



PECKHAM AND NUNHEAD COMMUNITY COUNCIL

MINUTES of the Peckham and Nunhead Community Council held on Wednesday 21 November 2012 at 7.00 pm at St Mary Magdalene Church , 17 Saint Mary's Road, (Off Queens Road) London, SE15 2EA

PRESENT: Councillor Cleo Soanes (Chair)
Councillor Mark Glover (Vice-Chair)
Councillor Chris Brown
Councillor Sunil Chopra
Councillor Rowenna Davis
Councillor Nick Dolezal
Councillor Renata Hamvas
Councillor Barrie Hargrove
Councillor Richard Livingstone
Councillor Victoria Mills
Councillor Michael Situ
Councillor Althea Smith

OFFICERS PRESENT: Matt Hill (Public Realm Manager)
Mick Lucas (Public Realm Asset Manager)
Rebecca Towers (Parks and Open Spaces Manager)
Zoe Bulmer (Customer Resolution Manager)
Marian Farrugia (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

There were apologies for absence from Councillors Fiona Colley, Gavin Edwards and Catherine McDonald. An apology for lateness was received from Councillor Michael Situ.

3. DISCLOSURE OF MEMBERS' INTERESTS AND DISPENSATIONS

None were disclosed.

4. ITEMS OF BUSINESS THAT THE CHAIR DEEMS URGENT

There were no urgent items.

Members were asked to note the supplemental agenda circulated prior to the meeting which had comments from the Strategic Director of Environment and Leisure regarding item 6, petition report on parking and safety issue outside Rye Oak Primary School and Children's centre. Also additional drawings for item 16, Cycle Permeability scheme.

5. MINUTES FROM THE PREVIOUS MEETING

RESOLVED:

That the minutes of the meeting held on 24 September 2012 be agreed as a correct record of that meeting and signed the chair subject to the following amendment:

Item 9, launch of the cleaner greener safer (CGS) funding programme, its reference to the "Bonamy Estate" was incorrect it should say: "Bonar Road Allotments".

6. DEPUTATIONS/PETITIONS

RESOLVED:

That the petition presentation from Rye Oak Primary School and Children's Centre be heard.

The petition spokesperson, Lisa Roberts from Rye Oak Primary School and Children's Centre addressed the meeting. The speaker introduced herself as parent governor and chair of the Rye Oak Children's Centre. The School had experienced numerous problems with unsafe parking and illegal stopping on the zig zag lines, outside the school. An enforcement camera was installed to monitor illegal parking outside the school for a week which worked well at the time. It encouraged parents to drop their children off further up the road.

Lisa mentioned that on behalf of the school there needs to be some sort parking enforcement on a permanent basis. There have been a few near misses with children who tend to run into the road without looking. As a result of parents parking, the school mini bus transporting children with special needs are unable to park at the front of the school. Lisa explained that it would help if the zig zag lines were removed so parking was available in that part of the road.

Councillor Barrie Hargrove thanked Lisa for outlining what the petition was about and for achieving over 250 signatures to trigger a debate at community council. He said he visited Rye Oak Primary School and Children's Centre about 18 months ago when enforcement cameras were first installed outside the school on a short term basis.

Councillor Hargrove said he was glad of their success as the enforcement camera

dissuaded parents from parking outside the school. He voiced concerns about the displacement of the school minibus due to people's irresponsible parking and cars that stopped outside the school.

He informed the petitioner that it was worth noting that the 'School travel plan' had not been updated. With help and support from the council that should be reviewed. The council could look at the installation of some form of traffic calming measure like speed humps.

The chair thanked the spokesperson for her presentation.

7. COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS AND PRESENTATIONS

The following announcements were made:

Peckham and Nunhead Youth Community Council

Trevor Swaby, youth worker and a number of young people that were members of the Peckham and Nunhead Youth Community Council were present at the meeting.

Trevor explained that they wanted to get a flavour of what community council meetings were about. He hoped it would encourage the young people to take part and make an active contribution at these meetings. The chair encouraged the youth community council members to attend the Peckham and Nunhead agenda planning meetings which they agreed to do.

Community Council Fund 2013

Marian Farrugia, Community Council Development Officer explained that each year community councils have a funding scheme known as Community Council Fund, launched early this year so events could take place in the spring.

The deadline for applications was Friday, 14 December 2012 and no late applications or partially filled applications would be considered. Forms were available at the meeting and further details could be viewed on the council's website.

Groups were told the amount one could apply for was from £100 up to £1000.

For more information, contact Marian Farrugia, community council development officer on 020 7525 1780 or email marian.farrugia@southwark.gov.uk

Cleaner Greener Safer (CGS) Funding

The deadline for applications had been extended until the end of December 2012, so people could still apply for funding. Forms were available at the meeting.

In response to questions, Councillor Hargrove clarified that £122,000 of cleaner greener safer funding was the same amount as the previous year which would be divided equally amongst the five community councils in each of the wards.

For more information, contact Michelle Normanly, senior projects manager on 020 7525 0862 or email michelle.normanly@southwark.gov.uk

Traffic and Highways Projects in the Peckham and Nunhead area

No officer was present for this item. The chair explained that community councils would be determining the implementation of non strategic traffic schemes e.g. road markings and implementation of zebra crossings at future community council meetings. The traffic schemes listed under items 14, 15, and 16 were examples of such schemes.

Young Person's Project 'Biscey'

Michael and Gbemi, who were representatives from a young persons' project called Biscey described what they do at the project and what they were trying to achieve.

They explained that every young person should have a common goal to achieve a higher level of education regardless of their background. The project provides support and advice to young people as some young people lacked motivation and there are not enough role models for young people.

Biscey normally hold discussions and workshops at schools in order to break down barriers. They also provide one-to-one mentoring, group mentoring, and community engagement. The launch of the pilot scheme for the Biscey project would be in January 2013 at London City Academy Southwark which would involve one-to-one mentoring.

For more information, contact Esy Oluwafemi, Coordinator WiseGem at the Young People and Family Organisation, Sojourner Truth Community Centre on 0794 429 0433.

New Complaints Policy consultation

Zoe Bulmer, customer resolutions manager announced that the council's complaints policy would be updated shortly. The most important change would be a proposal to change the three stage complaints system to a two stage system from April 2013.

Zoe stated that she wanted feedback from residents on this and agreed to be available during the break. She explained that there had been a fall in number of complaints submitted to the council and the focus would be to ensure responses were dealt with without long delays. In response to questions about allocated case work and speeding up responses, Zoe mentioned that every complaint submitted would be allocated to a complaints officer where the complainant would be told how the complaints process would work.

For more information, contact Zoe Bulmer, customer resolutions on 020 7525 3128 or email zoe.bulmer@southwark.gov.uk

New Borough Commander

John Sutherland, the new Borough Commander sent his apologies for this meeting, he had agreed to be at the next Peckham and Nunhead community council in February 2013.

Community safety issues

Police Inspector, Linda Upton reported on the latest crime figures which had seen a drop in robbery and violence against persons. Tackling crime has had an impact on local policing because the smaller teams had expanded with the same resources spread over differently within the Met.

The community council were briefed on local policing issues and ward priorities:

- Drugs dealing and using: warrants executed and several arrests were made.
- Tackling anti-social behaviour which alcohol related around Meeting House Lane.
- School patrols by the Police to address issue of robbery amongst school children and generally committed by school children.
- As part of a youth scheme initiative, during the half term week twenty seven young boys worked on bikes as they were trained on how to put bikes together.
- Crack down on licensed premises relating to licensing issues around Rye Lane.
- Problem with prostitution in Peckham which had been linked with drug dealing in the area. Inspector Upton said she would encourage people to come forward with any information that is relevant.

The chair thanked Inspector Linda Upton for her presentation.

Christmas Lights Switch on Peckham Square

The chair announced the Christmas Lights Switch on Peckham Square would take place on Friday 7 December 2012 between 5.00pm to 6.00pm. It was funded by Peckham and Nunhead Community Council, cleaner greener safer capital funding programme.

The chair urged people to attend the event.

8. SOUTHWARK CIVIC ASSOCIATION PRESENTATION

Peter Frost from Southwark Civic Association (SCA) announced that nominations for these awards were now open and application forms available at the meeting. Also online forms were available to download from the Southwark website. The closing date would be on the 13 January 2013.

The Southwark Civic Association awards have two main categories: Letter of Commendation, Liberty of the Old Metropolitan Boroughs of Southwark, Bermondsey or Camberwell. Other awards include: Mayor's Discretionary Award, Southwark Lifetime Award, Young Southwark Civic Award or an outstanding standing category in their own right) of the Year Award.

For more information contact Southwark Mayor's office on 020 7525 7303

9. ENVIRONMENT AND RECYCLING THEME

The chair introduced the theme for the meeting, environmental issues and recycling which was from the list of priorities that were agreed at a previous community council meeting in September 2012.

The top three themes were:

- Older people: Activities, services, support and community engagement
- Environmental issues including recycling
- Children and young people

The chair welcomed the following stalls that were at the meeting:

- Friends of Burgess Park
- The Burgess food project
- The Friends of Peckham Rye
- First Place Nursery (based in Burgess Park)
- Taru Arts members
- Veolia Environmental Services
- Southwark Civic Society
- Safer Neighbourhoods Team

Presentation from Councillor Hargrove

Councillor Barrie Hargrove, cabinet member for transport, environment and recycling gave an overview of his portfolio which he said was an extensive area. He agreed to focus on recycling and give a snap shot on the environment and transport.

Councillor Hargrove outlined the following during his presentation:

- Central Government's decision for all local authorities to have a flood defence in place in conjunction with the Environment Agency. Officers within the flood assessment team would work with local residents on this.
- Confirmed the council secured funding to ensure local schools have clean air quality around them.
- With regard to the borough's tree maintenance, the council awarded contracts to employ tree wardens to help deal with tree maintenance and contribute to environment improvements of the area.
- Civil enforcement officers would continue to be responsible for general enforcement of parking in the borough.

Councillor Hargrove requested through the chair an agenda item on "street wardens" at a future meeting in order to identify problems in their local area.

- Record number of "green flags" in the borough.

- Increased level of recycling – the council had seen a 30% increase.
- Introduce food recycling and improve recycling in the area.

In response to a question concerning trees that were chopped down as a result of an increase in crime, Councillor Barrie Hargrove explained that the council undertook a tree strategy consultation in 2011 which received very little response. The council decided to adopt a more systematic approach to the maintenance of trees which was pollarding, a type of pruning system in which the upper branches of a tree are removed to maintain the life of the trees.

He mentioned that the council would continue to work closely with the group, Southwark cyclists which have over 800 members and has met with them regularly.

During his presentation, Councillor Hargrove spoke about:

- Looking at safer routes.
- Looking at safer junctions, which is the responsibility of TfL which he requested they bring forward their review of junctions.
- People take up offer of cycle training in the borough.
- Carbon reduction – introduction of retro fitting wall insulation solar energy so Peckham becomes a low carbon area.
- Connecting up cell chip which is not in the borough but would be done in agreement with Veolia to deliver clean energy in order to cut down on carbon omissions.

In response to questions, Councillor Hargrove addressed matters about residents people who leave their wheelie bins on pavements, people should be encouraged to look at the properties in question and write to Veolia so they could instruct residents not to leave bins on pavements.

It was noted that there were no reported incidents or signs of ‘chalara’ - ash tree disease of trees in the borough.

Osprey Road Residents Association mentioned that they used to meet regularly with the Street Wardens; which had not happened of late. Councillor Hargrove said he had not received a community audit but would look into this.

TARU Arts

At this juncture there was a five minute musical interlude from TARU arts, a non profit arts organisation which delivers fun and exciting activities to children, young people and communities. For information visit website www.taru.org.uk

Veolia Environmental Services

Ian McGeough from Veolia talked about the recently launched recycling quiz. The meeting took part in the quiz (split into wards) and the results of the quiz (mostly recycling related questions) put Livesey in third place, Peckham /Peckham Rye, second place and Nunhead/ The Lane in first place. Ian provided goodie bags for the winners and thanked everyone for taking part.

Winter Contingency Plan update

Mick Lucas from Public Realm introduced this item and outlined the delivery for this would be until the end of February 2013. This would involve clearing /gritting of carriageways, pre winter review and contacting schools about gritting. He mentioned that there was an adequate supply of salt (300 tons) at the borough's depot.

Mick also stated that people could request grit bins with 35 tons of salt and everyone in London should be able to utilise each other's salt supply.

There would be treatments on frost susceptible roads where certain roads would be prioritised and updated forecasts would be given on a daily basis.

All relevant information would be available on the Southwark website.

Questions were asked about the clearing of pavements which could be lethal and dangerous particularly for older people. The officer explained every effort would be made by the council to clear pavements however priority had to be given to clearing major roads to ensure the bus network kept moving.

Councillor Hargrove confirmed that pavements would be cleared of ice and gritted. He said the council had an obligation to ensure pavements were cleared particularly access to health centres. Although he did acknowledge certain areas were not done. Local resident, Eileen Conn said residents had a responsibility to clear snow outside their homes.

The chair thanked everyone for their contributions to the meeting.

10. BURGESS PARK - UPDATE

The meeting was shown a short film on Burgess Park.

Burgess Park (Revitalisation project) update

Rebecca Towers from Public Realm spoke about the transformation at Burgess Park which was made possible by investments received from the Creation Trust; the Mayor of London's Help a London park scheme (£2 million) and the council (£2 million). The official opening of the park took place on 12 October 2012.

Rebecca said the idea was to create a park that would attract people from all over and make it safe as well. The film on Burgess Park that was shown was illustrative of the changes that had taken place.

In response to questions, Rebecca did explain there were drainage problems at the park when it rained and officers were in contact with the contractors about this issue. Also, the barbecue area had been fenced due to a spate of vandalism which had been monitored by the council. The park was a great place to exercise, cycle and develop any sort of new fitness regime. Rebecca said there was still work to be done and improvements needed.

11. PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

There were no public questions.

12. COMMUNITY COUNCIL QUESTIONS TO COUNCIL ASSEMBLY

As part of the theme on environment and recycling the chair asked if people wished to submit a community council question to council assembly and agreed the following:

Please could Veolia Environmental Services improve the pedestrian access for residents at the new recycling waste facility in order for them to dispose/ recycle small items made from wood and metals etc? Currently members of the public are prohibited from walking on the ramp which is for cars only?

Members discussed the issue and confirmed that it was difficult for pedestrians to get access to the new recycling waste facility. Ian McGeough from Veolia agreed to feed this back to the team.

13. CLEANER GREENER SAFER (CGS) REVENUE FUND

Note: This item is an executive function

Members considered the information in the report.

RESOLVED:

1. That £13,000 of the remaining unallocated Cleaner Greener Safer revenue fund from the former Nunhead and Peckham Rye Community council be awarded to supporting the Peckham Town Centre Business programme.
2. That projects for community wardens and the older people are considered at the next round of Cleaner Greener Safer revenue fund as set out in the appendix of the report.

14. TRAFFIC SCHEME - BROCKLEY WAY ZEBRA CROSSING

Members considered the information in the report.

RESOLVED:

That the community council agree the recommendations made to the cabinet member for Environment, Transport and Recycling to approve the implementation of the Brockley Way Zebra Crossing project (funded by the Cleaner Greener Safer programme) subject to statutory consultation.

15. TRAFFIC SCHEME - EAST DULWICH ZEBRA CROSSING

Members considered the information in the report.

Matt Hill from Public Realm referred to the recent consultation which took place (October 2012 – November 2012). He said 41 responses were received 37 of those respondents were in favour of the traffic scheme and 4 respondents were against the scheme.

RESOLVED:

That the community council agree the recommendations made to the cabinet member for Environment, Transport and Recycling to approve the implementation of East Dulwich Road Zebra Crossing project subject to statutory consultation.

16. CYCLE PERMEABILITY SCHEME

Members considered the information in the report.

Matt Hill from Public Realm spoke about the schemes in Peckham and Nunhead and responded to questions from councillors and residents.

RESOLVED:

That the community council supported the proposed cycle permeability schemes listed below for the Peckham and Nunhead area:

Contra flow schemes	Ward
Brayard's Road	The Lane
Friary Road	Livesey
Melon Road	Peckham
Harders Road – Cossall Park	Nunhead
King's Grove	Nunhead

The meeting ended at 10.00 pm

CHAIR:

DATED: