



Camberwell Community Council

MINUTES of the OPEN section of the Camberwell Community Council held on Wednesday 19 June 2013 at 7.00 pm at The Albrighton Centre, 37 Albrighton Road, London SE22 8AH

PRESENT: Councillor Mark Williams (Chair)
Councillor Dora Dixon-Fyle
Councillor Stephen Govier
Councillor The Right Revd Emmanuel Oyewole
Councillor Veronica Ward
Councillor Ian Wingfield

OFFICER SUPPORT: Sally Crew, Group Manager Policy and Programmes
Fitzroy Lewis, Community Councils Officer
Tim Murtagh, Constitutional Officer

1. INTRODUCTION AND WELCOME

The chair welcomed residents, councillors and officers to the meeting.

2. APOLOGIES

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Kevin Ahern, Norma Gibbes and Peter John. Apologies for lateness were received from Councillors Veronica Ward and Ian Wingfield.

3. ITEMS OF BUSINESS THAT THE CHAIR DEEMS URGENT

The chair announced that a late report - Community Council Highways Capital Investment 2013/14, had been circulated as part of Supplemental Agenda No. 1.

The chair with agreement from other councillors moved this item up the agenda for discussion and to clarify some matters that had arisen.

4. COMMUNITY COUNCIL HIGHWAYS CAPITAL INVESTMENT 2013/14

Councillors raised concerns about the report including consultation on potential schemes.

RESOLVED:

That the item be deferred to the next Camberwell Community Council meeting in September 2013, so that consultation can take place on which highways projects in the Camberwell community council area should be considered for funding.

5. DISCLOSURE OF MEMBERS' INTERESTS AND DISPENSATIONS

There were none.

6. MINUTES

RESOLVED:

That the minutes of the meeting held on 17 April 2013 be agreed as a correct record of that meeting and signed by the chair.

7. DEPUTATIONS/PETITIONS (IF ANY)

There were none.

8. COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

Southwark Young Producers

This is a partnership project between the events team and the youth service. Nine young producers aged 15 – 22 had been recruited and were undergoing training on producing outdoor events. They were working on an event for Camberwell Green on 17 August 2013. Further information at www.southwark.gov.uk/eandn

Greendale update

Councillor Veronica Ward updated residents on Greendale. It is Metropolitan Open Land and so cannot be developed. It was currently leased by Dulwich Hamlet FC. There were some complexities connected with the lease but once those were resolved the plan was to consult the community on future plans for the space.

Camberwell Arts Festival

The festival started 19 years ago and was set up to take the art and artists out of their studios and galleries and into the community. The festival is a 9-day event in June that links in with the open day at the Camberwell College of Arts. Further information at www.camberwellarts.org.uk

Southwark Town Hall, 39 Peckham Road

There were proposals for student accommodation along with an arts cafe, studios and

gallery. Theatre Peckham at the rear of the site would have additional facilities including a refurbished theatre. A public consultation had taken place a few weeks ago. An application would be submitted in a couple of months.

Free Film Festival

Jonathan Coe explained that in the early 20th Century (1908 – 1912), Dog Kennel Hill was used for film making. There was an open film set on the land and several of the films still existed. Film historians were going through the archive and there was a plan to hold a film festival on the site during the summer. The group was also seeking funding for some equipment to be used at the festival.

9. CGS REVENUE FUND 2013/14

Note: This is an executive function.

Councillors considered the information contained in the report.

RESOLVED:

That allocation of community council funding for the following application be approved:

SOUTH CAMBERWELL

Proposal	Amount
Dog Kennel Hill Adventure Playground	£17,080

10. COMMUNITY SAFETY UPDATE

Safer Neighbourhood Teams

Sergeant Miles Lawrie, explained that since the last meeting there had been 33 arrests made and two warrants executed. The warrants were in local shops linked to drug offences. There had been thirteen penalty notices handed out for urinating in public places. Over the last three months there had been 99 vehicle offences in Camberwell. Some of those were for criminal damage, but most were for thefts from vehicles. About 27 vehicles had been stolen. Street drinking in the area had fallen with regular offenders targeted.

In response to questions, Sgt. Lawrie made the following points:

- There would be three additional officers joining the team from next week. That would improve the situation with regard to tackling drug offences and anti-social behaviour.
- Local residents should use the public toilets in pubs or restaurants, if necessary, when out in Camberwell.

- There was a lot of enforcement action taking place against cyclists who ride on pavements.

Councillor Dixon-Fyle added that there would be a local campaign to encourage businesses to allow people to use their toilet facilities, even when not a customer.

11. WELFARE REFORMS IN CAMBERWELL

Sally Causer, Southwark Citizen's Advice Bureau (CAB), summarised some of the changes being made to the welfare system.

- Housing benefit changes for social housing tenants would affect about 4,500 households in the borough.
- Council tenants with a spare room in their home would lose a portion of their housing benefit.
- The CAB held advice sessions arranged to assist those affected. There were also road-show events around the community and these had spoken to about 700 people so far.
- The CAB were concerned about people not engaging with the advice service and yet likely to be vulnerable to rent arrears and other debt problems.
- The CAB were working with Jobcentre plus to help people into jobs.
- The council was working to ensure people got the benefits they were entitled to. In addition there was a discretionary housing payment that could be applied for by those struggling to pay rent.
- Some residents were daunted at the prospect of having to move due to financial pressures after living in one area for maybe 30 years. The CAB also gave advice to residents with the online bidding process for moving to alternative properties.
- The CAB was doing a lot of work with residents on appeals against benefit decisions where they were no longer considered eligible.
- In October, Universal Credit (UC) will be introduced for new claims. The idea was to amalgamate the various existing payments into one benefit. The concern of the CAB was that under UC the payments would be amalgamated into one single payment and paid into a claimant's account directly. That might cause problems for those residents with debt/payday loan issues.

In response to questions, Sally made the following points:

- A lot of people coming to the advice surgeries were faced with problems arising out of jobseeker allowance sanctions. The CAB also assisted with appeals.
- The CAB were encouraging residents to be smart with their money and were

working with London credit unions. This was to help local residents avoid the high interest charges of payday loan companies.

Further information at: www.southwarkcabservice.org.uk

Benefits advice at: rightfullyours@southwark.gov.uk or Tel. 020 7525 7434.

12. REVITALISE5 - POCKET SPACES DESIGN UPDATE

Sally Crew, Group Manager Policy and Programmes, introduced the pocket spaces which were part of the Revitalise5 Camberwell programme. The six selected were as follows:

Artichoke Place
Datchelor Place
Grove Lane
Coldharbour Place
Selbourne Road
Wren Road

The pocket spaces programme was looking at some of the side spaces off the main roads in Camberwell. In February – March 2013, residents were consulted on which spaces they would like to see improved. A workshop on the six pocket spaces was subsequently held in May at the leisure centre. Residents were now being consulted on the design aspirations for the spaces.

Sally explained some of the particular issues involved including lighting, parking, litter control and security measures.

There were display boards in the hall and residents had an opportunity to make comments on the design of the pocket spaces, during the networking session at the end of the meeting.

13. THEMES FOR THE YEAR AHEAD

The chair explained that this was the first of five community council meetings in the municipal year. He encouraged residents to submit their ideas for themes or items at future meetings of Camberwell community council.

Contact: fitzroy.lewis@southwark.gov.uk or Tel. 020 7525 3084.

14. PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

In response to a public question about hanging baskets and the remaining six months' funding in 2012-13, the chair said that would be looked into.

A resident raised concerns about the social issues arising out of moving street drinkers to another area.

A resident who cycled regularly said that cyclists were faced with roads in a poor state and

were occasionally forced onto the pavement.

A resident asked why shops on Camberwell Green were not doing necessary works on their frontages. Councillor Ian Wingfield explained that many were privately owned so the owners needed to make a contribution rather than all the funding coming from the public purse.

15. LOCAL PARKING AMENDMENTS

Note: This is an executive function.

Councillors considered the information contained 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:

- Sears Street – install one disabled persons' (blue badge) parking bay
- Shenley Road – install one disabled persons' (blue badge) parking bay
- Milkwell Yard – install double yellow lines in the remaining length of the road.

On a separate but related matter, councillors asked officers to look into a gating scheme for Milkwell Yard.

Meeting ended at 8.45pm

CHAIR:

DATED: