



CAMBERWELL COMMUNITY COUNCIL

MINUTES of the Camberwell Community Council held on Monday 24 September 2012
at 7.00 pm at Walworth Methodist Church, 54 Camberwell Road, London SE5 0EN

PRESENT: Councillor Dora Dixon-Fyle (Vice-Chair)
Councillor Peter John
Councillor The Right Revd Emmanuel Oyewole
Councillor Veronica Ward
Councillor Ian Wingfield

**OFFICER
SUPPORT:** Ann Cochrane, Organisational Development Business Partner
Paul Cowell, Events, Film and 2012 Manager
Sally Crew, Transport Planning Team
Paul Gellard, Transport and Projects Officer
Elaine Walters, Principal Young People's Librarian
Grace Semakula, Community Council Development Officer
Tim Murtagh, 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 Norma Gibbes (Chair), Kevin Ahern and Mark Williams.

3. ITEMS OF BUSINESS THAT THE CHAIR DEEMS URGENT

There were none.

4. DISCLOSURE OF MEMBERS' INTERESTS AND DISPENSATIONS

There were none.

5. MINUTES

RESOLVED:

That the minutes of the meetings held on 11 April 2012 and 20 June 2012, be approved as a correct record and signed by the chair.

6. DEPUTATIONS/PETITIONS (IF ANY)

There were none.

7. COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

Cleaner Greener Safer 2013/14 – Launch of capital and revenue programmes

The chair explained that this year's programme had been launched. There was a capital and a revenue fund available for local groups to apply for. Application forms were available from the team, and on the Southwark website. The deadline for applications was 30 November 2012. Contact: cgs@southwark.gov.uk or Tel. 020 7525 1259.

Local Tenants Survey

The chair said that a tenant's survey had been sent out for tenants to give their views on the services available to them. The deadline was 25 October 2012.

Community Restoration Fund – youth element

The chair explained there was £14,286 in Camberwell to be allocated to voluntary groups working with young people and groups creating opportunities for young people. Application forms were available and via the council website. Contact: grace.semakula@southwark.gov.uk or Tel. 020 7525 4928.

Black History Month October 2012

The chair announced that Black History Month would be holding a range of events in October.

Attendance Monitoring Forms

New monitoring forms had been circulated. Residents were encouraged to complete the form as it helped officers to assess how well the community council meetings were engaging with people in the borough.

Revitalise Camberwell update

Sally Crew, Transport Planning Team, explained that the Revitalise Camberwell programme was a series of projects in the Camberwell Town Centre. A new countdown crossing had recently been installed at the junction of Artichoke Place. Options for street work developments were being developed. Those would be presented for consultation in January / February 2013. Funding had been secured for Camberwell Green and a

questionnaire was available for residents to have their say on what they would like to see there. A new design team had been appointed for the public library and a public consultation would take place on site at the end of October 2012.

Camberwell Youth Carers Conference, October 2012

Verinder Mander, Southwark Carers, explained that the young carers' project had received funding from the council. During half-term there would be a number of events including poetry and art workshops. The aim was to recognise the contribution of young carers and their work in the community. Residents were encouraged to contact Verinder or her colleagues if they knew of local young carers. The half-term events would culminate in a conference on Friday 26 October 2012.

Contact: verinder.mander@southwarkcarers.org.uk or Tel. 020 7708 4497.

8. LONDON OLYMPICS AND PARALYMPICS 2012

Councillor Veronica Ward, Cabinet member for culture, leisure, sport, the Olympics and Regeneration (South), said the Olympics and Paralympics (the Games) had made it a fantastic summer. This included the torch relay through Camberwell. She paid tribute to the many volunteers who had given up their time and commented that the communications to residents through the Get Set bulletins had proved very effective.

Paul Cowell, Events, Film and 2012 Manager presented a slide show of images taken during the Games. An estimated 161,000 saw some of the Olympic torch relay route in Southwark. There was an inflatable Stonehenge in Burgess Park, which was a piece of art in the form of a giant bouncy castle on which 3,000 people had played. The Elephant & the Nun was a series of events involving brass bands, street theatre and cooking. In all around 21,000 young people took part in activities over an eight-week period surrounding the Games.

Elaine Walters, Principal Young People's Librarian, introduced Southwark's Olympic poem. The idea behind it was to capture the spirit of the Games via a poem written and presented by young people. There were four local secondary schools involved along with several open library sessions. More than one hundred young people had participated in the project. The DVD of the poem performed by local young people was played to the meeting.

Sharon Coleman, Olympic torchbearer, gave an account of her relay leg with the torch on 26 July 2012, ahead of the Games. She had been nominated for the role, after taking legal action on behalf of her disabled son all the way to the European Court of Justice. Sharon explained that on the day of the torch relay, the roads were packed with people cheering. The torch she ran with had subsequently helped to raise £4,500 for charity.

9. COMMUNITY SAFETY UPDATE

Chief Inspector Rob Harper, in charge of the Safer Neighbourhoods Teams and Safer Schools Teams, explained that he had been part of the Olympic Park command team which included responsibilities at the basketball arena. He felt that the success of the Games was largely down to the volunteers and the positive response of the people to everything that took place during the summer.

In terms of local crime statistics: serious violent crime, burglary, motor vehicle thefts, domestic violence and assaults were all down. However, street muggings were up which was a concern, and part of a London-wide trend for that category of crime. Street mugging tended to involve young people and smart phones. Officers encouraged prevention and discrete phone use whenever possible.

In response to questions, Chief Inspector Harper said there had been a reduction of 9% in hate crimes. Within that overall figure, there was a small increase in race hate crimes reported.

10. VOLUNTEERING AND APPRENTICESHIPS

Southwark Apprentice Scheme

Ann Cochrane, Organisational Development Business Partner, outlined the council's apprenticeship programme. The apprenticeships were real paid jobs for four days a week with college study on a fifth day. Many of the previous apprentices had gone on to permanent employment and to completing university degrees. Apprentices had to be a minimum of 16 or 18 years of age depending on the particular programme, a Southwark resident and not already a graduate. A contract of employment for a minimum of twelve months was guaranteed for apprentices, along with a lot of support from Southwark including coaching and mentoring. Ann highlighted several successful Southwark apprentices who had gone on to launch their careers. Since 2005, 168 apprentices had started the programme and 124 had completed the full framework qualification. Recruitment for next year would start in May 2013. Contact Ann Cochrane: ann.cochrane@southwark.gov.uk or Tel. 020 7525 1490.

In response to questions, Ann made the following points:

- The funding for the qualifications came from central government. Many of the apprentices stayed with the council, whilst some went on to university or to employment in the private sector
- Where an individual has special needs, the training providers would be asked what additional support was available to ensure access to the apprenticeship programme was as broad as possible.

South London Apprentice Fair, October 2012

Andrew Twesigye, from the Offbeat organisation, explained that last year's apprentice fair had been attended by more than 700 people. The disturbances in August 2012 led many to say there were not enough opportunities for young people. The thinking behind the fair was that there were many routes to success. At this year's fair there would be jobs on offer, careers advice and voluntary work opportunities. Among the companies confirmed for this year were O2 and EBay.

Volunteering Opportunities

Jacob Przeklasa, Volunteer Centre Southwark (VCS), said that the Olympics had made volunteering cool and young people were keen to get involved. The VCS had been around for 15 years and was based at Elephant & Castle with the aim of making volunteering easy. Last year 700 voluntary groups were supported by VCS with over 1,800 volunteers

taking part in activities. There was a volunteering best practice project to assist organisations get funding and manage volunteers. A wide range of voluntary projects were undertaken and the process helped people gain experience, references and employment. Contact: info@volunteercentres.org.uk or Tel. 020 7703 4205.

11. PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

A written question had been submitted regarding the cancelled Cleaner Greener Safer project for the cleaning up of the bin area on Grove Crescent. Officers had responded that the project had been cancelled as the nature of the relationship between the contractor and private residents and the fact that Grove Crescent was private land had made it too complex. The £11,000 funding had been returned and subsequently allocated under the 2012/13 Cleaner Greener Safer programme in March 2012.

In response to a question regarding hanging baskets of flowers/plants in Camberwell, the chair explained that the funding for those had finished but she was looking into alternative sources of funding. Cleaner Greener Safer revenue funding would be one possible option to bring back the hanging baskets.

In response to a question about the unfinished housing development previously damaged by fire near Warner Road, the chair explained that a Housing Association had taken it over and after the lengthy process of contract tendering, construction would re-commence soon.

In response to a question about recycling bags not being supplied, councillors suggested that the resident contact customer services who would arrange for some to be delivered.

In response to a question about housing associations advising residents on staying out of fuel poverty via information on appropriate fuel usage, the chair said that an officer response would be sought.

12. PECKHAM ROAD SOUTH PARKING CONSULTATION

Paul Gellard, Transport and Projects Officer, presented the consultation report and the proposed consultation methods. The location and types of parking controls, along with proposed hours of restricted use, would be consulted upon in November 2012.

RESOLVED:

Members noted the information in the report and supported the recommendations for a proposed parking consultation along with the methods to be used in that consultation.

13. LOCAL PARKING AMENDMENTS

Note: This is an 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:

- Camberwell Station Road: conversion of 5 spaces to a time restricted parking bay
- Camberwell Station Road: conversion of unrestricted bays to permit bays
- Camberwell Station Road: conversion of a 2 hour bay to a 1 hour bay
- Dagmar Road: change of permit holder bays to shared use bays
- Grace's Mews: change of permit holder bays to shared use bays
- Grace's Road: change of permit holder bays to shared use bays
- Maude Road: change of permit holder bays to shared use bays
- Vestry Road: change of permit holder bays to shared use bays.

14. STRATEGIC TRANSPORT SECTION 106 REPORT

Members considered the information in the report.

An error in the report was highlighted concerning the Rosenthorpe Road / Fernholme Road site being listed as Camberwell when it should have been listed as Peckham and Nunhead. The error was subsequently clarified with the Transport Planning Team and it was corrected.

RESOLVED:

That Members noted the information in the report and supported the release of section 106 funding for the following projects:

- Elephant and Castle - £857,203
- Camberwell Town Centre - £155,603
- Lower Road - £266,533
- Peckham Rye station - £86,769.

The meeting ended at 8.25pm.

CHAIR:

DATED: