



DULWICH COMMUNITY COUNCIL

MINUTES of the Dulwich Community Council held on Wednesday 3 December 2014
at 7.00 pm at Christ Church, 263 Barry Road, London SE22 0JT

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

OTHER MEMBERS

PRESENT: Councillor Fiona Colley, cabinet member for Finance, Strategy
and Performance

OFFICER Marcus Mayne, Principal Consultant
SUPPORT: John Kissi, Flood Risk Manager
Joseph Okai, Project Manager
Barbara Ann Overwater, Senior Planning Policy Officer
Helen Laker, Community Involvement Officer
Ebony Riddell-Bamber, Community Participation Manager
Simon Phillips, Team Leader, Transport Policy
Rosemary Watts, NHS Southwark CCG
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 Anne Kirby.

3. DISCLOSURE OF MEMBERS' INTERESTS AND DISPENSATIONS

None were disclosed.

4. ITEMS OF BUSINESS THAT THE CHAIR DEEMS URGENT

There were no urgent items.

5. MINUTES

RESOLVED:

That the minutes of the meeting held on 10 September 2014 be agreed as an accurate record of the meeting and signed by the chair.

Note: The "apologies for absence" paragraph should say: None were received.

6. DEPUTATIONS/PETITIONS (IF ANY)

There were none.

7. COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS AND PRESENTATIONS

The following announcements were made:

NHS Southwark Clinical Commissioning Group

Dr Sian Howell from NHS Southwark Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG) introduced herself to the meeting and announced that, following the changes that were introduced in April 2014, the CCG were responsible for the quality of primary care and had a significant role in health care. The key issue would be to make it easier for patients to see their doctor when they need and where residents should go to for out of hours care.

The CCG took on board comments and feedback from the consultation that was held recently and had introduced the following:

- To improve access to health services
- GP practices to work closely together
- Additional service available at the Lister Health Centre – south of the borough and a new one would shortly open in the north of the borough.
- The additional service would involve a practice (medically trained) receptionist that could speak to patients on the telephone and signpost people on where they need to go.

- The practice receptionist would have access to a patient's notes – to ensure that there would be a continuity of care particularly for the long term ill and those with mental health problems.

In response to questions, Dr Howell explained that the CCG would aim to improve communication between the CCG and the health authority and to look at plans to resource services in Dulwich. Dr Howell also mentioned that the CCG had considered SELDOC but decided to provide this service at the Lister Health Centre.

Members asked questions about access to GP appointments, scale of resources, response time and said that telephone advice might not be the solution to an already bigger problem. Dr Howell said they would endeavour to come up with other solutions and was a big advocate of telephone management. Each receptionist would be trained and arrangements would be in place so that if there were concerns a doctor would call the patient back. The new service would make it easier to access urgent appointments. A patient's notes would be accessible in order to understand the patient's medical history or medication.

Dr Howell said she understood the challenges particularly in regard to those people with disabilities, or those whose first language was not English.

Leaflets were available at the meeting and for more information contact www.southlondoncsu.nhs.uk or email jennifer.cole4@nhs.net

Police updates

Sergeant Stewart Turnbull reported on the fire that occurred at Denmark Hill train station and an armed robbery which took place at a jewellers in Upland Road. Sgt Turnbull said further updates would be given at the ward panel meeting and the next community council.

The following was highlighted:

- The borough's Remembrance Day events went without incident.
- Reported that there was a new contact point in Camberwell. People were told to refer to the Met Police website <http://content.met.police.uk/Home>
- Theft offences: There was a 30% drop in East Dulwich ward and a 20% drop in College ward during the warm weather, around hot spots and during the night time economy.
- Domestic violence – he urged people to report any incidents to the police.
- Police road induction initiative would be taking place in the local area.

The meeting noted that Dulwich councillors met recently with the borough commander and put forward the view of having a touch down base in the Dulwich area. At the time they were told by the borough commander that there were no resources to fund a touch down base.

Robin Crookshank Hilton said she contacted the borough commander about the same issue and was told that a touch down base might be considered. The chair said he would contact the borough commander about the information that Robin relayed to the meeting.

East Dulwich Christmas Cracker

Councillor Charlie Smith announced the East Dulwich Christmas cracker event would take place on Saturday 6 December 2014 at Lordship Lane and North Cross Road between 11 am to 5 pm. The event had successfully been running for 3 years which included entertainment and music which included local community choirs and a bandstand. Many of the local businesses were involved in the event and donations were collected for the food bank. Everyone was encouraged to attend the event and leaflets were available at the meeting.

Viapath Phlebotomy blood testing service

It was noted that a meeting took place between councillors and representatives at Viapath phlebotomy services on the extension of the blood testing appointment system so it included a Saturday phlebotomy service. The Viapath phlebotomy service were uncertain whether to commit to this appointment system following members' decision to award cleaner, greener safer revenue funding to the blood testing appointment system. The ward members suggested that the funding be re-allocated to other East Dulwich projects.

Information on the existing appointment system was available at the meeting:

- Kings College Hospital – Monday to Friday from 7.30am – 6.00pm
- Dulwich Hospital – Monday to Friday from 7.30am – 7.00pm
- Guy's Hospital – Monday to Friday from 8.30am – 1.00pm
- St Thomas Hospital – Monday to Friday from 7.30am – 6.00pm

Welfare Reform item

As the officer was not present the community council would receive an update at the next meeting.

Consultation on the cycle contra flow: Overhill Road, London SE22

The chair announced that the consultation on the cycle contra flow on Overhill Road, London SE22 would run from 1 December until 19 December 2014. A report on the contra cycle flow would be presented at the next community council.

For more information visit the council's website www.southwark.gov.uk/consultation or contact Clement Agyei Frempong on 020 7525 2305.

Cycling strategy consultation

Simon Phillips, Team Leader in transport policy gave a presentation on the cycling strategy and its consultation. He talked about the benefits to increase and also encourage the number of people to cycle in the borough. The Southwark spine route runs down to the central part of the borough to the south which is otherwise called the super cycle highway.

Simon said he wanted people's views on proposals for the super cycle highway and junctions in the borough in order to ascertain whether they were safe or not. In response to questions, the new traffic model for the Townley Road /East Dulwich Grove junction was out for consultation. The officer explained that there was a possibility of the consultation date being extended in order to receive comments and views from residents. All the necessary background information on the Townley Road / East Dulwich Grove junction would be available to the public.

Questions were asked about the removal of the no right turn at the junction and the extension of the consultation date. Simon agreed to take these comments back to colleagues in the traffic team.

The residents also highlighted the following:

The scheme particularly with regard to the crossing would be a counter productive arrangement (change /alter layout of junction at Townley Road / East Dulwich Grove /East Dulwich station). It would create a major impact on the area.

A resident from Gilkes Crescent said he spoke to a number of local residents who were not in favour of the right turn proposal especially as this would increase traffic in Red Post Hill. The resident said the model needs to be looked at carefully so as not to make the situation worse.

A resident from Dovercourt Road spoke on behalf of residents that live in Dovercourt Road and also presented a petition which outlined that many had concerns about the right hand turn proposal and the affect this would have on cyclists. It would have a serious knock on effect and residents would like to see additional evidence, and be given more time to review it.

A resident from Townley Road said the proposal would be a disaster and he urged members not to support the "no right turn".

Southwark Friends of the Earth representative expressed concerns about the proposal and explained it was too dangerous for cyclists.

A resident from Woodwarde Road felt that it was imperative the consultation should be extended. He added that residents would like all questions answered satisfactorily, and for officers to meet with local residents, and provide further information about Southwark traffic policy and how stakeholders would be consulted.

Simon Phillips agreed to feedback the above information to colleagues in the department. The officer encouraged people to complete the questionnaire and write that they would like an extension to the consultation date.

The chair said he would welcome the report on this at the next meeting and asked officers to consider the following:

- What background documents were available at the meeting.
- That further consideration should be given on the modelling of the scheme.
- Information on how the stakeholders would be consulted – including local resident associations in Gilkes Crescent, Woodwarde Road, Townley Road and Calton

Avenue.

- Provide detail on the streets that would be consulted (including the distribution of consultation leaflets).

Des Waters, head of public realm said he would check to see if there was scope to extend the consultation date. He announced that a report would be presented to the community council in January 2015 before it is considered by the relevant cabinet member. Residents requested that the process be open and transparent.

8. THEME - GREEN DALE FIELDS IMPROVEMENT PROJECT

Marcus Mayne – Southwark’s principal consultant spoke about the work the council were doing on the Greendale site.

Summary of presentation

The officer advised that the council did not own the stadium – it was owned by Handley Homes who had now acquired the club.

He said the council did own the Greendale site and explained the football club’s 22 year lease was due to end.

The Greendale site was designated as open land, metropolitan open land (MOL), and borough open land (BOL) although the stadium itself was not designated open space.

The astro pitch itself was in a poor state of disrepair and was used mostly by dog walkers. The council sought a section 25 notice to terminate the club’s lease because the pitch was not managed properly.

The council carried out a consultation exercise which was undertaken by the parks section on the future use of the astroturf in order to make it a regulated open space area. Most of the feedback received was about the astroturf and for it to be used for multiple purposes.

The officer mentioned that Handley Homes (property group) went out to consultation and this was separate from the council’s. The proposals from Handley Homes would deliver financial reward to the local area.

The officer mentioned that the planning application from Handley Homes might be considered early in 2015.

Pavitar Mann, (lead speaker) Matt Rimmer and Olly McIvenney from Bellenden public affairs were present at the meeting.

Summary of the presentation

The representatives explained that due to the duplicated state of the club they were trying to resolve a number of issues like the club’s electricity which meant doing some re-wiring.

The club was managed well but as the pitches were in a poor state – football matches would have to be cancelled.

Pavitar provided feedback on the consultation and outlined the main findings:

- There was strong support for the Dulwich Hamlet FC.
- There was a strong desire to retain the club at its present location.
- Improve accessibility particularly for local residents.
- Strong support for additional community facilities alongside the football club.
- Would like to see a new public park.
- Improvements to the site's boundary.
- To have 3G artificial turf pitches.
- The creation of a new open space.
- Provide housing – 35% affordable.

The representatives took questions about the proposed affordable housing whether it was social or private and affordable to local people. They explained that it was still in the early stages of the scheme and currently in discussion with the council's planning authority.

People were encouraged to look at the plans that were displayed at the meeting.

Jonathan Hunt spoke on behalf of Dulwich Hamlet Supporters Trust.

Summary of the presentation

Jonathan explained that Dulwich Hamlet Supporters Trust was independent and separate from the football club. They share the same aim which was for the club to survive and prosper. Due to the neglect and lack of maintenance – supporters were extremely grateful for rescuing the club out of debt and hoped the club would remain sustainable and continue to play there for another century. Jonathan said the supporters club were not committed to any of Handley Homes proposals but would like to share the open space on the site.

The chair thanked the speakers for their representations at the meeting.

9. YOUTH COMMUNITY SLOT

The item was deferred.

10. BUDGET CHALLENGE - CONSULTATION

Councillor Fiona Colley, cabinet member for finance, strategy and performance talked about the budget challenge and the council's spending and proposed cuts.

During the last round of cuts, people said they wanted to retain front line services, and bring some services in house which meant it would be more effective to collect council tax payments. It also meant council tax would remain the same without any increase. Also to keep libraries open and provide free healthy school meals in Southwark.

The council would be adopting 10 new fairer future challenges. This involved looking at

services that could be provided online. This would be more effective joined up work with other government agencies and a review of those services that were duplicated.

Residents were invited during the break to take part in this year's budget consultation exercise. This involved a red and green cheques interactive session that enabled residents to show which areas of council spending they thought should be reduced and which areas should be protected in the future.

11. CONSULTATION PLAN FLOOD RISK STRATEGY 2014

The public consultation on the local flood risk strategy started on 3 November 2014 and ends on 6 February 2015. The consultation documents were available on the council's webpage, local libraries and newsletters of tenants and residents' associations and friends of parks. Residents were encouraged to review the documents and provide feedback by the deadline date.

For more information email FloodRiskManagement@southwark.gov.uk or Visit: http://www.southwark.gov.uk/info/200448/flood_risk_management

12. NEW SOUTHWARK PLAN

Barbara Ann Overwater, an officer from the planning policy team was present to talk about the new Southwark plan. The officer explained the core strategy was adopted in 2007 and the new Southwark plan would contain information about "area visions" for example an area vision for Dulwich. It would also include the new (proposed) planning policies that would be done over a three year period and this would be the first stage of the consultation.

Barbara encouraged people to visit the council website in order to look at the various options. It included a new (reviewed) map of the borough, the area action plan, new planning policies and the supplementary planning documents. The new planning policies for deciding a planning application would involve some of the following:

- Travel
- Home
- Town Centres
- Social Infrastructure
- Sustainability

The consultation would be from 31 October 2014 until 6 March 2015. Officers from the planning policy team would be attending community events and workshops in order to consult as wide as possible.

The 2nd stage would be working out the options for the planning policies. The 3rd stage would be to submit the final version of the Southwark plan to central government for examination.

For more information visit www.southwark.gov.uk/newsouthwarkplan or contact 0207 525 4530

13. PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

The following public questions were submitted at the meeting:

Public question 1 – Resident at Dovercourt Road

With reference to the proposed changes to the East Dulwich Grove/Townley Road/Green Dale junction, could Southwark Council please supply us with evidence (traffic surveys, stakeholder questionnaires, analysis of previous works, feasibility studies) to show that they have correctly identified the problems with safety at the junction, and to demonstrate what impact the proposed changes – particularly the blocked right turn from Townley Road – would have on this junction, safety at other local road junctions, the 37 bus route, the volume of traffic on adjoining residential roads, and traffic flow throughout Dulwich Village and East Dulwich?"

Public question 2 – Resident at Woodwarde Road

"We object to the proposal which provides insufficient context and evidence and we put forward two questions."

On our first question, residents in Woodwarde Road have raised a number of queries about what evidence Southwark Council has that its proposed changes to the junction will improve safety, and what work has been done to model the impact of these changes on the local area. These questions are being raised with local councillors and council officers. Some replies were outstanding and so it is simply not possible to gather together all the responses, and to discuss them with neighbourhood groups, before the deadline of December 12.

Public question 3 – Resident at Woodwarde Road

On the second question, residents were asking for more details about Southwark Council's policy on conducting consultations, how stakeholders are identified, and whether this particular consultation has been conducted on those lines.

Public question 4 – Resident at Gilkes Crescent

"Can Southwark suspend its consultation process until it has provided evidence of its strategic planning for the surrounding Dulwich area, including motorized traffic, to support its proposal for the Townley Road - East Dulwich Grove junction? At present, it appears that the slight improvement for bicycles at this junction is greatly outweighed by dangers, particularly to children, resulting from the extra traffic generated to the West of the junction (towards the Dulwich - Red Post Hill junction). The area to the West is already much more heavily congested than the Townley Road - West Dulwich Grove junction."

Public question 5 – Resident at Gilkes Crescent

"Has Southwark considered the route likely to be followed by traffic that cannot turn right as it emerges from Townley Road? Has it made an impact assessment for the various streets, such as Gilkes Crescent, where it might try to loop back towards East Dulwich?"

Note:

The above questions were submitted to officers in public realm, environment and leisure department for responses to the community council meeting.

Public question 6

A local resident raised the issue of the site around Judith Kerr School, as there was a proposal to use it as designated green space. The community council agreed to seek further advice from officers on the matter.

14. COMMUNITY COUNCIL QUESTION TO COUNCIL ASSEMBLY

The following was put forward as a community council question to the council assembly meeting:

"Could the cabinet member please provide an update on progress with Greendale and securing the future of Dulwich Hamlet Football Club?"

A response to the question would be provided at the community council meeting.

15. ONE HOUR FREE PARKING AT SHOPPING PARADES

Note: This is an executive function.

Members considered the recommendations contained within the report.

RESOLVED:

1. That the following locations detailed in the appendices to the report be approved for consultation on the introduction of one hour free parking:

Street	No of locations
Existing free bays: 1 hour	
East Dulwich Grove	1
Grove Vale	1
Half Moon Lane	2
Herne Hill	1
Lordship Lane	2
Melbourne Grove	1
Norwood Road	1
Unrestricted parking	
Dulwich Village (parade of shops opposite the school and by the post office)	2
Gipsy Hill	1
Lordship Lane	1

North Cross Road	1
Park Hall Road	1
Underhill Road	1

2. That further information on the consultation maps and locations be brought to the next Dulwich Community Council meeting in order for further comments to be made.

16. COMMUNITY COUNCIL HIGHWAYS CAPITAL INVESTMENT 2014 - 2015

Note: This is an executive function.

Members considered the recommendations contained within the report.

RESOLVED:

That the following schemes be approved for capital investment:

College ward

Bowen Drive Footway	£33,000
Bowen Drive Highway	£39,000

East Dulwich ward

North Cross Road and Puffin Crossing Footway	£38,095
Eastern side of Lordship Lane from junction with North Cross Road	£14,000

Village ward

Woodwarde Road Footway	£40,000
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The meeting ended at 10.15 pm.

CHAIR:

DATED: