



CAMBERWELL COMMUNITY COUNCIL

MINUTES of the Camberwell Community Council held on Tuesday 1 April 2014 at 7.00 pm at Employment Academy, 29 Peckham Road, London SE5 8UA

PRESENT:

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

**OFFICER
SUPPORT:**

Jonathon Toy, Head of Community Safety & Enforcement
Eva Gomez, Acting Safer Southwark Partnership Team
Manager
Ana Popovic, Solace Women's Aid
Ruth Backhurst, Area Manager Community Wardens
Paul Gellard, Project Engineer
Grace Semakula, Community Councils Development 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 Peter John.

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 12 February 2014 be agreed as a correct record of that meeting and signed by the chair, subject to the following changes:

In Item 8, to add a note under the responses from Inspector Hynes that "The police would not pledge, due to a lack of resources, to commit to investigate any crime for which there was forensic evidence available."

In item 13, that "Friends of Burgess Park" be amended to "Friends of Brunswick Park."

The chair added that he would follow up on the police resources point with the borough commander.

CERTIFICATES OF APPRECIATION

At this point in the meeting the chair invited several young people from the Camberwell Youth Community Council to collect certificates of appreciation. The certificates were in recognition of their work in the community.

6. DEPUTATIONS/PETITIONS (IF ANY)

RESOLVED:

That a deputation from the residents of Camberwell Grove regarding high volumes of traffic on the road to be heard.

Residents said that Camberwell Grove was a mixed residential road at the heart of the Camberwell Grove conservation area. It had developed into a major "rat-run" for traffic with about 12,000 vehicles per day using it. Due to the intensity of traffic the road was dangerous for pedestrians and cyclists. The existing traffic-calming was inadequate and the 20mph speed limit was frequently ignored. There were no safe crossing points for pedestrians and it was particularly dangerous at school run times. Residents wanted effective traffic calming measures to reduce "rat-running" and to improve the quality of life for residents and road users.

RESOLVED:

That the cabinet member for transport, environment and recycling along with and

relevant traffic and planning officers be asked for a report to the July meeting of Camberwell Community Council which would look at the broader transport issues and plans for the Camberwell area. Further that the concerns raised in the deputation feed into the current work being done by Transport for London in Camberwell.

The chair thanked the members of the deputation for attending.

7. COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

Beat the barriers: Millwall FC community football scheme

Tom Rolt, Millwall Community Trust, explained that last summer a successful football project had taken place on four estates in Camberwell. The sessions included football, social education and enterprise workshops. There were also trips arranged to see championship fixtures at The Den stadium. Every Saturday there were about 30 young people involved. The project was going from strength to strength and more sessions were planned for 2014.

The chair thanked Tom for all the work undertaken and added there had been a lot of positive feedback from the community.

Youth Community Council

Edward James, Southwark Youth Service, explained that local young people had raised a number of questions relating to community safety for the meeting including: Lighting on roads, dogs running without leads and mobile phone thefts on buses.

Jonathon Toy, Head of Community Safety & Enforcement, offered to meet with the young people from the community to discuss specific issues and offer crime prevention advice.

8. COMMUNITY SAFETY UPDATE

Sergeant Clair Haynes, South Camberwell ward sergeant, explained that she had been in post since June 2013. Recent activities had included tackling domestic violence, and preventing the sale of stolen mobile phones. There had also been a campaign to prevent / reduce cycling injuries in the area, particularly at certain junctions. Officers had issued tickets to offenders and the number of accidents had fallen. Daytime burglaries were also being targeted, including the use of plain-clothes officers. It had been successful with a number of arrests made and anti-social behaviour orders.

In response to questions, Sergeant Haynes made the following points:

- Quality CCTV footage was available on local buses which had proved effective in tracking down offenders. Plain clothes officers were also deployed on public transport.
- Robbery offences were down 20% on last year. Violence against the person had also fallen, in part due to police action at key times.
- Every burglary was attended by officers. However, the funds did not exist within the

budget to send a forensic team to all offences.

- Going through bins was not of itself a crime. Residents were encouraged to dispose very carefully any sensitive information such as bank details.
- Taser use was often a valuable diffuser of a situation. Taking out the taser, without actually deploying, had helped to reduce the number of attacks on police officers. Statistics on taser usage would be circulated at a future meeting.

The chair enquired about what protocols existed between the police and local mental health hospitals for taser usage. Sgt Haynes said she would take that point back to Inspector Hynes for a response. The chair thanked Sergeant Haynes for attending.

9. COMMUNITY SAFETY THEME

Domestic Abuse

Eva Gomez, Safer Southwark Partnership team manager, explained that domestic abuse covered violence, emotional and financial abuse. In Southwark, there were about 2,000 domestic crimes reported each year. About 300 of those took place in Camberwell. A campaign had been launched to raise awareness of domestic abuse and promote the services on offer from Southwark. Services included:

- Emergency accommodation in different locations.
- Specially trained advocates to go to court and represent victims of sex crimes.
- Mentoring support for those involved in gangs.
- Prevention work via the safe, equal and healthy relationships programme in secondary schools.
- A programme for perpetrators seeking to change their behaviour.
- Council staff had also been trained to help victims of domestic abuse.

In response to questions, Eva said the service was for male and female victims over 16 years of age. Domestic abuse affected all groups in the community regardless of location, age, race or wealth. Contact: Eva.Gomez@southwark.gov.uk or Tel. 020 7525 7246.

Ana Popovic, Solace Women's Aid (advocacy and support services), explained that she was a caseworker working with women and children who had experienced domestic abuse. It was a crisis intervention service offering different sorts of help depending on the circumstances. Leaving an abusive relationship was often difficult and ongoing support was provided by Solace. The Solace team advised about housing and keeping adults and children safe. There was a counselling service, advice on injunctions and a support network. Contact: Ana.Popovic@southwark.gov.uk

Community Wardens

Ruth Backhurst, area manager of community wardens, explained that the wardens were a patrolling uniform service within the council's community safety division. The core aims

were recording and reporting on crime, including anti-social behaviour, environmental issues and engaging with the community. The wardens worked with the housing department and the anti-social behaviour unit. The warden role was often about linking departments and agencies that could take further action. In terms of enforcement, the wardens targeted dog fouling and littering. The wardens educated people on responsibilities and issue fixed penalty notices. The Camberwell team had reported about 1,500 environmental issues during the previous year and made more than 800 visits to local businesses.

In response to questions, Ruth made the following points:

- The community warden service was cut by about 50% a few years ago so the challenge was to deliver a good service with less resources. One of the changes had been the move from a borough wide service to a town centre focused service.
- Community wardens could only seize alcohol if they witnessed associated anti-social behaviour.
- There were six community wardens working in Camberwell plus a shared team leader.

Ruth invited residents to make enquiries to the warden control room - Tel. 020 7525 5846. This was a public number to report community concerns and environmental issues.

Jonathon Toy, head of community safety and enforcement, explained that community safety was a collaboration with the police, various partners and services along with the community. Over the last few years violent crime in the borough had fallen considerably which enabled young people to socialise and play without fear. Knife and gun crime had fallen by about 25% (300 less incidents) and that had been achieved by a lot of work by agencies in the community. Community mentors, for example, did a lot of work to help improve the community and reduce crime.

In response to questions, Jonathon made the following points:

- A large part of the work involved bringing agencies together to tackle crime, anti-social behaviour and fear of crime.
- Victims of crime were often affected for months or years afterwards but there was support available. Generally crime statistics were falling and that meant people felt safer in the borough.

10. CLEANER GREENER SAFER (CGS) REVENUE FUND 2014-15

Note: This is an executive function.

Members considered the information contained in the report.

RESOLVED:

That the following amounts of CGS revenue funding 2014/2015 be allocated to the

project listed below:

SOUTH CAMBERWELL

Proposal	Amount
Dog Kennel Hill Youth Outreach Project	£10,000

COMMUNITY COUNCIL FUNDS

The chair, following a point made by Councillor Norma Gibbes, asked that effective monitoring take place of community council funded projects, to ensure that the funds being spent matched the purposes specified in the applications.

11. LOCAL PARKING AMENDMENTS

11.1 LOCAL PARKING AMENDMENTS - CAMBERWELL VISITOR PARKING

Note: This is an executive function.

Members considered the information contained in the report.

RESOLVED:

That the following local parking amendments, detailed in the appendices to the report, be refused:

- Valmar Road – conversion of a permit only bay to pay by phone and installation of a loading bay near the junction of Coldharbour Lane.
- John Ruskin Street and Dartford Road:
 - conversion of existing time restricted free bays to pay by phone
 - creation of additional spaces for zone J permits
 - introduction of a 4 hour maximum stay on the existing disabled bay at the junction of Walworth Road.

11.2 LOCAL PARKING AMENDMENTS

Note: This is an executive function.

Members 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:

- Crossthwaite / Woodfarrs – install double yellow lines to provide access for refuse and emergency vehicles.
- Maude Road – remove 7 metres of permit bay and install a double yellow line to provide access to a planned new dropped kerb and vehicle crossover leading to No 36 Vestry Road.

The chair asked that concerns raised by Councillor Stephen Govier about the Crossthwaite / Woodfarrs scheme: that some double yellow lines on corners can cause problems for cyclists as cars drive quicker round corners with parking restrictions in force, be considered as part of the wider review of traffic in Camberwell recommended under the deputation item 6.

12. PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

There were none.

CLOSING COMMENTS

The chair gave thanks to those councillors not seeking re-election for their years of dedicated service to the community.

The meeting ended at 9.00pm

CHAIR:

DATED: