



## **DULWICH COMMUNITY COUNCIL**

MINUTES of the Dulwich Community Council held on Tuesday 26 June 2012 at 7.00 pm at Herne Hill Baptist Church, Half Moon Lane, London SE24 9HU

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

**OFFICER  
SUPPORT:** Robin Campbell, Head of Communications  
Paul Cowell, Events, Film and 2012 Manager  
Matt Hill, Public Realm Programme Manager  
Barbara-Ann Overwater, Senior Planning Policy Officer  
Rachael Roe, Arts Manager  
Fitzroy Lewis, Community Councils Development Officer  
Tim Murtagh, Constitutional Officer

### **1. INTRODUCTION AND WELCOME**

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

### **2. VICE CHAIR APPOINTMENT**

#### **RESOLVED:**

That Councillor Michael Mitchell be appointed as Vice Chair of Dulwich Community Council, for the municipal year 2012-2013.

### 3. APOLOGIES

There were apologies for absence from Councillor James Barber.

### 4. ITEMS OF BUSINESS THAT THE CHAIR DEEMS URGENT

The chair advised that there was an urgent item, regarding a Cleaner Greener Safer funding reallocation contained in Supplemental Agenda No.1, which had been circulated. The decision was required urgently as local residents were suffering from anti-social behaviour. The Cleaner Greener Safer award was needed to carry out some preventative measures.

### 5. DISCLOSURE OF MEMBERS' INTERESTS AND DISPENSATIONS

A member made the following declarations regarding agenda items:

#### 13. Public Question Time

Councillor Andy Simmons declared a personal interest in an item discussed under Item 13, Public Question Time, as he had a contract with the South London and Maudsley Trust.

#### 14. Community Council Fund 2012/13

Councillor Andy Simmons, declared a personal interest in item 14, as one of the Community Fund applications related to local school children cooking. He had a child who may benefit from such a project.

### 6. MINUTES

#### RESOLVED:

1. That the minutes of the meeting held on 17 April 2012 be agreed as an accurate record and signed by the chair, subject to the following changes:

Page 3 – Upper Norwood Library:

Lambeth Council had reduced its funding, (not withdrawn their funding).

Page 9 – The Future of Kingswood House:

...building as a Steiner school, (not a stylus school).

2. That the minutes of the planning meeting held on 10 May 2012 be agreed as an accurate record and signed by the chair, subject to the following changes:

Page 1 – Apologies:

That Councillor Robin Crookshank Hilton's apologies be noted, as those were given but not recorded.

Page 2 – Disclosure of Members' Interests and Dispensations:

...close associates of a resident that objected (not, of the resident that

objected).

## **7. DEPUTATIONS/PETITIONS (IF ANY)**

There were none.

The chair said there had been a late deputation request regarding Red Post Hill but the issues would be covered under item 11, later in the agenda.

## **8. DULWICH COMMUNITY COUNCIL - THE YEAR AHEAD**

The chair asked for ideas and feedback from all in attendance on venues and suggested items for future meetings of the Dulwich Community Council.

Among views expressed for venues were:

- venues close to public transport links
- The Baptist Church and also St. Peter's Church hall both on Lordship Lane
- Local schools and sports clubs were suggested as new venues
- St Faith's Church, Red Post Hill was recommended as being very accessible

Among views expressed for issues were:

- school places
- decent homes funding update
- Licensing in Herne Hill / late night economy
- Dulwich community hospital
- Co-operation between Southwark and Lambeth on road safety strategy

## **9. COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS**

### **Herne Hill Velodrome (HHV)**

Hillary Peachey, chair of the trustees, explained that the HHV was a fully functional cycle track that was used by lots of different groups including schools and outreach programmes. Phase 1 which saved the 1948 Olympic velodrome had been completed. British Cycling had invested £500,000 to resurface the track. Phase 2 was underway with the aim of increasing usage by various groups and schools. A feasibility study had shown that a kids' inner track would encourage children as young as 4 years to use the HHV. A multi-sports area would encourage sports days and events to take place. A family path would make the area more of a community space for local people to come and enjoy. New lighting was also being considered. Phase 3 would focus on the derelict pavilion in the near future. In order to bring plans to fruition the Friends of HHV were looking to recruit new members and help to raise £50,000. Membership forms were available.

### **Herne Hill Society (HHS)**

John Brunton explained that the HHS was a local amenity group in SE24 which covered parts of Southwark and Lambeth. One of the current issues is the local late night economy and some problems flowing from that. The HHS had done some work in the past that largely resolved similar matters but these had recently returned. The HHS has spent time with residents getting evidence of how people's lives had been blighted and that would be

passed to the council soon. Work was also being done with Lambeth on the widening of the Brockwell passage.

### **Herne Hill Forum (HHF)**

Giles Gibson explained that the HHF was a local community group run by residents and traders. There were local meetings and drop-in sessions at various locations on matters including traffic calming measures. HHF had also been working with schools to discuss the shortage of school places in the area. HHF had set up a company which will run the space outside the station including shop front licences, outdoor planting and a Sunday market. Music, film shows and various activities would be coming to that space. Contact [info@hernehillforum.org.uk](mailto:info@hernehillforum.org.uk)

### **Council Assembly, 4 July 2012**

The chair said that Dulwich Community Council would be submitting the following question to Council Assembly in July:

*Can the Cabinet Member for Community Safety give us an update on what is being done to address the late night economy problems in Herne Hill?*

Members unanimously supported tabling that as the community council question.

The chair announced that the Police Safer Neighbourhoods Team was in attendance for those with any particular community safety issues to discuss during the break.

### **Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) consultation**

Barbara-Ann Overwater, Senior Planning Policy Officer, introduced the new CIL that councils could bring forward to charge on new developments in the borough. The money collected could fund new strategic infrastructure that the council and residents wanted. It would replace the section 106 planning obligations toolkit. The council had been working on a draft CIL charging schedule which would go to Cabinet in July ahead of public consultation. There would be a lengthy consultation between July and October. Further information was available on the Southwark website.

### **Black History Month**

Fitzroy Lewis, Community Councils Development Officer, announced that the annual grants programme was open for applicants to submit event or project proposals, ahead of Black History Month in October. The closing date was 6 July 2012.

Further information available: [www.southwark.gov.uk/blackhistorymonth](http://www.southwark.gov.uk/blackhistorymonth)

Additionally organisers were looking for partnerships to deliver events and were hopeful of contributions from a cross-section of the community.

The chair announced that the Herne Hill Music Festival would be taking place from 12 – 20 October 2012.

Christ Church on Barry Road would be holding a Taste of America Day on 7 July 2012.

## **10. BARBARA HEPWORTH STATUE - REPLACEMENT UPDATE**

Rachael Roe, Arts Manager, explained that following the theft of the Barbara Hepworth statue from Southwark Park there was a substantial insurance payout and a replacement work of art would be installed. Consultation was taking place on the procurement process including several community meetings and a steering group had been formed. A

questionnaire was available online for residents to state preferred options and input their ideas. The options included approaching artists directly or placing adverts in the local trade press, followed by a short-listing of designs. Alternatively a work already created could be purchased. The consultation on procurement would run until 30 June 2012. Following that there would be further consultation on designs. The new work would not be made of a valuable metal and there would be measures in place to protect the work. Contact [parks@southwark.gov.uk](mailto:parks@southwark.gov.uk)

In response to an idea of an art sculpture space with different pieces scheduled over a period, Rachael said that idea had been considered but it was rejected due to the ongoing rolling administrative revenue costs involved. Also, as yet there was no set agreed location.

Trevor Moore, chair of Dulwich Park Friends, said that whoever was approached should not price their work with the budget in mind. There was a level of kudos attached to the replacement of a piece of work by a great artist.

Sergeant Turnbull said that the investigation into the theft of the Hepworth statue was ongoing and there were lines of enquiry being explored.

#### **11. RED POST HILL - REVIEW OF IMPLEMENTATION OF THE TRAFFIC CALMING MEASURES**

Matt Hill, Public Realm Programme Manager, outlined that Red Post Hill used to have speed cushions but these were unpopular with residents so were replaced with traffic islands. The islands helped slow traffic by narrowing and making it easier for people to cross the road. Local buses have had some problems manoeuvring around parked cars. The proposal was to tweak the middle islands to make the carriageway slightly wider. That would probably be implemented during the school summer holidays.

There were various views expressed both for and against existing and planned measures on Red Post Hill. One driver complained that he banged his head when driving over the humps at low speed. Matt said that the council no longer use that style of hump for new schemes and gentler alternative humps were available where required. The measures were in place due to previous accidents and the proximity to schools.

The chair summarised that there was a trade off between humps / safety and available space to drive and park. The new scheme would be monitored and developments reported back to the community.

Matt said he would look into whether the weight restrictions were still in place for the bridge and also into the statistics for accidents on Red Post Hill that had led to the measures being installed.

Contact [Matthew.Hill@southwark.gov.uk](mailto:Matthew.Hill@southwark.gov.uk) or Tel. 020 7525 3541

#### **12. SOUTH OF THE BOROUGH EVENT**

Robin Campbell, Head of Communications, outlined the progress on putting together a South of the borough event. In 2011 the council had made an overall cut to its events

programme of around 25%. That meant that several festivals had lost all of their council funding. However, events were considered important for community cohesion so it was proposed that there would be three major events delivered by the council each year. One of these being the South of the borough event. The event would continue to celebrate diversity and allow for input from new groups whilst building on previous partnerships. Lots of ideas had been put forward by various groups and the challenge was to turn those into an event. The overall budget was £54,000 for the marketing and structuring of the event. The consultation had been running since January 2012 with lots of local meetings held and online surveys completed. A steering group of 10-15 people had been set up to shape the programme.

The proposal was to showcase the best talents and creativity in the local community. There would be three pop up stages/platforms, one in each ward. The steering group suggested days that focus around three national events, for example: Halloween, Christmas and St. George's Day. The plan was to engage local performers and provide a market place for local artisans and traders. Locations and timings were yet to be fixed by the steering group. The plans would be co-ordinated, managed and supported by Southwark's communications team.

A community arts showcase would also be delivered which would be an extensive programme of inclusive arts workshops. It would be led by local artists and bring together different generations, areas and businesses together. The culmination would be a live outdoor showcase event. There could, for example, be a parade down Lordship Lane and an outdoor exhibition. The event would be appropriate to the agreed venue.

In response to questions, Robin said the events would probably be on a weekend and could be either one or two days depending on what the steering group suggested. The showcase event would potentially be in May.

Members emphasised that the Halloween event arrangements should include close working with the Police and community wardens to avoid potential problems at that time of year.

The chair summarised that there was broad agreement that the plans were moving in the right direction.

### **13. PUBLIC QUESTION TIME**

In response to a question about the future plans for the Holmhurst Day Centre and its site, the chair said Members shared concerns about the future of Holmhurst and that officers would be asked to report back.

The Turney Road Residents Association and the Burbage Road Residents' Association expressed disappointment with the new Southwark planning decision process that removed the powers of community councils and introduced two new sub-committees.

The chair suggested that the questioner write to the relevant cabinet member for a response. Dulwich community council members broadly agreed that local planning decisions should be agreed locally.

A resident asked about the roundabout in the middle of Dulwich village at the junction of Burbage Gallery / Dulwich village which had been changed. There were three main issues: pedestrians crossing Burbage Road who were unsighted; cars crossing the Give Way lines and the junction was unclear for drivers in places.

The chair said several local schemes were being tweaked and that the community council would ask for an officer response on the issues raised.

#### **14. COMMUNITY COUNCIL FUND 2012/13**

Executive Function

Members considered the information in the report.

#### **RESOLVED:**

That the community council fund be allocated as set out below:

#### **COLLEGE WARD:**

1. Family Day – Caribb Youth & Community Association (£500)
2. Open Day – Croxted Estate Residents Association (£650)
3. Kingswood Network International Day - KETRA (£1,000)

Total College ward spend: £2150, which leaves an under spend of £3,663 for allocation later in the year.

#### **EAST DULWICH WARD:**

1. Open Day – East Dulwich Community Centre Association (£600)
2. Street Orchard – East Dulwich Orchard Executive (£1,000)
3. Gumboots Summer Community Fun day – Gumboots Community Nursery (£340)
4. Freedom After 50 exercise / discussions (£500)
5. Olympic Cultural Event – Pioneer African Caribbeans (£550)
6. SNUB bike safety day – SNUB Dulwich (£750)
7. Physic Garden Fundraising Event – The Vale Residents Association (£600)
8. Olympic Welcoming Event - Dulwich Milan Association (£500)
9. Food for Champions – The Mini Cooking Club (£413)

10. Olympic Explorers – Southwark Explorer Club (£160)

11. District Scouts Event – Southwark District Scouts (£250)

Total East Dulwich spend: £5,663, which leaves an under spend of £150 for allocation later in the year.

VILLAGE WARD:

1. September Outing – Delawyke Residents Management Organisation (£650)

2. Dulwich Park Festival Fair – Dulwich Park Friends (£1,000)

3. Wannabeez Multi-Sports Day – Wannabeez Sports Foundation (£866)

4. Table Tennis project – Dulwich Table Tennis Club (£200)

Total Village ward spend: £2,716, which leaves an under spend of £3,097 for allocation later in the year.

## **15. LOCAL PARKING AMENDMENTS**

Executive Function

Members considered the 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:

- Two disabled bays located on Woodwarde Road
- Double yellow lines on Bell Meadow / Hunters Meadow
- Disabled bay located outside 21 Shawbury Road
- Disabled bay located outside 47 Darrell Road
- Disabled bay located outside 43 Sunray Avenue

## **16. CLEANER GREENER SAFER REVENUE FUND 2012/13**

Members considered the information in the report.



**RESOLVED:**

That the following signatories for the bank account for the Cleaner, Greener, Safer (CGS) revenue fund 2012/13 be agreed:

1. Councillor James Barber
2. Councillor Toby Eckersley
3. Councillor Andy Simmons

Councillors requested a review and explanation by the Head of Community Engagement and the Finance Director, of the reasons for this innovation of cheques signed by councillors and the effectiveness of it. Further, that this review be circulated to the Audit and Governance Committee.

**17. CLEANER GREENER SAFER: FUNDING REALLOCATION**

Executive Function

Members considered the information in the report.

**RESOLVED:**

1. That the allocation of £21,042 to two proposed schemes in Dulwich be deferred for further information.
2. That £1,000 be reallocated from the Cherry Blossom Festival to provide additional funding for the installation of three finger posts in Village ward.

The meeting ended at 10.03pm

**CHAIR:**

**DATED:**