



DULWICH COMMUNITY COUNCIL

MINUTES of the Dulwich Community Council held on Wednesday 4 December 2013
at 7.00 pm at Kingswood House, Seeley Drive, Dulwich, London SE21 8QR

PRESENT: Councillor Helen Hayes (Chair)
Councillor Rosie Shimell (Vice-Chair)
Councillor Toby Eckersley
Councillor Jonathan Mitchell
Councillor Michael Mitchell
Councillor Lewis Robinson
Councillor Andy Simmons

OFFICER SUPPORT: Matt Hill (Public Realm Programme Manager)
Eamon Doran (Manager Road Safety & Community Projects)
Fitzroy Lewis (Community Council Development Officer)
Beverley Olamijulo (Constitutional Officer)

1. INTRODUCTION AND WELCOME

The chair welcomed councillors, members of the public, representatives of the Dulwich Youth Community Council and officers to the meeting.

2. APOLOGIES

There were apologies for absence from Councillors James Barber and Robin Crookshank Hilton.

3. DISCLOSURE OF MEMBERS' INTERESTS AND DISPENSATIONS

The chair announced to members that any declarations of discloseable pecuniary interests in accordance with guidance did not automatically mean they have to leave the meeting room. Members were also informed that if they decided to remain in the room they were not permitted to speak or vote on the subject matter.

The following member made a declaration regarding agenda item below:

Councillor Lewis Robinson, non-pecuniary, for local parking amendment on the proposals

for Dulwich Park car park as he was involved in the consultation.

4. ITEMS OF BUSINESS THAT THE CHAIR DEEMS URGENT

There were none.

5. MINUTES

RESOLVED:

That the minutes of the meeting held on the 9 October 2013 be agreed as an accurate record of the meeting, subject to the following amendments:

Item 3 – Disclosure of Members interests and dispensations: Councillor Barber's declaration was for Half Moon Lane.

Item 16 – Community council highways capital investment 2013 – 2014:

That the allocation of funding for East Dulwich ward should include the eastern end of Pellatt Road and Goodrich Road between its junction with Barry Road, and Friern Road that would be resurfaced.

Note:

Members also requested an update on the Highways Devolved budget programme.

6. DEPUTATIONS/PETITIONS (IF ANY)

There were none.

7. COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS AND PRESENTATIONS

NHS Southwark Winter Campaign

Katherine Nector from NHS Southwark spoke about the winter campaign that had been launched by NHS Southwark Clinical Commissioning Group. Leaflets and flyers were available at the meeting. The scheme had been put in place to address and signpost people to other health-based services instead of using the hospital's A&E department.

To promote the winter campaign a family of seven foot tall "Yellow men" with various ailments on the 10 December 2013 were on display at Peckham Square. The giant statues were part of an eye-catching NHS campaign to explain that people should only go to A&E when it is absolutely necessary.

Katherine explained leaflets and flyers would be distributed in GP surgeries and at public events, which highlighted the campaign in the borough. Part of the campaign included information concerning the use of medicine for long term health problems information

about health groups and advice provided by community pharmacists.

In response to questions, Katherine said she understood that some people had no access to a computer, however they could be directed to a doctor's telephone information line where people could be directed to the correct services. Some residents expressed concern with the waiting time to see a GP, took up to two weeks at times.

Katherine was available at the break to respond to further questions.

More information about the winter campaign visit Southwark NHS
<http://www.southwarkccg.nhs.uk/pages/home.aspx>

Thames Water match fund £100k for local businesses in Herne Hill

The chair announced that Thames Water had agreed to match fund £100k for local businesses that were affected by the floods in Herne Hill.

Community council fund 2013 – 2014

Fitzroy Lewis, Community Council Development Officer talked about the Community Council Fund, funding schemes that take place each year which was aimed at community activities and events held in the spring.

The deadline for applications was Friday, 13 December 2013 and no late applications 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 Fitzroy Lewis, community council development officer on 020 7525 3084 or email fitzroy.lewis@southwark.gov.uk

East Dulwich Christmas Fayre

The chair announced the East Dulwich Christmas Cracker event on Saturday 7 December 2013, at Lordship Lane and North Cross Road between 10am and 5pm which would have music, dancing, carol singing and entertainment for everyone.

Herne Hill Christmas event

The chair announced the Herne Hill event would take place on Saturday 14 December 2013, from 11am until 5pm.

Shop Local campaign

The council decided to scrap all parking charges for the day on Saturday, 7 December 2013 . As part of the council's Shop Local campaign, the aim was to encourage residents to support local businesses on Small Business Saturday.

Police updates

Inspector Richard Hynes, from the South West cluster provided the meeting with updates on policing matters and community safety issues.

Inspector Hynes highlighted the police had extra patrols in place during Halloween, fireworks night and on Remembrance Day. He said there had been a reduction in anti social behaviour related incidences involving fireworks and street robbery.

He mentioned there had been a seasonal increase in burglary in the local area particularly around residential burglary owing to the Christmas. The police had addressed this by targeting offenders and more work focussed on the preventative measures, like leaflets asking people to look after their valuables.

He said every ward had a point of contact to report incidences of burglary and people were encouraged to set up neighbourhood watch schemes for their area. This could be a virtual watch, to share information and empower themselves.

In response to a question from the Dulwich Youth Community Council concerning street robberies in the Dulwich area, mostly in Lordship Lane and Townley Road, Inspector Hynes said more focus had been given on robbery in these streets as the same issues occurred around Sydenham Hill Station.

The inspector advised people to take care of their phones or any other electronic devices and to keep them out of sight at all times.

In response to a further question, Inspector Hynes talked about the possibility of installing a gate in the alley way in Chesterfield Grove in East Dulwich following a spate of burglaries. He thought the local policing team could get involved to help secure funding to have the gate. He agreed to be available at the break.

8. HERNE HILL AND DULWICH FLOOD ALLEVIATION SCHEME

As the officers were not in attendance, the chair made the following announcement:

The council's flood and drainage team held a public exhibition that displayed plans of the flood alleviation proposals, following their engagement with local stakeholders.

The proposals were to alleviate sewer and surface water flooding to a number of properties in the Dulwich and Herne Hill area during severe storm events.

The exhibition would take place on Friday, 6 December 2013 and Saturday, 7 December 2013 from 11:00am until 5:00pm and held at Francis Peek Centre, College Road, SE21 7BQ and Belair Recreation Rooms, Gallery Road, SE21 7AB.

9. TRANSPORT THEME

The chair introduced the transport theme and explained the purpose of the theme was to address all aspects of transport in the community council area: trains, buses, vehicular or cycling.

The chair welcomed the community organisations and the council officers that spoke on the transport theme:

- Dulwich Youth Community Council
- Dulwich Young Cyclists
- Representatives from Transport for London and Southern Railway
- Council Officers

It was noted that Network Rail had sent their apologies to the meeting but agreed to respond to any submitted written questions and any actions if necessary. Additionally members of the public could contact them directly on their National 24 hour helpline on 08457 11 41 41.

Dulwich Youth Community Council

Representatives of Dulwich Community Council highlighted the following issues during the transport theme:

- The issue of buses especially buses, P13 and P4 being far too infrequent. They tended to come every 20 minutes and were at times crowded with school children before and after school. As the P13 bus would go through Sainsburys and was mostly by used by elderly people the bus would always be full.
- The other huge issue they had was access on buses. P13 and P4 had just one door. They asked if it was possible to increase the size of these buses, like buses 227 and 358 in Lewisham share the same bus width but have two doors. Access would be better when alighting from the bus.
- The 16+ (in education) oyster card allowed them to travel free on buses but it costs to travel when they used trains and the tube with the minimum travel costing £2.50 (adult fare). This they thought was a bizarre system when the idea of this was for them to travel free on public transport. They wondered why this was the case and if this could be looked into by the relevant organisations.
- For those young people who walk to and from their destination, it would help if street lighting could be improved in areas, for example in Court Lane and Gallery Road especially as it got dark much earlier now.
- Representatives of Dulwich YCC asked if cycling schemes in the area could be updated to encourage safer cycling.

Dulwich Young Cyclists

Claire Leithead from Dulwich Young Cyclists introduced herself to the meeting and explained that the group were part of safe routes scheme. Claire gave a powerpoint presentation and explained that part of the London Mayor's vision was to improve cycling for children. The group wanted to ensure that it was safe to do so. Part of the proposal included designing safer cycling routes to school. This would be done alongside TfL and

the council. Claire explained that the initiative for safer routes meant working alongside local ward councillors to improve cycling in the area particularly as statistics revealed that out of 14 schools in the Dulwich area only 2% of pupils cycled daily.

Survey

Claire reported that 966 parents had taken part in the survey and 71% of parents had said they were frightened to allow their children to go to school unaccompanied.

The survey highlighted that 94% would like to see the creation of a safe off-road cycle routes. People felt the junction at Greendale and Townley Road should be changed. The group had been successful in bidding for funding for this and the second bid took place on 22 December 2013. The survey revealed the south circular was the most dangerous road as a cycling route.

After taking questions, Claire agreed to send copies of the survey to Village ward councillors. Copies were also available on request.

The questions highlighted that fourteen schools were in the process of updating their School Travel plan.

Transport for London and Southern Railway

Steve Kearns from TfL spoke about the following during his presentation:

London Bus Service had been in operation since 1963 and the graph shown the reliability of waiting time. He said delays would involve financial penalties to the company.

The graph also demonstrated there had been a significant improvement in Route 3 access waiting time.

That by 2021 /22 bus usage would increase by 7%.

To prioritise the time of bus routes example, Kings College Hospital bus route, and the interchange would be produced to ensure there are frequencies through out the day in order to avoid stopping bus journeys.

Steve also said that he would feedback the 20 minute delay of the P13 which was raised by the young people.

Understood the bus routes were not meeting the standards or people's expectations (e.g. the P13) because some of the countdowns outside Kings College had been taken away.

In response to questions, Steve said he would also feedback to TfL the concerns about the behaviour of some bus drivers towards people with disabilities.

It was noted that Andre Reid from Southern Railway was available during the break to take questions on transport issues.

Officer presentation

Eamon Doran from the sustainable transport and road safety team gave a powerpoint presentation on the use of sustainable transport.

The officer talked about the introduction of trixi mirrors which was a pilot scheme aimed at cycle safety. Southwark was one of the first London boroughs to introduce this as a new awareness campaign intended for cyclists.

The council had also introduced a scheme to secure on street parking cycle hangars on the highway. Several routes had been identified by the council, TfL, Southwark Cyclists and other stakeholders.

Eamon spoke about the 20 mph zones which were being implemented borough wide and highlighted the various initiatives that were operating in the borough:

- Safer urban driving courses
- HGV cyclists awareness days
- Run “park to park” cycle ride for children
- Running cycle campaign
- Maintenance training for adults and children.

The officer had mentioned the hydrogen buses which were first introduced in 2010 due to London’s poor air quality.

He said the council was committed to transforming the bus service in the area, one of the proposals and discussion included the extension of the 42 bus route. TfL had agreed to look at this for the foreseeable future. The other was the Bakerloo extension (e.g. Elephant and Castle, Hayes via Bromley, Old Kent Road and Peckham).

The chair thanked everyone for their contributions to the meeting.

10. PAXTON GREEN IMPROVEMENTS

Matt Hill from Public Realm introduced the report, he referred to the traffic scheme and explained that officers were seeking comments from community council so they could be referred to the cabinet member for transport, environment and recycling before a final decision was made on the scheme.

The Paxton Green roundabout scheme was first brought before members in 2011 following road safety concerns from residents and the fact there were a number of schools within the locality of the roundabout, for example, Langbourne School and Kingsdale School. Since then the council had implemented a few measures on Kingswood Drive and Paxton Green in order to improve the pedestrian crossing.

The council had undertaken another public consultation in 2012. A number of people had not been in favour of the proposed scheme. Local stakeholders - Gipsy Hill Residents Association and Crystal Palace Community Assoc (CPCA) were involved and held discussions with the council and councillors. In May 2013 a workshop was held at Kingsdale School from August to September 2013 and separate discussions took place with local councillors on the best possible scheme for the area. Matt stated that the views expressed then had been taken on board which he illustrated using powerpoint and maps were circulated which showed the modified scheme.

Matt went on to explain some of the agreed changes to the previous proposal that were taken from a summary of the trial outcome and from stakeholders:

- The existing bus stop would be retained at its current location.
- The proposed installation of two disabled parking bays in Alleyn Park.
- The removal of the raised pedestrian crossing on the South Croxted approach to the roundabout.
- The existing pedestrian refuge island on Gipsy Hill would be retained.
- The two lane exit onto Gipsy Hill with left turn filter lane would be retained.
- The existing mandatory cycle lane on Dulwich Wood Park be retained.
- New wider footpath with segregated cycle facility – to link cycling route between Alleyn Road and Dulwich Wood Avenue.

Matt stated the benefits of the scheme were to deal with speed reduction, improved deflection and provide safer crossings.

The response to the consultation involved the distribution of 1,917 consultation leaflets, a total of 147 responses were received which showed overall there had been a lot of support for the new scheme. He added that subject to the outcome of the meeting, a traffic management order was in place subject to the approval the scheme where the final proposal and recommendation would be presented to cabinet member to decide on the implementation of the scheme in September 2014.

Matt then took questions from the audience and councillors. In light of comments taken from the floor about the re-phrase of the pedestrian crossing so it provided an extended time for pedestrians to cross the road, members suggested this should be put to the cabinet member for his endorsement.

Southwark Living Streets

Jeremy Leech was present to talk about Southwark Living Streets which is a local community group that campaigns for better safety. He welcomed all elements of the proposed Paxton roundabout scheme. He said the group were in favour of a traditional road junction, widening space around the roundabout and also in favour of 20mph that made it safer for pedestrians especially school children.

Dulwich Society / Southwark Cyclists

Alastair Hanton representing the Dulwich Society and Southwark Cyclists explained the Dulwich Society were pleased to see improvements, particularly around the Health Centre and the installation of two disabled parking bays at Alleyn Park.

Alastair reported Southwark Cyclists were also in favour of the scheme but felt improvements to the parallel crossing needed to tweak but does provide safer routes in Croxted Road, Alleyn Park, Dulwich Wood Park and Dulwich Wood Avenue that reduces the danger element and benefits cyclists to and from Kingsdale School.

Alastair stated the Deputy Head teacher hoped to be present at the meeting to express his support but had a commitment at school.

In response to questions from residents concerning the timing of signal at the crossing of Croxted Road they felt this should be extended to give people a longer and safer time to cross the road.

The local ward councillors had given their views on the previous design in 2011 which most people were against at the time. Since then minor improvements had taken place in and around the roundabout. Members noted the Paxton Green roundabout scheme would not be considered in line with the Crystal Palace Park.

The chair thanked officers for producing an acceptable design and the stakeholders for their overall support for the scheme.

RESOLVED:

That Dulwich community council supports the recommendation to the cabinet member for transport, environment and recycling, set out in paragraph 19 of the report; which was to agree to the implementation of the Paxton Green roundabout improvement project. In addition that cabinet member take on board the rephrasing of the pedestrian signalling, in order to allow significant time for pedestrians to cross the road safely.

11. PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

The following public questions were raised after the transport theme:

Q1. A public question was raised about extending bus services of bus 368 to Brixton?

A1. Steve Kearns (TfL) agreed to feed this back to colleagues at TfL.

Q2. Please can something be done about the large amount of pigeon droppings? under the railway bridge at Herne Hill. This straddles the Southwark Lambeth border and may need inter borough co-operation?

A2. Southern Railway's response: The station at Herne Hill is run by First Capital Connect. Any queries concerning the railway bridge at Herne Hill should be directed to their customer service line.

Visit website:

<http://www.firstcapitalconnect.co.uk/customer-care/talk-to-us/>

You can also join their quarterly online forum to ask the senior management team questions that are important to people.

12. COMMUNITY COUNCIL QUESTION TO COUNCIL ASSEMBLY

The following community council question to council assembly was raised at the meeting:

"What amounts have been disbursed by the Council and Thames Water under their schemes to assist businesses in Herne Hill affected by the burst main in August 2013?"

A response to the question would be provided at the community council meeting.

13. CLEANER GREENER SAFER CHANGE CONTROL REPORT

Members considered the information in the report.

Note: This item is an executive function.

RESOLVED:

That an allocation of £2,000 from available Cleaner Greener Safer capital funding be approved to existing project 105651 - Fix the North Cross Road grot spot.

14. LOCAL PARKING AMENDMENTS

Councillor Lewis Robinson left the meeting during the consideration of this item.

Members considered the information in the report.

Note: This item is an executive function.

RESOLVED:

That parking amendments for Dulwich Park car park be approved as follows, subject to the completion of any necessary statutory procedures:

- The revised design was agreed for the parking layout as detailed in Appendix 1 of the report.
- The objections made to the proposal to enforce against vehicles that are not parked in a designated bay be rejected.
- That the traffic management order and the installation of associated signs and road markings in relation to the above be approved.

15. CLEANER GREENER SAFER REVENUE FUND 2013 - 2014

Councillor Lewis Robinson re-joined the meeting

Members considered the information in the report.

Note: This item is an executive function.

RESOLVED:

That Dulwich Community Council approve an additional £800 of Cleaner Greener Safer revenue funding from the unallocated amount of £16,672, which would be used towards the production of local shopping maps to Lordship Lane.

The meeting ended at 9.45 pm.

CHAIR:

DATED: