



CAMBERWELL COMMUNITY COUNCIL

MINUTES of the Camberwell Community Council held on Wednesday 13 February 2013 at 7.00 pm at Heartbeat International, 3 - 15 Brisbane Street, Camberwell, London SE5 7NL

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

OFFICER SUPPORT: Edward James, Children's and Adult's Services
Jo Skelton, Community Wardens Team Leader
Paul Gellard, Transport and Projects Officer
Sally Crew, Group Manager Policy and Programmes
Pippa Krishnan, Parks & Open Spaces Development Officer
Jessica Caruth, Project Manager
Juliet Seymour, Planning Policy Manager
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 Kevin Ahern and Stephen Govier.

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 meeting held on 21 November 2012, be approved as a correct record and signed by the chair.

6. DEPUTATIONS/PETITIONS (IF ANY)

There were none.

7. COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL)

The Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) public consultation on the draft charging schedule was taking place. Councillor Peter John explained that it was a levy charged by the council on future developments in the borough. There would be different levels of charges across the borough. Consultation was ongoing and comments were welcome on the proposals put forward.

Young Carers Conference

The chair announced that on Saturday 23 February 2013, there would be a showcase event from 2pm – 6pm in the Camberwell leisure centre for young carers. The conference was an opportunity for young carers to meet and discuss their experiences and the opportunities available to local carers.

8. COMMUNITY COUNCIL FUND 2013/14

Note: This is an executive function.

Members considered the information in the report.

RESOLVED:

1. That allocations of community council funding for the following applications be approved:

Organisation	Project	Amount
St Georges Pop In	Dance Classes	£500
Friends of Brunswick Park	Brunswick Park Village Fete	£1,000

Lyndhurst School Association	International Fashion Show	£1,000
Bethwin Road Playground	Family Fun Day	£1,000
Cooltan Arts	Largactyl shuffle community picnic	£999.95
Crawford Parents Forum	Black History Month	£1,000
Walworth Golden Oldies	Cultural Summer Party	£1,000
Goshen TRA	Stay-Fit Goshen	£700
Southside Young Leaders Academy	Camberwell Enterprise Project	£997
Southwark CAB	Home Search Support	£870
Southwark Pensioners Centre	Eye to IT	£1,000
Jummy Taribo	Young Minds	£450
Southwark Woodcraft	Children and Democracy In Action	£1,000
Dog Kennel Hill Adventure Playground	Project Fun Day	£380
4 in 10 Wellness Project-SLAM	Project-Maudsley	£620
Camberwell Arts Festival	Arts Festival	£1,000
The Welcome Singers	The Welcome Singers	£910
Elmington, Lettsom, Wilsons Road, Bessemer, Grange TRAs	TRAs Big Film Week	£1,000
Stroke Care	Healthy Living Awareness Workshops	£1,000
Mumtaz Banu	Eid Celebration	£459.30
Southwark Explorers Club	Pensioners Exploring	£1,000
Opi Alimi	Recognition Awards Night	£200
Burgess Sports	Burgess Park multi-sport holiday programme	£300

2. That the under spend of £53.75 be considered at a future meeting in 2013/14.

9. YOUTH RESTORATION FUND DECISION UPDATE

Edward James, Children's and Adult's Services, explained that the following four activity bids had been chosen by local young people to be put forward for funding:

1. The Albion Youth Project, which provides educational support for young people.
2. The Eye Child, which offers a structured holiday for young people at risk of offending.
3. The Esteem Network, which provides advice on sexual health, relationships and unwanted teenage pregnancies.
4. The Offbeat Liberty Development Enterprise Project, which runs an apprenticeship fair offering advice around jobs and careers.

10. COMMUNITY SAFETY UPDATE

Safer Neighbourhood Teams

Sergeant Tom Leach, Brunswick Park and South Camberwell Safer Neighbourhood Teams (SNT) gave the following updates for each ward:

Camberwell Green

- Officers had carried out two search warrants under drugs laws
- Street drinking was targeted as part of an ongoing operation around Camberwell Green. The levels of street drinking had fallen.
- There was a problem with drug dealing in the area, in particular around betting shops. Several anti-social behaviour orders had been issued which had to an extent reduced the problem.
- Officers were working with housing associations to deal with the problems caused by dangerous dogs in housing blocks. Letters had been sent to affected residents about the progress being made.

South Camberwell

- Several arrests for conspiracy to supply drugs had been made since the last community council meeting.
- Denmark Hill and surrounding estates had been targeted recently with the aim of reducing Anti-Social Behaviour.

Brunswick Park

- Fourteen arrests had been made since the last community council meeting. A drugs warrant was executed in January.
- Officers had targeted anti-social behaviour on the Glebe Estate. Two males had recently been arrested for driving a stolen vehicle.

- The SNT were providing support for funding streams for youth groups in Southwark. Successful funding bids had been secured for local scouts, the Carrot Club and Catch-22, amongst others.

In response to questions, Sgt Leach made the following points:

- Officers were working with the RSPCA on tackling a problem at a local premises where a nuisance dog tended to bark late into the night.
- Local betting shops had been very co-operative with the SNT in tackling the problems that seemed to occur in and around their businesses.

Community Wardens

Jo Skelton, Community Wardens Team Leader, explained that the team was up to its full capacity of six wardens. The team was based at the new Queens Road offices in Peckham. Among the priority matters tackled during the last twelve weeks were: tackling anti-social behaviour, street drinking, begging, burglary and theft from school children. Wardens were aiming to get on the housing estates more often in future and welcomed community feedback on any issues.

The wardens had been working with the housing department to visit vulnerable older people in the community. Additionally, they were still looking for more volunteer street leaders to help improve the local environment.

In response to questions Jo made the following points:

- Regarding business premises leaving bin bags on the pavement for five or six days, wardens could examine trade waste agreements and take enforcement action where necessary.
- The wardens work with all the Tenants and Residents' Associations (TRAs) in Camberwell and would attend TRA meetings when work schedules allowed.
- Some specific enforcement work to tackle dog fouling on the East Dulwich Estate would be undertaken.

11. PECKHAM ROAD SOUTH, CONTROLLED PARKING ZONE UPDATE

Paul Gellard, Transport and Projects Officer, summarised the report on the Peckham Road South, controlled parking zone (CPZ) consultation. Following a deputation at the Camberwell Community Council in April 2012 requesting a CPZ consultation, the council commissioned parking occupancy surveys in October 2012.

More than 2,000 consultation packs were delivered in November to local residents. Consultation closed on 14 December 2012. 442 response questionnaires were returned along with 3 petitions. The petitions contained 598 signatures against controls in the area. Overall 77% of respondents were against parking controls in their street, with 17% in favour.

Paul explained that all comments would be included in the report going to the Cabinet Member for Environment, Transport and Recycling:

Members considered the information in the report.

RESOLVED:

That the community council notes the report and supports the following recommendations due to be made to the Cabinet Member for Environment, Transport and Recycling:

1. Not to approve the implementation of a parking zone in any of the Peckham Road South study area.
2. To approve the implementation of 'at any time' waiting restrictions (double yellow lines) on all unrestricted junctions where currently absent in the Peckham Road South study area.

12. 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:

- Baldwin Crescent – install one disabled person's (blue badge) parking bay
- Coleman Road – install one disabled person's (blue badge) parking bay
- East Dulwich Road – install one disabled person's (blue badge) parking bay
- Crofton Road – install one disabled person's (blue badge) parking bay.

13. REVITALISE5 CAMBERWELL

Sally Crew, Group Manager Policy and Programmes, introduced the Revitalise5 Camberwell programme. It consisted of a number of different projects intended to make a real difference in the area. Consultation was under way and would run until 8 March 2013.

Camberwell Green

Pippa Krishnan, Parks & Open Spaces Development Officer, explained that the plan was to re-landscape the green. The space should work well with the surrounding area and act as a good connection with the new library. Officers were currently seeking residents'

comments on the three design options put forward, elements of each may feature in the final design. The new green would have more biodiversity. There would be new equipment in the play area and some railings may be removed to open up the park to visitors and reduce anti-social behaviour. The final design would be ready in May 2013 and would be subject to planning approval, before construction commenced. The new park should open in spring 2014.

In response to questions, Pippa made the following points:

- There would be consultation on the type of new equipment for the play area
- The amount of long grass and wild flowers would be increased as it would improve the park's biodiversity
- There would be improved lighting in the park.

A new library for Camberwell

Jessica Caruth, Project Manager, explained that the new library would fit in with the other infrastructure improvements in the area. The library would be adjacent to the Green in front of the Magistrates Court. Views were sought on what to put in the new library. There would be more space for books and learning materials along with public toilets and baby changing facilities. It would have many computers for public use and free wifi. There would be a consistent approach with the Green and some seasonal variations. A planning application would be submitted in March 2013 with construction commencing later in the year, subject to approval, with completion likely in spring/summer 2014.

In response to questions, Jessica made the following points:

- There will be a civic square space between the Magistrates Court and the new library. The court had been involved in the process and a balance between historic and new would be achieved
- Some of the existing trees would be re-located and there was a commitment to re-planting. There would be more trees in the area around the Green. Some trees currently affecting the smooth walkways with their roots would be replaced.

Streetscape improvements

Sally Crew explained that the plans were a partnership project between Southwark Council, Transport for London, which manages Camberwell New Road and Camberwell Church Street and Lambeth Council, which looks after Coldharbour Lane and parts of Denmark Hill. There were two options being considered and both would introduce a 20mph speed limit along with more space for pedestrians. Some bus stops would be adjusted or moved to improve access for passengers. Residents' comments on the proposals were sought. Following consultation, the preferred option would be published and works should start in summer 2013.

In response to questions, Sally made the following points:

- There were two bus garages in the area that required bus stands and facilities to support passengers. The bus service issue had been considered and addressed in the options.

Councillors added that a tube link would help the public transport situation in Camberwell and residents were urged to sign an online petition to that end.

Pocket spaces

Sally Crew explained that the pocket spaces project looked at some of the under- utilised, quiet spaces within Camberwell such as Grove Lane and Coldharbour passage. A site audit of the spaces in Camberwell had been carried out and priorities were set on improvements. Residents were now being asked if they agreed or disagreed with those priorities. After the consultation there would be a design process and residents would have an opportunity for input on those designs.

Camberwell Supplementary Planning Document (SPD)

Juliet Seymour, Planning Policy Manager, explained that the SPD was being prepared for the Camberwell area. The SPD was detailed guidance based in part on feedback from local residents. Officers were seeking views on the building designs, streets and spaces wanted by people in the area. The SPD covered affordable housing, retail and office space and would be finalised in 2014 with a draft available in September 2013. Consultation would run until 19 April 2013. Contact juliet.seymour@southwark.gov.uk or Tel. 020 7525 0508.

Sally Crew said that there were further Revitalise5 Camberwell events planned and residents were encouraged to give their views throughout the process. Contact sally.crew@southwark.gov.uk or Tel. 020 7525 5564.

14. PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

There were two written questions submitted. One concerning double yellow lines on Talfourd Road and the other regarding lighting in council buildings.

A written response would be forwarded by officers ahead of the next meeting.

15. COMMUNITY COUNCIL QUESTION TO COUNCIL ASSEMBLY

Following the earlier discussions around the various projects taking place under the Revitalise5 Camberwell programme, the community council considered whether to submit a question to the next Council Assembly meeting and agreed the following:

RESOLVED:

Please update Camberwell Community Council on the Council's work to lobby Transport for London to bring the Bakerloo line to Camberwell and onto Peckham.

The meeting ended at 8.40pm

CHAIR:

DATED: