



## **CAMBERWELL COMMUNITY COUNCIL**

MINUTES of the Camberwell Community Council held on Monday 30 September 2013  
at 7.00 pm at Employment Academy, 29 Peckham Road, London SE5 8UA

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

**OFFICER  
SUPPORT:** Matt Hill, Public Realm Programme Manager  
Kevin Dykes, Senior Development Officer (Inclusion)  
Michelle Normanly, Senior Project Manager  
Grace Semakula, 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 Councillor Kevin Ahern.

### **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 19 June 2013 be agreed as a correct record of that meeting and signed by the chair.

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

There were none.

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

##### **Chair's announcements**

The chair said that a Facebook group had been set up for Camberwell Community Council. It provided details of meetings and issues discussed along with funding opportunities such as the Cleaner, Greener, Safer programme. It was also an option for those wishing to give feedback on meetings.

##### **Youth Community Council**

Edward James, Youth Worker in South Camberwell, outlined some of the activities had taken place over a five week period during the summer:

- Trips to Madame Tussauds and the London Dungeon
- Healthy lifestyle sessions including cooking with less fat, salt and sugar in particular meals.
- French and Spanish sessions
- Workshops on hate crime, equality, photography and pottery.

##### **Beat the Barriers, Millwall Community Scheme**

Tom Rolt, Millwall Community Scheme, explained that a nine-week programme had taken place over the summer. This Beat the Barriers project was targeted at local estates, including the Lettsom and Southampton Way. The project included well attended and structured football sessions, inter-estate tournaments along with educational and social developmental workshops for young people. Several young ambassadors had been discovered on the estates. One young ambassador in attendance spoke about the positive effects of the project. He was now doing a training course with the Football Association.

##### **Cleaner, Greener, Safer 2014/15 capital and revenue launches**

Michelle Normanly, Senior Project Manager, explained that her team delivered the capital Cleaner, Greener, Safer (CGS) projects. Local groups and individuals were invited to submit their ideas for capital and revenue funding. The capital programme funds permanent improvements such as playgrounds, street lighting and community gardens. Revenue funding was for one-off projects such as gardening courses and grants to community organisations. Application forms were available in libraries and online via the

Southwark Council website or by request from officers. In the Camberwell area £300,000 had been allocated for the capital and revenue programmes combined. The closing date was Friday 8 November 2013.

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## **8. HEALTHWATCH SOUTHWARK**

Alvin Kinch, Manager of Healthwatch Southwark, explained that the group had started up in April 2013 and was based at Cambridge House, off Camberwell Road. There were more than 150 similar groups in the country. Their task was to collect peoples' views on health and social care services and to make those views known to those who commission local services. This was to ensure the right services were being provided for the people of Southwark and to improve them. Various meetings had taken place with hospitals, council officers and commission groups. Healthwatch would be looking at mental health and inter-social care services along with how people access their GP. Residents were encouraged to feedback their own views and experiences so that services could be changed where necessary.

In response to questions, Alvin responded with the following points:

- Individual comments are logged and Healthwatch Southwark looks into those for particular trends to follow up on. There was a signposting service which helped people access the exact service they needed.
- An overall body called Healthwatch England provides support to the local groups around the country. Healthwatch England is a sub-committee of the Care Quality Commission.

## **9. COMMUNITY SAFETY UPDATE**

Sergeant Tom Leach (Brunswick Park), summarised activities ward by ward since the last meeting in June.

Camberwell Green:

There had been positive enforcement on street drinkers in the area. Several penalty notices had been issued and incidents of anti-social behaviour had fallen. The additional officers under the new local policing model had led to a rise in arrests. A number of drug search warrants had been issued and a crack house identified.

South Camberwell:

There had been a rise in burglaries around East Dulwich Road and two males had recently been arrested in connection with offences in the area. The local police team assisted the Albrighton centre during the summer on various programmes. These had reduced anti-social behaviour and crimes involving young people on the estates.

Brunswick Park:

There had been a focus on street crime along with robbery, burglary and drug dealing. A recent joint initiative to stop cycling on pavements and jumping red traffic lights had been a combination of education and enforcement. During the summer the local police supported

the work of the youth centre on Vestry Road which helped reduce crime. A sixteen year old was recently stabbed and robbed whilst out with his girlfriend, three suspects were in custody.

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

- The Police did regular patrols on the estates in the stairwells and alleyways
- Stop and search was an important tool in police work. When officers received information about someone carrying a knife, officers used stop and search to get the weapon off the street along with the offender.
- Begging is a criminal offence and officers could arrest anyone caught begging. Often there were related drug and housing issues involved with street beggars. Residents should report street begging to police officers.

## **10. BLACK HISTORY MONTH**

Stephen Bourne, a local author, explained that his mother had shared many life experiences with a black working class woman, known as Aunt Esther. This had given rise to Stephen's book about the experiences of a black woman living in Britain at that time.

Another book described the life of Doctor Harold Moody a much respected black doctor who had his practice in Queen's Road, Peckham. He was also a community leader in the 1920s, 1930s and during the second world war.

Ahead of the centenary of the outbreak of the First World War, Stephen had been working on a book titled Black Poppies, which looked at the black community during that time.

During Black History Month, there would be a series of talks taking place locally.

In response to questions, Stephen said he had interviewed black elders at the pensioners' centre. He encouraged anyone with a story to tell to write it down or record their own experiences.

Councillor The Right Revd Emmanuel Oyewole highlighted the flyer listing various events taking place during Black History Month and encouraged all residents to attend. Councillor Dora Dixon-Fyle added that the Camberwell Golden Oldies Group were organising an oral history project on Wednesday afternoons at Clubland, Walworth Road.

## **11. BUDGET CONSULTATION PRESENTATION / EXERCISE**

Councillor Peter John, Leader of the Council, explained the exercise was for residents to decide how they would save the money required to be taken out of next year's budget. A similar exercise had to taken place in 2010 when the council had to make large savings from the budget.

So far the administration had taken out about £90 million from a variety of services and a reduction of the number of senior posts. Most savings had been made behind the scenes

and no libraries or leisure centres had been closed.

Kevin Dykes, Senior Development Officer (Inclusion), summarised that the idea of the service was for residents to consider what the most important services were to them and to protect those. A booklet had been circulated at the meeting which highlighted the eight services in the council and the current level of spending within those departments of the council. There were display boards in the hall with the service breakdown on them and a box next to them. Residents were given green cheques and asked to put those in the box (service) according to what was important to them and their community. The council was looking to make a further £25 million in savings and residents were given red cheques to place in the box (service) where they would reduce expenditure.

Following on from the exercise, officers would pull all the comments together and report back to councillors. The budget exercise had also taken place over the summer in the parks and markets and at the youth community councils and the pensioners centre. There was also an online survey and paper survey.

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## **12. COMMUNITY COUNCIL HIGHWAYS CAPITAL INVESTMENT 2013/14**

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

Councillors considered the information contained in the report.

### **RESOLVED:**

That allocation of community council highways capital investment funding for the following applications be approved:

<b>Proposal</b>	<b>Amount</b>
Nairne Grove	£28,135
Grove Hill Road	£40,725
Vestry Road	£41,323

## **13. PUBLIC QUESTION TIME**

There were no public questions.

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

There was no community council question to the next council assembly.

## 15. LOCAL PARKING AMENDMENTS

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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:

- Windsor Walk – convert existing pay and display parking and permit parking bays to shared use (permits or pay and display) parking bays
- Grove Lane – replacement of 9.5 metres of parking bays with 9.5 metres of double yellow lines.
- Everthorpe Road – install double yellow lines at the junction of Everthorpe Road and Oglander Road.

Councillors asked parking officers to look into the possibility of blue badge permit holders being allowed to also park in pay and display parking zones.

The meeting ended at 8.40pm

**CHAIR:**

**DATED:**