



## **CAMBERWELL COMMUNITY COUNCIL**

MINUTES of the Camberwell Community Council held on Wednesday 17 April 2013 at 7.00 pm at Employment Academy, 29 Peckham Road, London SE5 8UA

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**PRESENT:** Councillor Norma Gibbes (Chair)  
Councillor Dora Dixon-Fyle (Vice-Chair)  
Councillor Kevin Ahern  
Councillor Peter John  
Councillor Veronica Ward  
Councillor Mark Williams  
Councillor Ian Wingfield

**OFFICER SUPPORT:** Julian Pepper, Safer Southwark Partnership  
Rebecca Scott, Southwark NHS  
Jay Daisi, Revenue & Benefits Service Development Officer  
Alice Orr-Ewing, Resident Involvement Co-ordinator  
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**

There were none received.

### **3. ITEMS OF BUSINESS THAT THE CHAIR DEEMS URGENT**

The chair gave notice of the supplemental agenda circulated prior to the meeting, which included a report on item 17 "Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) Project Bank List".

#### 4. **DISCLOSURE OF MEMBERS' INTERESTS AND DISPENSATIONS**

Members made the following declarations in relation to the agenda items below:

##### **12. Welfare Reforms Update**

Councillor Kevin Ahern, non pecuniary, as he is an employee at the Department for Work and Pensions.

#### 5. **MINUTES**

##### **RESOLVED:**

That the minutes of the meeting held on 13 February 2013, be approved as a correct record and signed by the chair.

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

There were none.

#### 7. **COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS**

The chair made the following announcements:

##### **Speaking up Southwark**

Richard Walker, said the Speaking up Southwark group, that represents people with a learning disability, was recently awarded £7,500 to go towards safety in Southwark.

##### **343 Bus route**

Councillor Mark Williams highlighted a local campaign to improve bus service provision on the 343 route. He encouraged residents to take part in the effort to persuade Transport for London (TfL) to make changes.

##### **Southwark Young Carers and Youth Conference**

The Southwark Young Carers and Youth Conference was held on 23 February 2013 at Camberwell Leisure Centre. Over 300 young people attended and there was a showcase of talent and an opportunity for young carers to share ideas and experiences. The Youth Service has since undertaken to hold a borough-wide conference next year. The chair praised the work of all those involved and said the benefits to neighbouring youth groups had been very positive.

#### 8. **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 made arrests regarding cash-point thefts.
- Three drugs warrants had been issued which included one crack house being closed.
- Street drinkers had been targeted in the area.

### **Brunswick Park**

- Eighteen arrests had been made for offences including robbery and burglary.
- Funding from the Mayor of London's office had been put towards an Easter programme on the Sceaux gardens estate. This had helped to reduce anti-social behaviour in the area.

### **South Camberwell**

- Eight arrests had been made, including conspiracy to produce drugs.
- An operation at East Dulwich station had led to an arrest for knife possession.

Sgt. Leach said that crime generally was down year on year on most categories of offences. Total crime in Southwark had fallen 5.7% since last year, which represented 1,934 fewer recorded crimes in the borough.

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

- Further crime statistics for Southwark could be found on the Metropolitan Police Service website.
- Camberwell Police Station remains open and there were no plans to close it.

## **9. CLEANER, GREENER, SAFER FUNDING**

### **9.1 CLEANER, GREENER, SAFER CAPITAL FUND 2013/14**

**Note:** This is an executive function.

Members considered the information in the report.

#### **RESOLVED:**

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

BRUNSWICK PARK

<b>Proposal</b>	<b>Amount</b>
1 – 12 Rainbow St CGS Project5	£12,090
Shrubbery planting on Elmington Road	£2,275
Metal railings on west side of picnic area	£12,350
Lucas Gardens signage and notice boards	£3,900
Brunswick Park Old English Rose Garden	£11,050
The Stanswood Gardens Project 1	£2,000
Good signs for Sceaux Gardens	£21,600
Creation of two bug hotels and nature education	£1,950
Planting and tree replacement near recycle centre	£11,700
Mixed use playground and gym equipment on Glebe Estate	£12,500
<b>CAMBERWELL GREEN</b>	
<b>Proposal Amount</b>	
Kick-rails for beds in community park	£1,495
Council beds replanting and revitalisation	£540
Southwark carers rooftop garden	£4,000
Courtyard restoration	£4,000
Security for childcare at CASP	£14,900
Benhill Road nature garden pond	£5,200
Comber Estate play area	£13,000
HYC emergency lighting	£5,400
Benches for pensioners garden	£4,070
Southside Young Leaders Academy greening	£2,090
Crawford tenant development initiative – TRA hall	£5,500
Samuel Lewis Trust playground	£3,990
Mobility Gardening project	£9,180

Goschen Estate ball-court / play area	£27,148
SOUTH CAMBERWELL	
<b>Proposal</b>	<b>Amount</b>
Dylways community garden	£5,200
East Dulwich Estate gym equipment	£20,400
Bessemer Grange community nature garden	£2,214
The Monclar Road Oak	£5,850
The Denmark Hill Estate ball-court	£15,842
Grove Park tree base gardens	£648
Scout hut development	£13,500
Planting on waste ground at Muschamp Road	£1,950
Plant troughs on Oglander Island	£8,320
East Dulwich Estate bike lockers project	£15,600

## 9.2 CLEANER, GREENER, SAFER REVENUE FUND 2013/14

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Members considered the information in the report.

### RESOLVED:

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

#### BRUNSWICK PARK

<b>Proposal</b>	<b>Amount</b>
Camberwell Scout Group, learning and summer camp	£2,000
Sceaux Gardens Estate after school project	£500
IBA charity in support of the after school club	£1,000
Elaine Joseph's summer project, arts and sports	£1,000

Camberwell youth conference set up costs	£5,000
Lettsom Estate educational activities	£500
Friends of Brunswick Park planting project	£500
The Stanswood Gardens projects, planting and workshops for children	£1,581
Southwark Youth Council international development work	£5,000

**CAMBERWELL GREEN**

<b>Proposal</b>	<b>Amount</b>
Youth Futures work with disaffected young people	£10,000
Southwark Youth Council international development work	£10,000

**NOTE:** This leaves an under spend of £2,919 for Brunswick Park ward, and an under spend of £20,000 for South Camberwell ward.

**10. 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 – at any time waiting restriction (double yellow lines) outside No.11
- Grove Lane – at any time waiting restriction (double yellow lines) outside No.165
- Everthorpe Road – at any time waiting restriction (double yellow lines) junctions of Everthorpe Road and Oglander Road

**11. CRIME AND DISORDER STRATEGIC ASSESSMENT AND ROLLING PLAN**

Julian Pepper, Community Safety Analyst, Safer Southwark Partnership (SSP) explained that the SSP worked with a range of community partners to compile and analyse data in

order to recognise the issues across the borough. The Police and probation service are the lead partners in the SSP and the aim was to make Southwark a safer and healthier place to live, work and visit.

A rolling plan was being produced to cover a four-year period. The strategic assessment data covered police crime statistics, hospital A&E data, work done by community wardens and Southwark's environment team. The matrix of statistics helped to identify priorities for things such as anti-social behaviour on a ward basis.

Julian encouraged residents, as part of the ongoing outreach work, to complete the anonymous survey. The survey could be accessed at the following web address: <http://tinyurl.com/cmp8jaf>

For further information contact: [julian.pepper@southwark.gov.uk](mailto:julian.pepper@southwark.gov.uk) or Tel. 020 7525 7278.

## **12. CONSULTATION ON HEALTH SERVICES IN THE DULWICH AREA**

Rebecca Scott, Southwark NHS

Rebecca explained that last year she had presented at Camberwell Community Council and other community councils about the work being done around the re-design of health services in the south of the borough. During that consultation process more than one thousand comments and ideas had been put forward about existing services and what people would like to see in the future. GPs, clinicians and other medical professionals had also put their views forward.

There were now a number of proposals, based on that feedback, which were now out for consultation. The booklet containing the proposals had been widely circulated.

The two different options considered in the booklet varied on the extent to which services were devolved to local practices or whether there should be more centralisation of services. There were pros and cons with each and Southwark NHS would like to hear the views of residents. Residents were also welcome to put forward an alternative option to those outlined in the proposals.

In response to questions, Rebecca made the following points:

- The integration of various services was very important and that was part of the Integrated Care Programme which was running alongside this work.
- The consultation runs until 31 May 2013.

Contact [rebecca.scott@southwark.gov.uk](mailto:rebecca.scott@southwark.gov.uk) or Tel. 020 7525 5155

## **13. WELFARE REFORMS UPDATE**

Jay Dai, Revenue & Benefits Service Development Officer, explained that part of his role

was to implement the major changes to benefits that were imminent. He made the following points:

- About 4,000 people in the Camberwell Community Council area will be affected by at least one of the changes. The benefit changes would commence some time between July and September 2013.
- There have been some changes in the so called “bedroom tax”. It would take into account the physical disability of children in a family. Armed forces personnel would also be exempt from the changes being made.
- The introduction of personal independence payments had been moved back and so would affect Southwark residents until 2014.
- Southwark had introduced council tax support and this would add around 5% to the overall council tax bill. Everyone affected by the changes had been written to and the council was looking at ways to help those affected. A lot of work was being done with the housing department to minimise the impact on people.
- Southwark had also been working with the Citizen’s Advice Bureau (CAB) in educating residents around budgetary matters, including payday loans and the risks of high interest payments. The aim of this project was to develop 250 community champions. The CAB would train them to give advice in the community. More information was available at: [www.southwarkadvice.org.uk](http://www.southwarkadvice.org.uk)

In response to residents’ questions, Jay gave the following responses:

- The council was working with people struggling to pay their bills and would offer advice to them on how best to meet their outgoings.

#### **14. HOUSING COMMISSION**

Alice Orr-Ewing, Resident Involvement Co-ordinator, Housing Strategy

Alice explained that about 70 different community conversation events were taking place as part of the Housing Commission. Southwark has about 39,000 council properties and another 15,000 leaseholders. It was the largest social landlord in London.

The Localism Act 2011 had led to changes in the way councils look at housing finance and how council housing can be allocated. There were currently no preferred options but residents at this stage were being asked for their views on how the council should move forward. In October 2012 an independent housing commission was set up to look at plans for Southwark’s housing stock beyond its existing 2015/16 strategy. It would be an investment strategy for up to 30 years.

At this point in the meeting, residents took part in some interactive voting on the way forward for council housing in Southwark.

In July 2013, a report would go to the council’s Cabinet which would include information on the feedback received from local residents.



Councillor Ian Wingfield said that it was important that tenants were more aware of the council services available and the things that could be done to improve their homes.

#### **15. PUBLIC QUESTION TIME**

In response to a public question, Councillor Peter John said he would look into the delay experienced, by one resident, in receiving a reply from the council on an unspecified matter.

#### **16. COMMUNITY COUNCIL QUESTION TO COUNCIL ASSEMBLY**

Following the earlier discussions around the 343 bus route, the community council considered whether to submit a question to the Council Assembly meeting in July 2013 and agreed the following:

“Will the Council support the campaign to improve the 343 bus route and lobby Transport for London to improved services on that route.”

#### **17. COMMUNITY INFRASTRUCTURE LEVY (CIL) PROJECT BANK LIST**

**Note:** This is an executive function.

Members considered the information in the report.

#### **RESOLVED:**

That the following CIL list of projects be approved to replace the previous community project bank list:

- New underground station in Camberwell
- Camberwell pocket space - paving, trees and lighting to Artichoke Place and Coldharbour Place
- Camberwell pocket space - paving, trees and lighting to Datchelor Place, Grove Lane and Selbourne Place
- Camberwell pocket space - paving, trees and lighting to Orpheus Street and Wren Road
- Open space improvements to Goose Green

The meeting ended at 9.15pm

**CHAIR:**

**DATED:**