



PECKHAM AND NUNHEAD COMMUNITY COUNCIL

MINUTES of the Peckham and Nunhead Community Council held on Monday 7 July 2014 at 7.00 pm at Thomas Calton Centre (Southwark Adult Education), Alpha Street, London SE15 4NX

PRESENT: Councillor Johnson Situ (Chair)
Councillor Cleo Soanes (Vice Chair)
Councillor Evelyn Akoto
Councillor Jasmine Ali
Councillor Fiona Colley
Councillor Nick Dolezal
Councillor Gavin Edwards
Councillor Renata Hamvas
Councillor Barrie Hargrove
Councillor Richard Livingstone
Councillor Jamille Mohammed
Councillor Sandra Rhule
Councillor Michael Situ

OFFICER SUPPORT: Alistair Huggett, (Planning Projects Manager)
Michael Tsoukaris, (Design and Conservation Manager)
Marian Farrugia, (Community Council Development Officer)
Gill Kelly, (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 absence were received from on behalf of Councillors Sunil Chopra and Victoria Mills and apologies for lateness were received on behalf of Councillors Fiona Colley and Renata Hamvas.

3. DISCLOSURE OF MEMBERS' INTERESTS AND DISPENSATIONS

There were none.

4. ITEMS OF BUSINESS THAT THE CHAIR DEEMS URGENT

There were none.

5. MINUTES FROM THE PREVIOUS MEETING

RESOLVED:

That the minutes of the meeting held on the 2 April 2014 be agreed as an accurate record of the meeting and signed by the chair.

6. DEPUTATIONS/PETITIONS (IF ANY)

There were no petitions or deputations.

7. COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS AND PRESENTATIONS

The following announcements were made at the meeting:

Safer neighbourhood teams

Police officer Neil Cook was present to give an update on ward priorities across Peckham. He agreed to take any issues in regard to the other wards (Nunhead, Peckham Rye, the Lane and Livesey) back to the team sergeants.

The ward priority for Peckham was burglary and the teams were building on local neighbourhood watch schemes that were linked in with the tenants associations where crime prevention advice around burglary was given. It was noted that some of the actions involved in tackling this was to particularly vulnerable and elderly residents.

The officer said he would be available at the break to respond to any queries or feedback any concerns to the other neighbourhood teams.

Peckham Vision

Eileen Conn from Peckham Vision announced that an exhibition would be held on 23 July 2014 at the CLF Art Cafe, 133 Rye Lane, SE15 4ST. The drop in exhibition would involve a number of activities that included a model of the town centre.

Information leaflets on the Peckham Gateway were available at the meeting.

Athenlay Football Club

A local resident made an announcement about Athenlay Football Club, which was a well established football club in Southwark. He highlighted that due to the condition of facilities at the club they were not able to invite other teams to play at their home ground because refurbishment work was urgently needed. He asked if the community council could help as the club needed support and more funding for the pavilion.

Councillor Edwards referred to the legacy fund, and invited the resident to speak to him during the break.

Community Council Development Officer

Marian Farrugia, community council development officer announced that she was moving on to another area and so this would be her last meeting in Peckham and Nunhead. Marian said she enjoyed her time in the area and introduced Gill Kelly as the new community council development officer for Peckham and Nunhead.

Councillor Soanes presented Marian with a bouquet of flowers and a card and paid tribute to the hard work and support she provided over the years. Councillor Soanes said Marian was passionate and committed to the cohesion of communities, forming links and also being the eyes and ears in the community. She said Marian would be missed and a loss to the area.

Marian thanked everyone for their support.

8. YOUTH COMMUNITY SLOT

The young people were unable to attend.

9. PRESENTATION FROM POCKET PLACES PECKHAM

Hannah Padgett from Sustrans was at the meeting to talk about Pocket Places Peckham. The project which was supported by Southwark Council and the community health trust. Hannah said during the last 18 months, she has been involved with working with people that propose schemes to enhance empty spaces.

The project held a workshop event on 7 June 2014 where people demonstrated different trials, ideas and proposals. Residents were able to respond to these and provide positive feedback. Hannah explained that subject to the agreement of the relevant cabinet member and members of the community council, an agreed scheme would be identified from the list of schemes.

Hannah said this information would be brought back to the community council meeting in September 2014.

Hannah responded to questions about the workshop event and the proposal for more events in the future. Members commended the good work Pocket Places were doing and the chair thanked Hannah for her presentation.

10. ANNOUNCEMENT ON PECKHAM RYE STATION CONSULTATION

Alistair Huggett, Planning Projects Manager, spoke about the consultation on the redevelopment of the Peckham Rye Station and community engagement programme.

The council, Network Rail, Southern Railways and the Mayor of London were working in partnership to significantly improve the area around Peckham Rye station.

The council had committed over £5m of funding and had secured £5.25m from the mayor's regeneration fund. The reason for the improvements around Peckham Rye station was to improve the passenger experience and the environment around the station. The council had been working closely with local businesses that currently occupy this area.

Alistair announced that a meeting to discuss the co-design process was held on the 14 July 2014 at the Liberal Club. He said improvements to the station were already underway, with better passenger waiting areas including the reopened waiting room and new waiting areas on the platforms. It also included the opening of the new cycle parking hub and improvements to the lighting to the front of the station.

Alistair said accessibility was an issue at Peckham Rye, particularly for those with disabilities, and parents of young children. The council had applied to the Department for Transport for funding to install lifts. If the bid was successful, people would be notified.

For more information visit website <http://peckhamryestation.com>

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Peckham Townscape Initiative

Michael Tsoukaris, Design and Conservation Manager spoke about the Peckham Townscape Initiative which was a jointly funded programme with the heritage lottery fund that allocated a £1.7 million grant programme. This funding was used for restoring historic features and carrying out building repairs on historic buildings. It was noted that 44 properties were identified.

They include Peckham Hill, Peckham High Street, Rye Lane and Peckham Rye Station.

In response to questions, regarding fly tipping around the arches in Peckham, officers agreed to refer this matter to the relevant department (public health) and provide a response at a future meeting.

11. THEMES AND PRIORITIES FOR THE YEAR

Councillors and residents sat in groups in their various wards to identify themes and priorities set for the year.

The feedback from the workshops on themes and priorities were noted as follows:

Livesey ward:

- High streets and landscapes, shops around Peckham High Street.
- To utilize community space available and accessible to community members.

The Lane ward:

- Public realm and cleaning public spaces.

- Education, training and employment – not just for young people but older people.

Nunhead ward:

- Jobs, training and education particularly for people with disabilities and young people.
- Housing - social housing 11,000 homes, local jobs for local people.

Peckham ward:

- Community cohesion and working together – i.e. the energy and vibe received from these meetings was a positive one.
- Themes need to address positive things like “What Peckham means to me”

Peckham Rye ward:

- Traffic calming and transport.
- Cycling safety.
- Peckham High Street.
- School places – which was a big issue at the moment.

The representatives of the Peckham Youth Community Council were not present however they did submit the following information prior to the meeting:

The Youth Community Council - priorities:

- Concentrating on recruitment for new youth community councils to join the group.
- The issues that were raised at the last two youth community council meetings were community safety in Peckham towards young people and concern over muggings.
- The reputation of Peckham as being a hotspot for crime. The young people felt that more should be done to raise the profile of Peckham as a good place to live and work.

The chair thanked everyone for their contributions to the meeting.

12. COMMUNITY COUNCIL QUESTION TO COUNCIL ASSEMBLY

The community council felt the topics highlighted below should be raised as a question to the council assembly meeting:

Improving shop fronts and cleanliness in Rye Lane and Peckham Park Road
Recognition of young people and their achievements
Addressing the issue of regeneration in the area.

It was put to the vote and members and residents agreed:

That the issue of improving shop fronts and cleanliness in Rye Lane and Peckham Park Road should be raised as a question at the council assembly meeting on 26 November 2014.

13. LOCAL PARKING AMENDMENTS

Note: This item is an executive function.

RESOLVED:

1. That the following local parking amendments, detailed in the appendices of the report be approved for implementation subject to the outcome of any necessary statutory procedures:
 - Highshore Road – to extend no waiting (double yellow lines) and no loading at any time restrictions to ensure access to an off-street delivery yard to the rear of No.32 to 36 Rye Lane.
 - Coll's Road / Drayton Grove – installation of double yellow lines at the junction to improve sight lines.
 - Gowlett Road – to reposition the existing loading bay near its junction with East Dulwich Road.
 - Lynbrook Grove – installation of double yellow lines opposite No.32 to provide access.

2. That the following local parking amendments be deferred:
 - Gervase Street / Leo Street – officers should consult further with local residents, especially residents situated on the travellers' site located at Burnhill Close. It was noted that many of the vehicles parked on these roads might be owned by the residents that live on the site.
 - Peckham Rye – officers consult further with local ward councillors about the obstructive parking in and around the Veterinary Centre and ascertain whether those who used the centre were responsible for the obstruction.

14. CLEANER GREENER SAFER CHANGE CONTROL REPORT

The item was withdrawn from the agenda, officers agreed to present a report at a future community council.

15. PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

Q1 Abdul raised a question concerning the lack of community space for young people to use. He asked that the council address this issue so young people do not form the view that they were being charged an exorbitant amount when using these facilities?

A1 Councillor Colley, cabinet member for finance, strategy and performance responded to the question and outlined that she understood their concerns about this issue. Councillor Colley spoke about the opening of a new community centre in Nunhead in 2015 which would be run by "Nunhead boys". Also, there were other community spaces that had been on the sites of the former housing office on Sumner Estate, the old Town Hall, and Theatre Peckham. The theatre would have a studio and many other facilities for young people.

Councillor Colley said the council and members would explore these issues in detail to see how best to utilise more affordable community space in the area.

Councillor Dolezal referred to Peckham BMX and thanked them for the work they had done over the years and as part of that recognition the council built a new BMX track in Burgess Park.

Q2 A local resident referred to the London Youth Games that were held recently – stating that a number of the young champions were from Peckham. The council and the community as a whole should recognise this achievement.

A2 Councillor Hargrove, cabinet member for public health, parks and leisure explained that he attended the event and was pleased for the residents that represented their borough. Councillor Hargrove said he would encourage Southwark young residents to participate in these events especially after Southwark won gold in the 4x100 metres relay. He also stressed the importance of people taking part in physical activity whether it was walking or cycling. The council would be faced with further cuts from central government and he hoped services like this would be maintained.

Q3 Heather, a street pastor, asked a question about litter bins in the area - what had happened to them. The few that were in the area were usually full to capacity.

A3 Councillor Hargrove responded by saying that people should bring such issues to the attention of their local ward councillor.

Q4 A local resident referred to the burning of rubbish by local businesses which was affecting the air quality and the area around the market?

A4 Councillor Hargrove urged people to report such incidences to the council. He said a lot of work had been done over the years to work with shop owners in conjunction with council departments who are doing their best to address the issue of cleaning along Rye Lane. Councillor Mohammed said the same issues were brought to his attention by a number of residents.

Meeting ended at 9.20 pm

CHAIR:

DATED: