



DULWICH COMMUNITY COUNCIL

MINUTES of the Dulwich Community Council held on Monday 21 July 2014 at 7.00 pm at Christ Church, 263 Barry Road, London SE22 OJT

PRESENT: Councillor Andy Simmons (Chair)
Councillor Rosie Shimell (Vice-Chair)
Councillor James Barber
Councillor Jon Hartley
Councillor Helen Hayes
Councillor Anne Kirby
Councillor Michael Mitchell
Councillor Jane Lyons
Councillor Charlie Smith

OFFICER SUPPORT: Simon Phillips (Team Leader, Transport Policy)
Julian Allen (Youth Development Officer, Dulwich)
Grace Semakula (Community Council Development Officer)
Beverley Olamijulo (Constitutional Officer)

1. INTRODUCTION AND WELCOME

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

2. APOLOGIES

Apologies for lateness was received from Councillor Rosie Shimell.

3. DISCLOSURE OF MEMBERS' INTERESTS AND DISPENSATIONS

None were disclosed.

4. ITEMS OF BUSINESS THAT THE CHAIR DEEMS URGENT

There were no urgent items of business. However the chair drew members' attention to

additional items on:

- Information about CCTV enforcement – information tabled at the meeting which was covered under item 7, community announcements.
- Presentation on the Transport Local Implementation Plan (LIP) submission which was covered under item 7, community announcements.

5. MINUTES FROM THE PREVIOUS MEETING

RESOLVED:

That the minutes of the meeting held on 19 March 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:

Transport Local Implementation Plan (LIP) submission programme

Simon Phillips from Transport Policy was present to talk about the local implementation plan submission for transport schemes in the borough. The council's cabinet meeting agreed a 3 year programme last year and this year 2015 -2016 would be year two of that programme. The council were currently reviewing the content and will be seeking advice from the relevant cabinet member in the autumn 2014 with submission to TfL in early October, 2014.

Programme

- Mayor's transport strategy consultation
- The cost would be around £3 million per annum
- Consist of capital and revenue funding /schemes
- This would be a three year delivery plan
- Cabinet approval in September 2014
- Submission to TfL in October 2014
- Confirmation of Funding in December 2014

Simon explained the different types of schemes referred to as corridor schemes which play a significant role on roads and neighbourhoods.

The key factors were safety, active, travel, air quality, regeneration, growth, accessibility, parking etc.

A map with all of the transport schemes in the borough were shown at the meeting, it included:

- East Dulwich Grove – LIP scheme
- Paxton Green – LIP scheme, officers were working on developing this scheme if more funding was made available
- 20 mph – LIP scheme
- Major schemes: TfL, Dulwich safer school partnership – submitted £2 million funding awaiting news to see if funding would be given.
- Camberwell Town Centre
- Principal Roads
- Quietways – aimed at making roads safer for cyclists wanting to avoid busy traffic
- Borough cycling programme
- 20 mph borough
- Non principal roads
- Cleaner greener safer – funded schemes.

In response to questions about the junctions of Townley Road, Barry Road and Greendale and whether they had made the council's shortlist of programmes for this year, Simon advised that they had not made the shortlist but would be considered in the summer of 2015.

Residents expressed concern on the implementation of 20 mph zones which they felt were not effective if there was no regulatory enforcement.

It was noted that College ward councillors had met with Network Rail to improve access to railway stations, install better sign posting and to lobby them about installing a lift.

Residents also raised questions about plans to improve Sydenham Hill and West Dulwich train stations particularly as the front entrance of the station had poorly designed sign posting. The officer explained that the council were not in direct control of this but they were in contact with Network Rail and hoped that all train stations would be fully accessible in future.

For information contact Simon Phillips on 020 7525 5542 or email simon.phillips@southwark.gov.uk

People were encouraged to submit suggestions and comments on LIP programme.

Police update

Inspector Hines from the south west cluster submitted his apologies to the meeting.

Sergeant Warren Gregory from College safer neighbourhood team (SNT) was present to give an update on ward priorities and referred to recent complaints from residents about the lack of police presence in all of the wards which had been addressed at the ward panel meetings.

The police agreed to deal with this issue and target hard to reach groups on community safety issues like anti-social behaviour, burglary and vehicle crime.

The officer said the ward panels were always recruiting new members and had set up more neighbourhood watches in the area.

Each ward in the Dulwich Community Council area has a dedicated police inspector, a sergeant, a police constable and one Police Community Support Officer (PCSO).

It was noted that there were police contact points in Seeley Drive SNT base, and Dulwich Library people could visit at set times on Wednesday 7 - 8 pm, Thursday 7 – 8 pm and Saturday 2 – 3 pm

The officer reported that Sergeant Bartley would be the new sergeant for Village ward from 4 August 2014.

The officer asked people to raise their awareness regarding identity fraud and urged people not to disclose their personal bank details to anyone. He said telephone fraud had been on the increase and therefore the police advised people to terminate such calls straightaway especially if they suspected the caller was trying to obtain personal information.

Further information on telephone fraud was available for circulation at the meeting.

During questions, Cllr Hayes asked about designated ward data concerning crime statistics particularly where burglary was high. Sgt Gregory explained that he had not provided data at the meeting and he agreed to speak Inspector Hines about this.

Another issue raised during questions was mapping anti social behaviour in wards and what could residents do to address high areas of concern. Some residents raised concerns about the time it took dedicated police officers to travel from ward to ward in the local area and that the police should liaise with TRAs (tenant and resident associations).

A resident raised a question about police officers that had parked on double yellow lines. Sgt Gregory agreed to speak to his officers about this as there was no justification for doing this. People should also report this at any of the police contact points. The meeting was informed that local neighbourhood watch newsletters were available on the police.co.uk website and could be sent by email. The newsletters also listed dates and times of meetings.

The big London energy switch

Southwark Citizens Advice Bureau informed the meeting of the big London energy switch which was a new scheme was being run by a number of London councils. It was a collective switching campaign designed to help vulnerable households to get a cheaper energy tariff. The scheme meant that anybody that paid an energy bill could apply, especially if they wanted to pay less and switch suppliers.

The aim of this initiative was to get as many residents as possible to register to the scheme, and once enough people had signed up to the scheme an 'energy auction' would take place, to find the best deals suppliers could offer. The cheapest supplier would have the chance to offer a new contract to anybody that was part of the project.

People were encouraged to look out for additional information or register their interest and

visit the <http://www.biglondonenergyswitch.org.uk/> by the 14 October 2014.

Community website: www.se22valeresidents.org.uk

Kate a representative from Vale Residents Association talked about the association's new website www.se22valeresidents.org.uk.

The association defined themselves as a community that consist of four streets and 300 households which formed a resident association 7 years ago. They have a community meeting ground in Dulwich Park and the website enables their neighbourhood to have a voice and record community initiatives. On behalf of the association Kate thanked Dulwich Community Council for sponsoring the grant they received from the council.

Kingswood Festival workshops

Information leaflets on the Kingswood Festival workshops were available at the meeting. It contained details of events that took place at Kingswood House, Seeley Drive, SE21 8QR. The workshop dates were Tuesday 29 July, Thursday 31 July, and Friday 1 August 2014 from 10.00 am to 4.00 pm with free entry.

New Charter School in East Dulwich

The Haberdashers' Aske's Federation was asked to set up a new secondary school in East Dulwich which was supported by a local parent campaign group and Southwark Council.

Representative - Yvonne was present to talk about the bid proposed for a new secondary school on the Dulwich Hospital site. The school would be non faith and non selective. The aim was for a high performing school. Yvonne mentioned that Southwark was in desperate need of a secondary school and therefore she urged Dulwich Community Council to support the opening of a new school.

Information leaflets were available at the meeting and people were asked to show their support by emailing their comments to newschool@charter.southwark.sch.uk or visit the website: www.charter.southwark.sch.uk/

Community infrastructure project list (CIPL) - announcement

The chair announced that the S106 and CIL manager wanted to receive ideas for the community infrastructure project list (CIPL) for local publically accessible improvements that could be funded by S106 or future local community infrastructure levy (CIL).

The ideas should be sent to zayd.al-jawad@southwark.gov.uk

It was noted that a full presentation and updated community infrastructure project list would be considered at the community council meeting on 10 September 2014.

CCTV Enforcement – information

A briefing paper on CCTV enforcement was circulated at the meeting. It included comments from the environment and leisure department.

From the Head of Public Realm:

Summary:

It was noted that legislation on CCTV enforcement had just been tabled as an amendment to a bill currently going through parliament, so it was not possible to be exact on the implications at present. Although it did seem clear that enforcement around schools and at certain other types of locations such as bus stops would still be possible.

CCTV enforcement would not be used widely in the Dulwich Community Council area, apart from enforcement outside schools and for the enforcement of pedestrian crossings. Enforcement using CCTV outside schools was one of the types of CCTV enforcement that the minister had said would be allowed to continue while enforcement of pedestrian crossings it appears would have to cease.

8. YOUTH COMMUNITY SLOT

Julian Allen, Youth Development Worker for Dulwich talked about the summer provision for 11 – 19 years in the borough and explained where they were taking place:

- Hub 1 - Bermondsey youth club
- Hub 2 - Damilola Taylor centre
- Hub 3 - Camberwell leisure centre
- Hub 4 - Kingswood young people's project

Each project offered young people a wide range of local activities, advice and guidance.

Julian mentioned the courses at the Kingswood Festival workshops were free and also involved some day trips.

For further information visit www.whtvr.org.uk or email whatever@southwark.gov.uk or telephone 020 7525 3941

9. HERNE HILL BRIDGE CLOSURE

Kathleen O'Malley, Community Relations Executive from Network Rail was present at the meeting to talk about the series of remedial works that were being undertaken on Herne Hill Bridge. Kathleen explained that after discussions with the relevant stakeholders and TfL, Network Rail had made the decision to delay the programme of works until October 2014 which would be dependent on traffic modelling and the impact it would have on local bus routes. When this information becomes available Network Rail would decide on a full closure of the bridge or part closure.

In response to questions, residents expressed some concern with the programme of works taking place in October and that the summer months would be more appropriate when the area has the lowest impact on traffic and schools. Network Rail replied that the timing would be subject to the outcome of the options for the remedial works.

During questions, Network Rail explained that the closure of the bridge would take approximately four weeks. Local residents expressed concern about the length of time as there had been two years of constant disruption from various companies that had carried out repair or building works in the area.

There was also discussion about the various options being proposed for the road closure.

The chair thanked Network Rail for their attendance. Network Rail agreed to attend a future community council meeting.

10. THAMES WATER - PRESENTATION

The meeting received a presentation from Thames Water representatives, Claire Collard, Emmeline Smart and Ian Foulds who provided handouts and discussed the following:

A map on display highlighted the Crystal Palace and Norwood boosters that recently had their control system upgraded.

Another map highlighted site control plants at Crystal Palace and Norwood which helped with the flow demand and the set points during weekdays and at the weekend.

New pump control units were installed to allow pumps to run at a more optimised speed to reduce fluctuations in the area.

Pumps were overhauled to increase efficiency.

Each of the new upgrades would result in a much more consistent and stable supply to the area, especially during peak times.

Tackling Leakage

Thames Water were piloting new innovative ideas for preventing leaks with more focus on the south east area where meters could provide better data to identify leakages.

A large scale investment programme to replace the Victorian water main which had been a five year programme.

There were plans to install smart water meters in all properties to collect water usage data and be more water efficient. The water usage data would give customers in depth information on how much water was used as well as providing accurate bills.

Explained they had investigated the leakage of a valve in Sydenham /Forest Hill which occurred due to high ground water.

Thames Water spoke about the difficulty of managing the water main bursts which occurred in Lordship Lane. They had introduced a new "control system" to monitor the cause of leakages.

Since the Herne Hill flood, Thames Water had introduced new "points and chambers" to

search for leaks and to ensure there was better visibility.

Thames Water agreed to provide further details to residents and councillors on the company's five year business plan where leakage would be a key part of that work programme.

Following the presentation the representatives responded to questions from residents and councillors on matters related to Lordship Lane's burst water main.

The representatives acknowledged that they had not collated details of vulnerable residents when there was no supply of water. The operational business team were responsible for registering elderly residents on their database.

Thames Water said they were also looking at ways to improve the repair time for works to be done.

At the conclusion of questions, Thames Water agreed to provide information about their programme of works for the area.

The chair thanked Thames Water representatives for attending the meeting.

11. THEMES AND PRIORITIES SET FOR THE YEAR

During the break residents were asked to identify themes and priorities set for the year.

The community council development officer collated the following information on themes and meeting venues:

Traffic & Transport	75%
Health & Wellbeing	35%
Recycling	0%
Leisure/Sport	5%
Education	35%
Noise and Air pollution	30%
Housing	25%

Faith community	25%
Environment	35%

Other theme ideas

Crime & Safety	35%
Disability issues	5%
Policing-touchdown base	20%
Cycling priorities in Dulwich	10%

Preferred Meeting venues

St Barnabas Church	30%
Christ Church	85%
Dulwich Library-upstairs	55%
Dulwich Picture Gallery	45%

JAGS	10%
Kingswood House	35%

Other suggested meeting venues

Don't mind	5%
Herne Hill Baptist Church	15%
Alleyns School	5%
Charter School	5%

12. PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

The following questions were raised at the meeting.

Q1 Local resident:

Are there any proposals for the North Dulwich Triangle for controlled parking?

A1 Response from councillors was that a number of residents have asked for this but the council said they would be considering a controlled parking zone in this area. The Dulwich Society were also seeking comments from residents about this issue.

Q2 Mary from the Fair Trade Centre at Christ Church:

The council needs to renew their fair trade borough status by August 2014. Otherwise the council will lose fair trade borough status and it could take some time to get it back. The council received their fair trade status in 2007.

Please see link for information and to download form:
www.fairtrade.org.uk/en/get-involved/in-your-ommunity/towns/applying-and-renewing

A2 The chair agreed to follow this up.

Following the community council meeting, an officer from the housing strategy and partnerships team confirmed that he was in the process of renewing the fair trade status for Southwark and that the deadline for this would be extended.

13. COMMUNITY COUNCIL QUESTION TO COUNCIL ASSEMBLY

Members discussed that a community council question to council assembly be agreed formally at the next meeting in September 2014 addressed to the relevant cabinet member (for Children and Schools) on the delivery of a new secondary school in the south of the borough and consider its location on the Dulwich Hospital site.

14. CLEANER GREENER SAFER REVENUE FUNDING

Note: This item is an executive function

Members considered the information in the report.

RESOLVED:

1. That the Dulwich Community Council reconsidered the decision taken at a previous meeting on 29 January 2014, where it awarded £20,000 to Dulwich Hospital Phlebotomy Service.
2. That the community council agreed to hold a meeting with representatives of Dulwich Hospital along with the East Dulwich ward councillors in order to look into other options instead of the “turn up and go” booking system.
3. That the outcome of that meeting and Cleaner Greener Safer revenue funding proposal be determined at the community council in September 2014.

15. LOCAL PARKING AMENDMENTS

At the request of officers, the local parking amendment for Gallery Road was withdrawn from the agenda.

Note: This item is an executive function.

Members considered the information in the report.

RESOLVED:

That the following local parking amendments be approved, subject to the completion of any necessary statutory procedures:

Dulwich Wood Avenue – to extend double yellow lines at the junctions with Hunter’s Meadow and Bell Meadow.

Turney Road – to install double yellow lines at the junction with Boxall Road and Aysgarth Road and adjacent to the pedestrian refuges.

The meeting ended at 9.20 pm.

CHAIR:

DATED: