



Peckham and Nunhead Community Council

MINUTES of the Peckham and Nunhead Community Council held on Monday 29 September 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 Sunil Chopra
Councillor Renata Hamvas
Councillor Barrie Hargrove
Councillor Richard Livingstone
Councillor Victoria Mills
Councillor Jamille Mohammed
Councillor Sandra Rhule
Councillor Michael Situ

OTHER MEMBERS

PRESENT: Councillor Radha Burgess

OFFICER John Daley, Private Sector Housing Manager
SUPPORT: Alistair Huggett, Planning Projects Manager
Michelle Normanly, CGS Projects Officer
George Roscoe, Community Safety Officer
Jessica Leech, Community Engagement Officer
Zayd Al-Jawad, S106 and CIL Manager
Gill Kelly, Community Council 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 submitted on behalf of Councillors Nick Dolezal and Fiona Colley. Apologies for lateness were received on behalf of Councillors, Evelyn Akoto,

Renata Hamvas, Cleo Soanes and Michael Situ.

3. DISCLOSURE OF MEMBERS' INTERESTS AND DISPENSATIONS

The following member made a declaration regarding the agenda item below:

Agenda item 10 – Peckham Rye Station

Councillor Sunil Chopra, non pecuniary, in relation to Peckham Rye Station under the theme “Pride in our Neighbourhood” as he owns a business in Rye Lane.

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 7 July 2014 be agreed as an accurate record of the meeting and signed by the chair.

6. DEPUTATIONS/PETITIONS

There were no deputations or petitions.

7. COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS AND PRESENTATIONS

The following announcements were made at the meeting:

Cleaner greener safer funding programme 2015 – 2016

Michelle Normanly CGS Project Manager introduced the launch and explained that the cleaner greener safer funding programme had been running since 2003. Michelle said at least 85% of schemes were completed in the community council area. The officer referred to schemes that were currently ongoing in the community council area. People were encouraged to submit their application online and forms were available at the meeting. The closing date for applications was 27 November 2014.

Michelle explained the process and outlined that all eligible ideas would be looked at by councillors. A feasibility study would be undertaken by officers that included the costings. It was noted that a final decision would be made in the January /February 2015 cycle of meetings and the awards would be given in April 2015. The chair encouraged groups to submit their applications.

For information contact Michelle Normanly on 020 7525 0682 or email

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2015 – 2016 budget process

The chair read out a statement about the budget process for 2015 -2016

Like many households, Southwark Council must balance its budget each year. With hundreds of vital services to provide for over 300,000 people, spending money wisely is at the core of what the council does.

Over the past four years the council has had the equivalent of around £90m in funding cuts – which is about a quarter of its total budget. Like many other boroughs the massive reduction had a major impact on local services in the borough.

The council is likely to lose a further £70m of funding over the next three years as the cuts continue. The community council need to decide how best to spend the funding that would be available. In the past the council asked for local people's views on the council's budget.

In the coming months, residents would be consulted and hear their views. The council would be carrying out a consultation exercise at each of the community councils in the November and December cycle of meetings.

Southwark Faith open day

Councillor Jamille Mohammed spoke about Southwark Faith open week that would take on 15 November to 22 November 2014 at Tooley Street and would be hosted by the Mayor of Southwark. The open day formed part of the interfaith week which promoted better understanding and awareness of different faith groups. The event would involve visiting and entering into dialogue with many faith places in Southwark – e.g. Christian churches, mosques and Sikh centres. In response to a question Councillor Mohammed said they were looking into which interfaith groups they would visit, which would be finalised at a later date.

Petition for more police officers

Councillor Richard Livingstone explained that Councillor Michael Situ, cabinet member for environment, recycling, community safety and volunteering had sent his apologies as he was at a Borough, Bankside and Walworth meeting to highlight the issue of more police officers. Councillor Livingstone explained that the borough had their fair share of crime and that around 1000 police officers were needed in the borough, but due to cuts from the Mayor of London there were fewer officers. Previously each ward had approximately six officers including a PCSO and other wards had an even higher number than that and they were able to cut crime in Peckham. People were encouraged to sign the paper petition at the meeting or submit their signature online on the met police website.

For further details of the petition view: www.southwark.gov.uk/policenumbers

Community councils online forum

A new online forum had been launched that enabled residents to discuss items from community council meetings or begin new conversations and debates. See <https://forums.southwark.gov.uk/>

Police updates on community safety matters

Inspector Lloyd was at the meeting to give an update on policing matters. He said there had been a reduction in crime where there had been a reduction in robbery and theft. The priorities were anti-social behaviour patrols, addressing low level violence and improving the response time for emergency calls. It meant that emergency calls were responded to within 15 minutes of a call.

Inspector Lloyd said community engagement needed to be addressed further in order to target diverse groups, faith groups, young people and older people.

Black History Month – October 2014

Residents were encouraged to take part in a variety of events taking place throughout the borough in October to celebrate and raise awareness of black cultural heritage, history and experiences. www.southwark.gov.uk/blackhistorymonth

The chair thanked the speakers for their presentations.

8. YOUTH COMMUNITY SLOT

The chair announced that the film from the Damilola Taylor Centre was deferred until the next meeting.

9. CONSULTATION ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR THE COMMUNITY

Community conversations:

The domestic abuse strategy and the women's safety charter

Councillor Radha Burgess, deputy cabinet member for women's safety introduced the item and highlighted that there was a real willingness for the council to address women's safety so that a good night out should be a safe night out. Councillor Burgess mentioned that Peckham, Camberwell and Borough and Bankside had asked licensed premises to sign up to the domestic abuse and women's safety so they could treat the harassment of women seriously and ensure the premises report any such incidents. The aim was to make Southwark a safer borough.

Councillor Burgess and George Roscoe, community safety officer also spoke about the domestic abuse strategy and the council's campaign to raise awareness of domestic abuse.

The campaign aimed to inform residents about domestic abuse and how victims could seek help. The forms of abuse included threatening behaviour, intimidation, emotional, physical or psychological abuse.

George explained that the council were involved in outreach walkabouts in the saturation zones, attending events at shopping centres and visiting focus groups. They had received positive feedback on the survey and strategy.

Residents were encouraged to complete the consultation form online, for the charter and strategy and George asked for people's views on harassment and domestic abuse.

In response to questions, Councillor Burgess agreed that women and girls should be included in the charter particularly in light of the Rotherham report which was about the sexual exploitation of girls. Councillor Burgess said she had close links to young advisors, the youth council and youth services.

Councillor Victoria Mills, cabinet member for children's services, spoke about this important issue being discussed at Southwark's children's safe guarding board and a cabinet meeting scheduled for October 2014, particularly in light of what had happened in Rotherham.

Private sector housing licensing scheme – consultation

John Daley, private sector housing manager talked about the private sector housing licensing scheme and that the council were consulting residents about it. It meant the scheme would monitor the management of private sector housing to target overcrowding, poor maintenance fly tipping, anti social behaviour and generally poor accommodation. The officer mentioned there were 28,500 "let" properties in Southwark. The licensing proposal would cover a third of let properties in the borough. Information and questionnaires were available for residents to complete. John was available during the break to respond to questions.

Charter of principles for delivering 11,000 new council homes

Jessica Leech from the community engagement team explained that the council was currently consulting residents on a charter of principles which would set the framework for how the council delivers 11,000 new council homes. The council would like to know what the community thought about these pledges. The consultation period would close on 13 October 2014. Forms were available at the meeting. They were also on online at www.southwark.gov.uk choose link on "community and living" and refer to "community conversations" for more information.

The chair thanked the speakers for their presentation.

10. THEME FOR THE MEETING "PRIDE IN OUR NEIGHBOURHOOD"

Peckham Rye Station

Alistair Huggett, planning projects manager spoke about the design shop and weekly updates and views on blogs from traders, commuters and residents concerning the refurbishment of Peckham Rye station and programme of works in the surrounding areas. The majority of views expressed were in favour of the works taking place as soon as possible. During the consultation process a number of questions came up about the road works and the chaos this would cause to the area.

In response to questions and comments from representatives, it was noted that the regeneration programme included Peckham High Street and Rye Lane.

In addition, Network Rail was due to carry out an accessibility study of the station taking

into account that any changes that were required would need planning permission from the council. People felt the council should ensure they work closely with Network Rail in regard to its access issues especially to the rear, as well as the lift and public toilet issues.

Peckham Townscape Initiative (THI)

Alistair Huggett, also spoke about the townscape initiative. He explained it was about funding that had been made available to improve and restore architectural detail and shop fronts and facades. There was also scope for some internal work.

The officer reported that the council was recruiting a dedicated officer which would kick off the townscape initiative.

The chair thanked Alistair for his presentation.

11. COMMUNITY INFRASTRUCTURE PROJECT LIST (CIPL) AND COMMUNITY INFRASTRUCTURE LEVY (CIL)

Zayd Al-Jawad, Section 106 and CIL Manager talked about the council consulting people on the community project list which was contained in the agenda. He said the list was approved by the community council in June 2013 and officers promised to come back to the community council to discuss the projects and update the meeting on the latest developments.

The community council noted the funded schemes listed in the report.

12. PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

The following questions were highlighted at the meeting:

Q1 Dulwich Hamlet Football club: What was the council doing to develop and to ensure the football club is kept at its current location in light of the proposed plans to regenerate the Greendale site?

A1 Residents were asked to submit their views to the consultation for the Greendale site and outline what they would want out of the consultation.

Q2 Cleaner greener safer (CGS) funding for bicycle hangars; what happened when the funding was transferred to the sustainable team in 2007?

A2 To follow this up with officers in the CGS team to find out why this particular project was not delivered.

Q3 Affordable housing: What percentage would the council charge for rent because residents were more likely to be worse off when the new rent for these homes are set?

A3 Councillor Livingstone said 85% of affordable housing would be kept at a reasonable level. He referred to the community conversation that was held on 11,000 new council homes pledge.

13. COMMUNITY COUNCIL QUESTION TO COUNCIL ASSEMBLY

The chair announced that there was a leader's question event to be held on 22 October 2014 at City Hall. He asked people if they had any ideas of what of questions they would put to the leader of the council.

The following were noted as suggested questions to the leader:

1. Delivery around housing and the council's plans to build around 11,000 new council homes?
2. Football clubs: How would the leader of the council support and protect local football clubs?
3. A question concerning regeneration in the Peckham and Nunhead area, and the maintenance of new builds and to ensure they remain sustainable for the future?
4. A question related to temporary licences being granted for vacant community spaces in the area?

The meeting voted on each of the questions. It was noted that question 3 received the majority of votes (25) as a question to submit to the leader of the council, followed by question 1 which received 14 votes.

14. LOCAL PARKING AMENDMENTS

Note: This item is an executive function.

Officers considered the recommendations contained within the report.

RESOLVED:

1. That the following local parking amendment, set out in the appendix of the report be approved for implementation subject to the outcome of any necessary statutory procedures:
 - Install double yellow lines adjacent to a planned vehicle crossover that would provide access to No.173 and to ensure the proposed double yellow lines do not have a dropped kerb or over stretch to the neighbouring properties.
2. That the following local parking amendments be deferred:
 - Sternhall Lane – convert existing doctor bays to pay and display bays and install one destination blue badge disabled parking bay outside doctor's surgery.
 - Sandison Street – revoke existing doctor bay and convert one car space to shared - use (permits or paid) parking.

- Therapia Road – install double yellow lines adjacent to a planned vehicle crossover that will provide access to No.10.
- Friern Road – install double yellow lines adjacent to a planned vehicle crossover that will provide access to No. 37.
- Gervase Street / Leo Street – install double yellow lines to provide access for larger vehicles.
- Meeting House Lane – install two destination blue badge disabled parking bays outside St John Chrysostom Church.
- Peckham Rye – install double yellow lines to improve inter-visibility from an off-street customer car park.

Note:

The community council requested that a parking design officer be present when the (deferred) parking schemes are next considered at the meeting.

Meeting ended at 9.40 pm

CHAIR:

DATED: