



Camberwell Community Council

MINUTES of the Camberwell Community Council held on Wednesday 20 November 2013 at 7.00 pm at Walworth Methodist Church, 54 Camberwell Road, London SE5 0EN

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

OFFICER SUPPORT: Helen Fallon, Transport Planner
Sally Crew, Group Manager Policy and Programmes
Grace Semakula, Community Councils Development Officer
Tim Murtagh, Constitutional Officer

1. INTRODUCTION AND WELCOME

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

One minute of silence was observed as attendees stood in respect for Richard Muzira who had recently died in a bicycle accident. Mr Muzira was well known locally as a volunteer for Cooltan Arts and was also a film-maker, writer and poet.

2. APOLOGIES

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor Norma Gibbes.

3. ITEMS OF BUSINESS THAT THE CHAIR DEEMS URGENT

The chair announced that a late report – Improving Cycle and Pedestrian Crossings, had been circulated as part of Supplemental Agenda No. 2.

4. DISCLOSURE OF MEMBERS' INTERESTS AND DISPENSATIONS

There were none.

5. MINUTES

RESOLVED:

That the minutes of the meeting held on 30 September 2013 be agreed as a correct record of that meeting and signed by the chair.

6. DEPUTATIONS/PETITIONS (IF ANY)

RESOLVED:

That the deputation from Patricia Ladly on behalf of the Brunswick Park Tenants and Residents Association (BPTRA) regarding the East Camberwell controlled parking zone (CPZ) be heard.

Patricia Ladly said that the CPZ had been set up in 2009 and that residents had been told that a public consultation would take place. The meeting heard that the consultation did not take place and the CPZ was made permanent in 2010.

Members of the BPTRA were particularly concerned about the hours of operation of the CPZ of 8.30am – 6.30pm and they felt that it was too restrictive for the residential area.

A resident added that there was a flaw within the CPZ area. The garages on Elmington Road were rented out but there were no yellow lines or permits in operation. It meant that those who used the garages were often blocked in by double parked vehicles.

The chair added that members had received representations from residents stating that they were in support of the CPZ generally and that it was only a change in the hours of operation that would be part of any council consultation.

RESOLVED:

1. That the cabinet member for transport, environment and recycling be asked to consider the deputation and re-consult on the East Camberwell CPZ in 2014/15, subject to the funds being available.
2. That the Deputy leader of the council and cabinet member for housing management and officers be asked to look into the issue of restricted access to the Elmington Road garages, partly due to vehicles parking without permits. That an update on this be brought to the next Camberwell Community Council in February 2014.

The chair thanked the members of the deputation for attending.

7. COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

Southwark Clinical Commissioning Group

Harprit Lally explained that there was some confusion among residents about the range of NHS services available. There would be a local poster campaign with leaflets being circulated. A patient engagement event was being organised for 28 November 2013 to further publicise the various services ahead of the winter period.

Working Party Theatre Company

The group was running a series of workshops between November 2013 and January 2014 called Hollerbox: Looking for the voice of Southwark.

Contact: workshops@theworkingpartyuk.org for further information.

Wheels for Wellbeing

Abigail Tripp explained that Wheels for Wellbeing was a south London charity that supported people to enjoy cycling regardless of disability, health, condition or age. There were currently projects for inclusive cycling in Burgess Park.

Contact: info@wheelsforwellbeing.org.uk

Community Council Fund 2014/15

This year's community council fund was now accepting applications. Community groups could bid for amounts between £100 and £1,000 for fun days, festivals, outings and activities. The closing date was 13 December 2013.

Contact: grace.semakula@southwark.gov.uk or Tel. 020 7525 4928.

Southwark Pensioners Centre

Sabrina Kerr explained the centre had an information and advice on benefits service for anyone over 50 years of age. This included any housing or management issues. There was also a health and wellbeing team that arranged exercise and social activities. Contact: sabrina.kerr@southwarkpensioners.org.uk or Tel. 020 7708 4556

Southwark Scholarship Programme

Councillor Dora Dixon-Fyle explained that the programme was open to anyone who was planning to go to university in September 2014. Those who were eligible had the chance of a full scholarship from the council to pay the university fees. The successful applicants should be giving to the community in some way for example as a volunteer or peer mentor. Further information was available on the Southwark website.

Greendale Open Space

Councillor Veronica Ward explained that the council was looking to bring Greendale open space back into use for the wider public. The council needed to survey the site for wildlife and inspect the condition of the trees. The parks service would manage the commissioning of relevant wildlife and habitat surveys, which would take place in the first half of 2014.

Contact: sharon.lomas@southwark.gov.uk or Tel. 020 7525 0878.

8. COMMUNITY SAFETY UPDATE

PC Horne, Safer Neighbourhoods Team (SNT), had recently moved to the area after serving as an officer in Kent and Essex. He summarised recent police activities.

Officers had been focusing on street crime and robberies in the Camberwell Green area. Dangerous cycling that caused accidents was also being targeted by the SNT.

Operation Bumblebee was aimed at tackling burglaries across London as a whole.

Since August, the Camberwell Safer Neighbourhoods Team had made 19 arrests on a range of offences including knife and drug dealing.

One shop in Southampton Way had been served with a warrant. Drugs and money had been recovered and four individuals were currently on bail for related offences.

In response to questions, PC Horne made the following points:

- There was a scam across London involving locksmith stickers attached to entrance doors to signal that flats / estates were “ready for burglary”. Officers would follow this up with residents and discuss with colleagues across London affected by the issue.

The chair asked that someone from the police attend the next community council in February 2014 to reassure local people regarding the accuracy of crime statistics. There had been some recent media focus on the issue.

9. CAMBERWELL REGENERATION UPDATE

Camberwell Pocket Spaces

Helen Fallon, Transport Planner, gave an update on the project:

- The project was one of five regeneration projects in the Camberwell regeneration programme
- Several roads and lane ways did not effectively function which creates redundant spaces
- Simple landscaping, seating, improved lighting and re-design of spaces could improve the situation
- The aim was for Camberwell to consist of a network of complementary public spaces that created a safe, attractive and inclusive public realm.

Extensive consultation had been carried out in the area earlier in the year. Out of the consultation, six pocket spaces had been identified to be progressed for further design. A letter drop was then carried out near the identified pocket spaces and residents and businesses were invited to attend a public workshop on the scheme.

The six spaces were:

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

The first two schemes Artichoke Place and Grove Lane were dependent on Transport for London's (TfL) street projects and would have to be delivered in conjunction with that.

- Wren Road was not deliverable in this financial year.
- Coldharbour Place would link in with Lambeth's street projects.
- Datchelor Place was currently being looked at for approval and implementation.
- Selbourne Road had some community interest issues.

The proposed plan for Datchelor Place was to close the road to traffic. The carriageway would then be raised to footway level. It would be fully pedestrianised with bespoke planters for community use. There would be an open area for the provision of temporary cafe seating and new lighting. If approved implementation should take place in 2014.

Helen explained that relevant information was available on the Southwark website: www.southwark.gov.uk/info/200458/camberwell_regeneration

Camberwell Green

Helen explained that the Camberwell Green consultation had now finished and a list of issues had been raised. Those matters would be gone through which would lead to an updated design with estimated costs. The planning application would be submitted in early 2014, with implementation in September 2014 – March 2015.

Camberwell Streets

Helen explained that on the main roads modelling had been completed. Scenarios had been carried out and a report had gone to TfL for review and approval. It was an ongoing process. Once approval was given for network performance and junction capacity, options could be reported back to the community council.

Camberwell cycle superhighway 5

Helen explained that it was being implemented. The North-South cycle superhighway had been launched two weeks ago at which time TfL said they would review all cycle superhighways.

In response to a question regarding the library and concerns about Lomond House, Councillor Veronica Ward said she would look into the possibility of a pathway through and would write to the SE5 Forum to follow up on this.

10. THE FUTURE OF LONDON BUS SERVICES

Val Shawcross, Member of the Greater London Assembly, presented the findings of the London Assembly's Transport Committee.

Among the findings were:

- London's population is set to rise to 9.4 million by 2022
- Between 2000 and 2012 there was 64 per cent growth in the number of bus journeys taken
- Last year 2.3 billion bus journeys were taken in London
- There are about 6.5 million journeys on over 700 routes every day
- Three quarters of survey respondents said their regular bus was busy or overcrowded
- There The South East part of London contained many of the busiest / overcrowded routes
- The bus service had not grown for about 4 years whilst the demand for bus services continued to grow steadily.

The chair thanked Val for her presentation and her help with the 343 bus route campaign.

In response to questions, Val made the following points:

- The bus providers were rewarded for good service and penalised for bad. Sometimes routes were shortened so that buses could stay closer to a timetable
- It was important to keep buses moving by giving them more priority lanes
- Overcrowded buses had swept away many of the improvements made by services concerning access for wheelchairs and child buggies
- The smart phone monitoring service meant passengers could locate bus services to find out how long they would have to wait
- The countdown service required an electricity supply to the bus stop and was usually located at the busier bus stops
- Discounted early bird tickets were one idea for levelling out passenger numbers and reducing crowding during peak hours
- About 2,000 passengers were injured each year on London buses. Driver training was very important to limit injuries both of passengers and road users.

A resident enquired about poor lighting at some local zebra crossings. The chair asked for more specifics at the end of the meeting and said he would follow that up with the relevant cabinet member.

11. CAMBERWELL AFTER SCHOOL PROJECT

Carmen Lindsay, Chief Executive Officer for Camberwell After School Project (CASP), explained that it was a local childcare organisation that had been running for 28 years. CASP provided a childcare service for parents on a low income. The group was under threat of closure due to funding problems.

CASP provided two after-school collection services for four schools. There was also a breakfast service for up to 20 children. Funding had been lost for the Saturday school but volunteers still ran the service for up to 15 children, which provided additional educational support. There were also holiday schemes for up to 70 children. The work of CASP enabled over 100 parents to go out to work or study and thereby improved their quality of life. CASP worked with schools, colleges and universities to help with placements.

Camberwell Community Council had previously supported CASP via Cleaner, Greener Safer funding. The organisation now needed help in order to continue its work. The rent payable on the facility was at a commercial rate and simply not possible without new funding. Repairs were also needed for the Jack Hobbs building.

Contact: carmen.lindsay@caspu.org or Tel. 020 7708 2711

Councillor Dora Dixon-Fyle, said she was a former chair of CASP, and supported the work and services provided by the organisation. CASP had already been to a meeting of Cabinet and efforts were being made to reduce the rent and other related issues affecting the continued running of CASP services.

The chair asked that the ongoing dialogue continue so that a solution could be found to help CASP carry on its work.

12. LYNDBURST PRIMARY SCHOOL CULTURE EVENT

Melissa Jo Smith, Event Co-ordinator, explained that she thought a fashion show at the school would be a good way of connecting different people in the school and community. There had been an African fashion show in 2011 which had gone well and other pupils said they wanted something to reflect their culture and background. Parents got enthusiastic in dressing their children in clothing that reflected their personal history.

In 2013, following the community council's decision to fund an event the school applied to the Arts Council and received further funding. The plan was to hold an event that would develop children's learning and their understanding of other cultures. Lyndhurst had about 370 pupils with about 280 different languages spoken at the school from Africa, the Pacific, the Caribbean and Europe.

There were workshops on puppetry, capoeira, sign language, African theatre and set design. Children looked at heroes from their places of choice and researched the history behind the stories and then dressed in wigs and some historical outfits. The culmination of

the work was the evening event which included music, dance and poetry. It was enjoyable and educational.

13. BUDGET CONSULTATION - FEEDBACK

Members considered the information contained in the report.

RESOLVED:

Councillors noted the report. The findings of the report would be discussed at the next Camberwell Community Council in February 2014.

14. LOCAL PARKING AMENDMENTS

14. CAMBERWELL VISITOR PARKING

Note: This is an executive function.

Members considered information contained in the report.

RESOLVED:

That the following local parking amendments, detailed in the appendices to the report, be deferred so that officers can explain in greater detail the merits of the proposals:

- Camberwell Grove (additional visitor pay by phone parking)
- John Ruskin Street and Dartford Street (additional visitor pay by phone parking)
- Valmar Road (additional visitor pay by phone parking).

14. LOVE WALK

Note: This is an executive function.

Members considered 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:

- Reduce three parking bays (Camberwell "L" zone) outside Nos. 8 and 9 Love Walk and introduce double yellow lines.

- Reduce the length of existing double yellow lines at the junction with Grove Lane to create space and re-provide two permit parking bays (Camberwell “L” zone).

15. CLEANER, GREENER, SAFER BUDGET REALLOCATION

Note: This is an executive function.

Members considered the information contained in the report.

RESOLVED:

That an under spend of £78,850 from the Cleaner, Greener, Safer Budget be reallocated to the following applications:

Proposal	Amount
Brunswick Park picnic area railings	£7,000
Elmington Road shrubbery	£1,850
Cranmere Court garden	£17,950
Laing House play area, Comber Estate	£1,000
Camberwell New Road snooker hall exterior wall	£30,000
Ball court on Denmark Hill Estate	£21,050

16. PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

In response to a question about an area of shrubbery in Elmington Road referred to in the agenda (Cleaner, Greener Safer report, paragraph 20), the chair said officers would report back.

In response to a question about Rust Square, off Addington Square, becoming a parking area filled with cars most days, the chair asked officers to follow up on this with the resident.

In response to a question about a small park near Rust Square and possibilities for it to be tidied and enhanced, the chair suggested the resident speak to ward councillors at the end of the meeting.

A resident asked about hanging baskets and their stated reinstallation in October 2013. He said that the officer response had not changed since 2012 and that he was still waiting for the baskets to appear. The chair asked that the officer that responded to the enquiry would be asked to attend the next community council in February 2014 to explain the situation on this long standing enquiry.

17. COMMUNITY COUNCIL QUESTION TO COUNCIL ASSEMBLY

Following the earlier discussions and minute's silence observed for the local cyclist who died recently, the community council considered whether to submit a question to the Council Assembly meeting in January 2014 and agreed the following:

"In view of the tragic death of a cyclist on the junction of Camberwell Road and Albany Road, when will the council install safety measures such as Trixi mirrors?"

18. IMPROVING CYCLE AND PEDESTRIAN CROSSINGS

Note: This is an executive function.

Members considered the information contained in the report.

RESOLVED:

1. That the community council supports the recommendations to be made to the cabinet member for environment, transport and recycling to implement the Denmark Hill cycle and pedestrian crossing improvements, detailed in the appendices to the report.
2. That the community council approve the proposal to widen and improve existing pedestrian footway on Greendale, adjacent to Bessemer Grange Primary School, detailed in the appendices to the report.
3. The above decision is subject to the following additional comments from the Camberwell Community Council being put forward to the cabinet member for environment, transport and recycling:
 - The planned cycle route is complicated and likely to be ignored by many cyclists who instead will use a shorter direct route down Denmark Hill to Ruskin Park. This is a dangerous area containing an accident hotspot. Officers need to look again at the safety of pedestrians and cyclists in the area.
 - Further consultation is needed with ward councillors, the Ruskin on the Hill Residents Association and the Denmark Hill Tenants and Residents Association. They have all raised serious safety concerns.
 - Southwark police officers should investigate speeding on Denmark Hill and subsequent enforcement action.

Meeting ended at 9.25pm

CHAIR:

DATED: