



DULWICH COMMUNITY COUNCIL

MINUTES of the Dulwich Community Council held on Wednesday 19 March 2014 at 7.00 pm at Christ Church, 263 Barry Road, London SE22 0JT

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

OFFICER SUPPORT: Robert Braham (Regional Asset Manager, NHS Southwark)
Simon James (NHS Property Services)
Rebecca Scott (Programme Director, NHS Southwark)
Fitzroy Lewis (Community Council Development Officer)
Beverley Olamijulo (Constitutional Officer)

1. INTRODUCTION AND WELCOME

The chair welcomed councillors, members of the public and officers to the meeting.

Councillor Helen Hayes announced that it was her last meeting as chair of Dulwich Community Council of this municipal year and took the opportunity to thank officers in community engagement and the community council team for their support who had done a tremendous amount of work behind the scenes to ensure the agendas were planned in an organised manner. The chair also thanked the sound and technology teams and others that helped put together the meetings. She said in the last year there had been some really interesting and lively debates.

2. APOLOGIES

There were no apologies.

3. DISCLOSURE OF MEMBERS' INTERESTS AND DISPENSATIONS

None were disclosed.

4. ITEMS OF BUSINESS THAT THE CHAIR DEEMS URGENT

The chair gave notice and agreed to consider the following late and urgent items contained in supplemental agendas No.1 and No. 2:

- Item 11 – Local Parking Amendments, additional comments in regard to Turney Road junctions with Boxall Road and Aysgarth Road.
- Item 12 – Appendices A to C in regard to Burbage Road pedestrian island scheme.

5. MINUTES

RESOLVED:

That the minutes of the meeting held on 29 January 2014 be agreed as an accurate record of the meeting and signed by the chair.

6. DEPUTATIONS/PETITIONS

There were no petitions or deputations.

7. COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS AND PRESENTATIONS

The following announcements and presentations were made:

Dulwich Youth Community Council

The chair said she was delighted to have the young people from the youth community council present at the meeting. The chair explained they had fully participated in the meetings and shared interesting ideas. At the transport themed meeting their intervention had helped increase the frequency of the P13 bus route. In recognition of the work the Dulwich Youth Community Council had done they were each awarded a “certificate of appreciation” for their work over the past year.

Housing Renewal team

Officers from the private sector housing and renewal team were present with an information stall and spoke briefly to promote their advice and services to residents of Southwark which included adaptations for the elderly and for the disabled. They were available during the break.

For information contact the renewal team on 020 7525 5941 or email Housing.renewal@southwark.gov.uk

Herne Hill Flood Alleviation scheme

The chair informed the meeting that the planning application for the Herne Hill flood alleviation scheme would be considered at the main planning committee on 25 March 2014 at the Tooley Street offices.

Following the planning meeting, a pre-construction public consultation meeting was held on 9 April 2014 at Francis Peek Centre, Dulwich Park.

The drop in session times were from 4:00pm to 6:00pm with a presentation, between 6:00pm and 7:00pm.

Information on the completed application form could be viewed on the Southwark website. For information contact the flood risk management team on 020 7525 5000 or email: floodriskmanagement@southwark.gov.uk

Dulwich Community hospital site

Rebecca Scott from NHS Southwark, along with Simon James and Robert Braham from NHS Property services, provided a further update on progress on proposals for a new health centre on the Dulwich community hospital site since the last community council meeting.

Rebecca said the next phase of the process would be the “soft market testing”, and that involved them approaching a number of housing providers and developers from the GLA development panel. The housing providers and developers would provide marketing advice and ultimately determine which part of the site would be the best location for the health centre.

Once that feedback had been received, it would then be made available to the public, possibly by the end of March 2014. Officers would then conduct an “options appraisal” to finalise the strategy going forward.

In response to questions, Members felt the brief should be made available to the public so the process was open and transparent.

Simon mentioned that some parts of the brief could be quite sensitive as a number of leading developers had been approached and their feedback and responses could be commercially sensitive. However he agreed to check whether it was legally possible to do this and would report back to a future meeting.

In response to further questions, officers advised that they were awaiting the outcome of a request on the ‘right to contest’ the site. The relevant body had been written to and officers were awaiting the outcome of this information which shall be considered in the development plans.

Rebecca mentioned that although the drawings had been produced they were not at the design stage yet. The officer confirmed that at least a third of the site would be developed and the height of development would possibly be a two storey building.

The previous project was for a community hospital that happened to be far bigger than the project they were looking at now. Therefore officers would be starting from scratch with

the design. Rebecca explained that it was important to get the right design because of the way local health services has been delivered over the last five years.

Members made reference to the number of community assets that would be placed on site as this would be the local community's expectation for a local community health centre that has an increased number of outpatients' services. The site should have other uses for the community. Simon said their first priority was to ensure the centre and site was fit for purpose.

Rebecca stated that there would be no more than two GP practices and confirmed Elm Lodge GP Practice would not be relocating to a different site.

A resident stated that it should be for residents of Dulwich to decide on where services ought to be on the hospital site, not planners or developers. In response to this comment officers explained that NHS Southwark needed to ensure they get the best value and fully maximise use of the site.

That Dulwich community council agreed:

- The brief should take into account the area's community needs and provide clear details of the financial implications for the site.
- That the market testing brief once circulated to the London development panel, should be accessible to the community.
- That in order for the progress of Dulwich community hospital to move with the development plans, a schedule detailing the programme of works should be made available to the community.
- That the consultation process should take into account and include the physical arrangement; design, parking, architecture as well as its uses.
- The need to develop a master plan process so that NHS Property services are able to come with detailed responses on these issues.

Police updates from the safer neighbourhood teams

Inspector Richard Hynes from the South West cluster that covers Peckham and Dulwich gave a presentation at the last meeting following a request to talk about proposals concerning policing in the borough.

Inspector Hynes talked about progress of the new policing model in the borough and reported on what was undertaken over a five week period during February and March 2014. He said the South West cluster covered East Dulwich, College, Village and wards in Camberwell. He referred to the police tasks, shift patterns, response time, and the patrol times in each of the wards.

Inspector Hynes talked about the latest figures regarding the total number of arrests (33), stop and search searches (141) and the current number of neighbourhood watches (29) in operation across the wards.

In response to a question concerning policing in College ward, Inspector Hynes said the dedicated number of staff was on a par with other teams and a police constable and PCSO had patrolled the hotspots in the area. A question was also asked about the time it took the police to travel from one part of the area to another and whether it would be easier for the police to travel using push bikes or to travel by cab.

Questions were asked about how effective the police contact / access points were. Inspector Hynes said there were different ways to access the police. He advised that there would be a review of the access points at the end of March 2014.

The chair thanked Inspector Hynes for the update and summarised:

- **Police ward panel meetings:** The meetings were not taking place as often as they had done previously.
- **Local policing model:** The views were that the Camberwell police base might not be the most effective operational base for officers assigned to the Dulwich area.
- **Police transport between areas:** The views were that officers who moved from the Camberwell area into Dulwich would be spending a quarter of their time travelling and this could be considered a waste of resources. Although people understood the interaction and good team work between officers.

Other events and announcements

Dulwich Helpline & Southwark Churches Care (DH&SCC), a local charity that supports isolated older people in Southwark. They work closely with the council, local health services and other community organisations that refer isolated older people to the charity.

The charity would like to seek and recruit more volunteers and befrienders in the local area. Representatives from Dulwich Helpline & Southwark churches Care were available at the meeting.

Fitzroy announced the local fundraising events on 21 March 2014 and All that Jazz at James Allen's Girls' School and the James Allen Community Orchestra concert on 30 March 2014 which was in aid of this charity.

For further information visit the charity's website www.dhsc.org/events

Dulwich Table Tennis Club

Abdul Wuraola spoke about the table tennis coaching sessions that took place on Harris Academy Peckham and James Allen's Girls' School. The coaching sessions had been running for five years and the club had received a good turnout and had taken part in a number of table tennis tournaments.

For further information visit www.abdulsports.com or email info@dulwichttc.com

Kingswood Draw

The chair announced that the Kingswood drawing event would take place on Thursday 17

April 2014 at 2pm until 8pm at Kingswood House, Seeley Drive.

Floodtide on the Effra

This special project used the flow of the underground river Effra to create musical notation which is performed live along the route of the river Effra in Belair Park, Dulwich Picture Gallery and Dulwich Park. The event date: Sunday, 18 May 2014 would include picnics and activities from 12pm, performances between 2pm and 4pm at various locations along the river Effra.

For more information email events@southwark.gov.uk

Choir workshop

To sing as part of a choir, there would be a workshop on **Sunday 4 May 2014** from 11am to 1pm at the Francis Peek Centre. If you are interested, please email events@southwark.gov.uk

8. PRESENTATION ON THE CRYSTAL PALACE PROJECT

Chris Tunnell and Katie Kerr from Arup were in attendance to speak about the Crystal Palace Park project.

What is the Crystal Palace Park project?

The ZhongRong Group had put forward a proposal to rebuild the Crystal Palace on the 'top site' and to restore and upgrade the park to match the spirit and form of the original design. The scale of investment would be beyond anything proposed before and provided the opportunity to fund the master plan's ambitions for the park but without the residential proposals contained in the Master Plan.

Arup

The plans were announced at a launch event by investors, ZhongRong Group, with the support of the Mayor of London and the Leader of Bromley Council. Arup were appointed by the ZhongRong Group to develop a concept for the new palace and prepare the design principles that will inform the building concept in the next stage.

Over the next year, Arup would provide support to the ZhongRong Group to engage with local people, statutory stakeholders and the wider London population as part of the process to design and shape the form, and role, of the palace. The proposed new Crystal Palace would have a major new cultural attraction on the site of the original Victorian building, which burned down in 1936.

Chris acknowledged this would be a very challenging project and explained that the ZhongRong Group were appointed by a team of advisors to help form the development. A press release was launched in October 2013 to start public engagement which involved various meetings being held in the local area.

Chris outlined that the purpose of the development was to restore the park. He said people's views and comments expressed at the meeting would be taken on board.

The presentation highlighted that the project would include the following uses:

Mix of uses

- Public exhibition space
- Visitor attraction – more work needs to be done on this
- Art galleries
- Public spaces
- Boutiques and auction room
- Hotel – visit cultural attraction
- Plus interchange car parking – although there would be a limited amount of car parking on site.

The presenters stated that following the initial consultation 54% of those that commented said they were in favour of the Crystal Palace park project and 28% were unsure.

Views

- Loss of open spaces
- Loss of architectural heritage
- Impact on local centres
- Pressure on public transport
- Impact of ecology
- Approach to Transport – confirmed there were plans to hold a transport workshop.

The presenters took questions and noted comments from community groups, residents and Members.

The views expressed and responses to the questions included the following:

- The representatives agreed that the park needed some cultural offering which had been raised in the early stages of the engagement.
- Review the transport issues – Arup agreed to come back to the community council on these issues possibly in the summer of 2014.
- Arup agreed to run a series of publicity – e.g. leaflet drop and post information on local forums in the Dulwich area.
- Provide suitable venues for future public engagement events, as the previous venues were unsuitable and were not able to accommodate the large numbers of people that had attended events in the past.
- Concerns were raised about the project being rushed through and that 2015 was an unrealistic timeframe for completion.
- Note resident's concerns about the impact and increased volume of traffic in the area, more so when development has been completed.
- Requested that the woodlands at Crystal Palace park be protected and ensure the "Friends of Belair Park" and other local groups are fully consulted during stages of

public engagement.

- Note that all consultation analysis would be on the organisation's website. www.arup.com
- Presenters to note that local residents were provided with enough green space once the development was completed.
- Further information should be provided on the development's mix uses.
- Further information and justification during the public engagement process on why it was decided that the development should take place on open metropolitan land.

The chair thanked the presenters and everyone that contributed to the meeting.

9. PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

The following question was raised at the meeting:

Mr White raised a question about the disabled parking signs at Dulwich Park He suggested that a standing sign (one foot tall) which says "disabled parking only" would be more visible and possibly prevent people from parking in a designated area?

The chair said this would be referred to officers in highways and a response provided at the next meeting.

10. COMMUNITY COUNCIL FUND 2014 - 15

Members considered the information contained in the report.

Note: This is an executive function

RESOLVED:

That the following amount of the community council fund 2014 – 15 be allocated to:

Proposal	Amount
Abby Taubin for maths master classes project	£300

11. LOCAL PARKING AMENDMENTS

11.1 Turney Road

Note: This item is an executive function.

Members considered the information in the report.

The chair invited members, ward councillors and representatives present to speak on the local parking amendment for Turney Road.

The main issue was that some motorists were driving the wrong way within close proximity of schools in the area.

Councillor Eckersley (ward member) spoke about the road proposals which had raised considerable and very recent objections from the residents that were immediately affected and the fact there had been no consultation. He said in regard to Turney Road and to some extent with Gallery Road, there had not been an exemplary consultation with affected residents and stakeholders. In his view the pre- decision consultation had been inadequate. He asked if members could consider the views of the representatives present at the meeting.

Councillor Eckersley also thought that a deferral of the parking amendment be sought to allow for a full and proper consultation with the wide range of stakeholders.

Councillor Crookshank Hilton (ward member) explained the matter first came to her attention when the police contacted her about the dangerous situation. She said highways officers suggested demarcating the corner spaces and the pedestrian islands.

Councillor Crookshank Hilton suggested the approval of the first scheme set out in Appendix 1 and asked that officers undertake a full and proper consultation on the more complicated scheme.

Members also discussed the position of installing additional yellow lines to reinforce the highway code.

Councillor Mitchell (ward member) spoke about the 21 day statutory consultation process and about the lodged objections (if any) and stressing this should be referred to Dulwich Community Council for determination.

Members felt there would be extensive time delays if they went for deferral.

Sue Badman, chair of Turney Road residents association addressed the meeting and stated the residents shared the same concerns about road safety as the school had done. She said there had been a few nasty incidences when cars were travelling on the wrong side of the road. She said residents felt that there should be some safety mechanisms for this road before a serious incident does occur.

Sue explained the association represents 95 % of all residents on the Southwark side and within the limited time available sent out details of these proposals to those residents. The feedback she received highlighted the loss of parking and possible displacement for some residents. Also, insufficient notice was given and there had no formal consultation. Sue said the association would be happy to meet with officers, councillors and other local stakeholders to discuss it further. Local residents were also frustrated with the poor behaviour of motorists during the school peak hours and hoped there could be a quick solution to the problem.

Sue said there should be a sensible solution and a commitment from the Southwark side to regular enforcement. Also that the schools themselves should participate in a robust approach. Finally, that there should not be a 21 day statutory consultation but a formal

feedback process

A resident who had a child at Dulwich Hamlet school spoke on the issue and outlined he had witnessed an incident when a motorist parked on the zig zags and a motorist reversed into the person. He felt there was a need to extend the signs to the end of Turney Road (zig zags) but was not in favour of extending the double yellow lines as that would restrict weekend parking.

A school governor at Dulwich Hamlet was present to make representations on behalf of the school. He said there had been a number of near misses that involved parents and children. People parked on one side of the road which created poor visibility for people crossing the other side of the road. Having had discussions with the head of Dulwich Hamlet, he said he encouraged parents not to drive to the school or to park irresponsibly. He urged the community council to approve a scheme so that a safety mechanism could be in place as quickly as possible and then consult more widely on a more detailed scheme.

Councillor Barber put forward a proposal which was for members to agree a reduced scheme in principle. He said ward councillors could rubber stamp the final solution in consultation with the local residents and the school and then report this to the next community council (with any objections) so the scheme could be implemented as soon as possible.

Members and those present were in favour of this proposal.

RESOLVED:

That officers move ahead with a limited scheme set out in Appendix 1 (Rev A) in the main agenda, on the basis that ward councillors get together and agree the final detail of that scheme. That the details are reported back to the next community council and pre consultation with local stakeholders also takes place before the next meeting.

11.2 Gallery Road

RESOLVED:

That the local parking amendment be deferred so this scheme could be considered in conjunction with the raised crossing proposal on Gallery Road.

12. BURBAGE ROAD PEDESTRIAN ISLAND SCHEME

Members considered the information in the report.

Note: This item is an executive function.

RESOLVED:

1. That the community council notes the comments and results of the consultation set in out in the report and appendix A.

2. That the community council agreed to the progression and implementation of the scheme subject to the necessary statutory procedures.

13. HIGHWAYS DEVOLVED BUDGET 2013 - 2014

Members noted the information below which was the current status of the highways programme for 2013 -2014 for the Dulwich community council area.

Note: This item is an executive function.

Scheme Name	Ward	Allocation	Carriageway /Footway	Status
Dulwich Village	Village	£16,302	Footway	Completed
Dulwich Village	Village	£17,623	Footway	Completed
Dulwich Village	Village	£11,763	Footway	Completed by 25 Feb 2014
Colby Road	College	£49,728	Footway	Programmed for 17 March 2014
Goodrich Road to Barry and Upland Roads	East Dulwich	£42,980	Carriageway	Programmed for 6 March 2014

Pellatt Road	East Dulwich	£22,980	Carriageway	Programmed for 10 March 2014
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The meeting ended at 10.00 pm.

CHAIR:

DATED: