she resides suffered from additional parking over the weekends. Officers should be aware of this issue and take this on board during any future consultation process.

It was noted that some residents were in support of CPZs that operate on weekends.

- Brunswick Park T& R association representative: Although we were consulted on the CPZ we felt the 8:30 am and 6:30pm time restrictions were unnecessary and costly for workmen to carry out repair work on homes particularly if they had to use parking vouchers which were not affective.
- South Camberwell resident: Cars usually get damaged because the council refused to provide designated parking bays. The officer's response was the council did not install individual parking bays as this was shown to be a less efficient use of kerb space due to the variety of different car lengths.
- Local resident: As good practice the ratio of permits to spaces within a parking zone should be 1.0 to 1.3 that would be an acceptable balance.
- Camberwell Youth Community Council: The pavements around Dog Kennel Hill -

Dulwich Hamlet Football Club; people literally have to walk on the road due to parked vehicles on pavements. The officer's response was that it would be an offence to park on a footway because of the danger element of this especially there were no road markings on the road itself. The officer said he would ask the traffic operations officer to visit the area in order to monitor the situation. He said people should phone the council to complain about the illegal parking.

- Complaints about parking contraventions can be reported on 0844 800 2736.
- SE5 Forum referred to the displacement of residents shopping in the Camberwell area and the review/cost of parking permits for independent businesses.

This was noted.

- Local resident: If a resident in a parking zone wanted to purchase a parking permit, how much would it cost? The officer advised there would be a £125 fee for an annual parking permit for residents that lived within the zone.
- There are some residents who have decided not to pay the fee; hence the reason people park in a displacement area. The permits should be free for residents within the zone. The officer advised that it would not be possible to run the parking service without money generated from parking permits. Any surplus on this ring fenced account would be used to run parking and road network management and maintenance of roads. A large percentage (50% income) is from parking tickets.
- A resident made reference to a local trader who had a loading bay and received a parking ticket whilst their vehicle was parked on the designated loading bay. The person appealed against the parking ticket which was denied. This type of penalisation is inappropriate and an abuse of power. The officer advised that tickets are cancelled if clear evidence had been given that they had not parked illegally.
- £125 parking permit fee which goes towards road maintenance seems to be expensive, the council are making a lot of profits on this. Could free weekend parking be considered for the future which was provided during the Christmas period? The officer confirmed the council were looking into this.
- Cllr Govier: The council's two minute 'waiting time' before a parking ticket is issued seems to be quite draconian in comparison to other boroughs, would there be any way the council could extend this to five minutes.

The chair thanked everyone for their contributions and mentioned that any questions that were not answered at the meeting would be provided at a future community council.

Action: All points and questions would be sent to the appropriate officer and cabinet member for Transport, Environment and Recycling.

9. PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

The following public questions were submitted:

Question 1 –

Daneville Road wheelie bins: At the community council meeting on 6 March 2012, I filled out a public question form about wheelie bins at the Coldharbour Lane end of Daneville Road, this matter has not been dealt with. In addition to the piles of rubbish, these bins are blocking the pavement which means people have to step into the road near the traffic lights to get past. This part of Daneville Road serves buses and other vehicles going across Denmark Hill to go towards Brixton. Please could this be dealt with urgently? This has been a nuisance since last year and other people have complained with no response from the council.

Question 2 –

Daneville Road wheelie bins near the corner of Denmark Hill, is brimming over the street with rubbish. Last year, I visited the Tooley Street offices and complained about this and at the last community council meeting I reported it to Veolia representatives. (Qs submitted by a resident at Allendale Close, London SE5 8SG).

Question 3 –

It is not so much a question but a problem that I would like to highlight in that frustration between residents in the adjoining areas to the **Vestry Road CPZ** is now placing wheelie bins to save places to park outside their homes. This has caused friction and arguments between residents and myself, I have been verbally abused and threatened with violence in front of my two children which was very distressing as the perpetrator was a close neighbour who lives only a few doors away. I have witnessed many arguments since and would like to stress that this matter needs to be resolved quickly to avoid any further conflict.

Also, if a CPZ is enforced within the surrounding area, will there be a reduced fee in parking permits for those who are on a low income?

The following information was noted:

Camberwell community council recommended several years ago that the council should approach the Tree Council to discuss a partnership with its national tree warden scheme that would attract local community volunteers as tree wardens. Tree lovers throughout the borough welcomed the appointment of Gary Meadowcroft as Southwark's new Arboriculture Manager. He ran a tree warden network and knew first hand the benefits of the community engagement and the value of expert volunteers.

The Tree Council met with Gary formally and is looking forward to working with him as part of Londoners Love Trees. A tree warden network had been set up in Southwark, where 17 prospective volunteers are already signed up and many have had their induction into the scheme. Three hundred and thirty tree wardens were recruited across London with pan-London and borough based activities are planned.

Southwark's tree would have new champions, residents would have more, better cared for trees and Gary has an expanded pool of expertise on which he could call for support.

For more information visit the website www.treecouncil.org.uk

10. CLEANER GREENER SAFER REVENUE FUND

Executive Function

Members considered information in the report.

RESOLVED:

1. That the proposed schemes set out in the report be agreed following receipt of the final costings for each individual scheme, which is to be determined at a later community council meeting.
2. That the following corrections be made:
 - Scheme 1 – Entry phone system should read: All wards that were agreed by a range of people.
 - Scheme 4 should say: Wells Way Triangle Residents Association.

11. LOCAL PARKING AMENDMENTS

Executive Function

Members considered information in the report.

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:

- Abbotswood Road – not to install ‘at any time’ waiting restrictions.
- Grove Park – the installation ‘at any time’ waiting restrictions.

12. EXCLUSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC

RESOLVED:

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.

13. LEA SCHOOL GOVERNOR APPOINTMENTS

Executive Function

Members considered information in the report.

RESOLVED:

That Mr Jacob Ayetor be appointed as school governor to Bessemer Grange Primary School.

The meeting ended at 9.10 pm.

CHAIR:

DATED: