

Open Agenda



WALWORTH COMMUNITY COUNCIL

MINUTES of the Walworth Community Council held on Wednesday September 9 2009 at 7.00 pm at The Pasley TA Hall, Stopford Road, Off Manor Place, Walworth, London SE17

PRESENT: Councillor Lorraine Lauder MBE (Chair)
Councillor Paul Bates
Councillor Caroline Pidgeon
Councillor Jane Salmon
Councillor Martin Seaton

**OTHER MEMBERS
PRESENT:**

**OFFICER
SUPPORT:** Caroline Chalklin (Clerk: CLG), Philip Murphy (E & H), Simon Phillips (E & H), Forid Ahmed (CLG) and Pete Redman (E & H)

1. INTRODUCTION AND WELCOME [CHAIR]

The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting.

2. APOLOGIES

Apologies were received from Councillors Ladipo, Gurling and McNeill.

3. DISCLOSURE OF MEMBERS' INTERESTS AND DISPENSATIONS

None were notified.

4. ITEMS OF BUSINESS THAT THE CHAIR DEEMS URGENT

5. CHAIR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS: HIGHWAYS & LIGHTING DECISIONS

The decisions on the allocation of the discretionary Walworth Community Council area Capital Funding for improvements to highways and lighting will be made together with the other Members' Decisions.

6. MINUTES:

DECISION: The minutes of the meeting held on July 14 2009 were approved as a true record of the meeting.

ACTION: The answer to Mr Beedell's question on council consultations to be sent to him, and both the question and answer listed in the minutes:

'Is the Council compliant with the Sustainable Communities Act in the consultations it runs?'

The reply is as follows:

'Southwark Council took a number of actions in order to publicise the Sustainable Communities Act and encourage local people to put forward proposals for action by government. The Act itself does not set specific guidelines for how local authorities should consult with local communities, but the Council has taken the following steps to publicise the Act:

- *Held a public meeting on 15th April, run jointly with the Active Citizens Hub, and attended by Local Works (a coalition of over 90 national organisations which is campaigning to promote the use of the Sustainable Communities Act) who gave a presentation about the Act and the type of proposals that could be included. Officers from Southwark Council also explained the process that Southwark Council would be following and how people could get involved.*
- *Set up a dedicated page on the Council's website*
- *Announced details of the SCA and how to get involved through Community Councils and engagement networks*
- *A leaflet and proposal form were distributed through Community Involvement & Development team, area management and other Council staff*
- *An article was published in Southwark Life*
- *Details of the Act were presented at each of the thematic partnerships which make up the Southwark Alliance, asking them to engage with stakeholders (including any hard to reach groups or communities) and encouraging them to submit proposals*

Following the receipt of a number of proposals from the public, a panel was established in accordance with the regulations made under the Act and this panel met to agree which proposals would go forward to the Local Government Association. These proposals were then agreed by Council Assembly, also in accordance with the Act.'

7. DEPUTATIONS/PETITIONS (IF ANY)

No notice has been received for deputations.

8. EAST STREET AND WALWORTH FESTIVALS, AND ZOOLOGICAL GARDENS EVENT REPORTS

The Lost Zoo of Walworth (written report)

On 25 July 2009 on a wonderful sunny day, Pasley Park celebrated Walworth's remarkable past on its 175th anniversary of the Royal Surrey Zoological Gardens.

The event was Victorian themed which included special tours around the area, an exhibition about the gardens, workshops about Victorian etiquette, lots of fun activities for children to do such as meeting the animals from Surrey Docks Farm, big animal making workshop, display of bees from Walworth Garden Farm, an interactive performance from In Toto Theatre starring 'Mrs Beeton', artefact handling with the Cuming Museum, and Victorian performances with accompanying tea and cakes.

The evening standard highlighted the event and It is estimated that over 1000 people attended the event.

Feedback was fantastic.

Comments from audience included:

'Finally - a community event in our closest and most underrated park'

'Good because information is vital and learning the history of the area is also vital - would be good to happen every year'

A project around this anniversary will continue with the development of a permanent feature through which to highlight the heritage of the area in 2010.

Councillor Pidgeon reported that many Councillors came to the event, which was a fantastic celebration of the 175th anniversary of the zoo. Participants went on heritage tours of the site, and there were many activities and workshops. Walworth Garden Farm played a part, and (model) giraffes and elephants were made. Other activities included a Dog Show, sports, victorian games and Punch & Judy. The Town Crier made formal announcements. The event was part funded by the Community Council Fund.

There will be additional plantings in the Walworth Garden Farm, together with additional signs. A number of people expressed interest in forming the Surrey Gardens Friends group, and wanted to change the name from Pasley Park to Surrey Gardens to reflect the heritage of the site.

Walworth Festival

At the Community Council meeting, Charlotte Benstead, the founder of Action SE17 said the organisation used the Walworth Festival to promote its work. Seventeen other organisations and groups came to the Festival, including Cooltan Arts. There were 100 performers taking part, and the weather was good. 27 young people received awards from Harriet Harmon MP for contributions to the community during the previous 12 months.

Action SE17 has made a successful bid, and received a £1/2 million grant from the Lottery. There is now a full programme of activities arranged by Action SE17. 8 people have been recruited as Street Patrollers to provide a presence in the streets when children are returning home from school. Charlotte said that Action SE17 was keen to work with TRAs to recruit even more Street Patrollers.

To contact InSpire, please go to www.in-spire.org.uk or telephone 020 7740 6868

East Street Festival (written report)

*The Festival went very well, there were Bouncy Castles / Clowns / Face Painting / Jazz Band / Dancers / Music / Scottish Pipers / Barbecues etc. The market was busier than normal that day, as around 10,000 leaflets were handed out to publicise the event. Market Officers received many compliments from Traders on the Market for the effort made in holding the event, which is **the first in over a Quarter of a Century**. The feedback from the Police was excellent, they were extremely happy with the way in which the event was handled, and welcome the fact that we make this an annual event. We also had a Tug 'o' War between the Market Officers and East Street Traders, which **THE MARKET OFFICERS WON 2 - 0**. So the scene is set for a return grudge match next year.*

The Chair added that there had been good food and good music, children's activities. East Street market traders and were very pleased, and thanked the Market Officers for their work.

Tina Daley, who worked on the barbeque at the event, thanked the Community Council for the opportunity, the community thoroughly enjoyed themselves, the kids loved it.

For further information on events please contact : Anila Ladwa, Culture Development Officer (Public Art & Events) E: anila.ladwa@southwark.gov.uk

9. LOCAL TRANSPORT IMPROVEMENTS - TFL FUNDED PROJECT DELIVERY PROGRAMME

Following the presentation at the last Walworth Community Council, 18 votes were cast for the 4 potential schemes. The most popular scheme was East Street, followed by Albany Road, followed by West Walworth.

Two schemes will be put forward for the overall list for Southwark: £250,000 for East Street Market and speed cameras for Albany Road. The west Walworth scheme will go on the list for 2011/12.

The proposal of Walworth Road south was considered too expensive, and not good value for money. The proposal for the junction of Camberwell Road and Addington Square was considered high risk and expensive.

Q1: Mr Beedell said that the prioritisation of proposals did not reflect the casualties at the Brandon Street/Portland Street junction.

A1: Casualties are not the only factor in road layout improvements. The proposals are little more than ideas at the moment, detailed designs will take a few months.

Q2: A resident asked if the proposed cameras in Albany Road were just for traffic.

A2: Yes, the CCTV was just for traffic, not for community safety.

Q3: Mr Clark asked about the junction of Addington Square and Camberwell Road; the traffic lights block the traffic and cause air pollution. Mr Clark said that some places are more than 5 times more polluted since traffic schemes were implemented.

A3: A key criterion of traffic schemes is the impact on congestion, and reduction of air pollution. All traffic lights are controlled by Transport for London, and the Mayor is keen to cut down the number of traffic lights in London.

10. UPDATE FROM WALWORTH SAFER NEIGHBOURHOOD TEAMS

East Walworth – for PC Chris Daly Tel :07766443004

Chris Daly sent his apologies.

The Ward Priorities are:

- Reducing anti-social behaviour by youths on the Congreve and Barlow estates and Kinglake Street
- Reducing anti-social behaviour with drugs in Hemp Walk

- Reducing vandalism to cars in Dawes House

The Safer Neighbourhood Team participated in the East Street Festival and 'The Mix' in Burgess Park.

During Ramadan the mosques in the Ward will be patrolled until the end of September.

Faraday – PS Steve Brown Tel: 020 8649 3586

The Ward Priorities are:

- Promoting youth engagement
- Reducing robberies in Burgess Park
- Dealing with anti-social behaviour in the Walworth Road

The KAROT bus came to the Walworth Festival, a Youth Festival was held at Thurlow Lodge.

Newington Ward – PS Julia Croft (SNT Tel: 020 8721 2437)

The Ward Priorities are:

- Dealing with street drinkers
- Catching speeding drivers
- Preventing dog fighting
- Preventing cyclists on the Walworth Road.

All the SNT officers are now trained in operating the speed cameras; residents were warned that they would be in action this weekend.

The dog fighting incident turned out to be an isolated incident.

The SNT was involved in the Brandon Festival, organised by Jeff Barnett of the Brandon TRA. This was an excellent family fun day.

Sadly, Sergeant Croft is moving on to another job in the police, but she said that she had found leading the Newington SNT was the most enjoyable job she had so far in the police.

The Chair thanked Sergeant Croft for her hard work on behalf of Newington residents, and the meeting applauded the Sergeant.

11. SWINE FLU: TAKING CARE OF YOURSELF AND YOUR FAMILY - REPRESENTATIVE OF SOUTHWARK PCT

Dr Ann-Marie Connolly, the Director of Health for Southwark Primary Care Trust, informed residents that Southwark had been one of the earliest sites of Swine Flu in the UK. As such, many precautions were taken to slow down the rate of infection by dispensing Tamiflu and closing schools. However, for most people, it was found that the experience of having Swine Flu was similar to a mild bout of ordinary 'flu.

As time passed, GPs and the Primary Care Trust found themselves greatly overburdened. The Government then set up the

- **Swine Flu Information Line on 0800 1 513 513 and the**
- **Swine Flu information is also online at:**
<https://www.pandemicflu.direct.gov.uk/>

At present, there are very few cases, but there may be a big surge in cases in late September, October and November. The H1N1 virus is new, so is unpredictable.

The medical profession has been watching the experience of Swine Flu in the southern hemisphere which has just had winter: a similar pattern of large numbers of infected people experiencing the symptoms of mild 'flu.

What you can do now is find a friend or neighbour to be your 'buddy' to collect your pills from a collection centre, should you come down with Swine Flu. Please look out for isolated people, and offer to be their buddies.

Some people have had severe symptoms: particularly the young and adults between 20 and 30. Not many old people have been affected. There are some groups causing concern: those with underlying health conditions, such as asthma or other respiratory problems, heart, liver, kidney or compromised immune systems and women in the last three months of pregnancy.

If you think you have Swine Flu, please ring the number above. You will be asked a number of questions, and if it is considered you have Swine Flu, you will then be given a unique number. You should then ask your 'buddy' to collect the tablets for you from one of the collection centres in Southwark. Anyone going to the collection points will need to take proof of identity for themselves and the sufferer, plus the unique number. You should then rest and take paracetamol for the symptoms.

It is expected that vaccine against Swine Flu will become available between mid and late October. As there will not be sufficient vaccine (or people able to give the injections) for everyone at once, vaccinations will be given in order of priority:

- People under 65 from the susceptible group describe above, and those living in the same house
- People over 65 with underlying health conditions

There will be a system for arranging vaccinations through GP surgeries.

For most people, Swine Flu just means a couple of unpleasant days.

In the meantime, the advice is to use and dispose of tissues, and wash your hands frequently.

The NHS and the Council are prepared for a Swine Flu outbreak, and are taking a cautious approach.

Q1: Norma asked who was protected from Swine Flu. A1: All those who have had Swine Flu, and those who have been vaccinated.

Q2: Norma asked about the priority given to unpaid carers. A2: GP surgeries will know the personal situation of patients, including details of carers.

Q3: Mr Clark said that he was unhappy that older people had been left out of the first tranche of vaccinations. A3: Older people usually do get offered 'flu vaccine, but doctors have been monitoring who catches Swine Flu, and very few older people get Swine Flu.

Q4: Mr Clark asked if doctors knew what older people died of. A4: Yes, doctors do know. It would be physically impossible to vaccinate the whole population at once. The low incidence of Swine Flu in older people has been observed world-wide.

Q5: A resident said he had been ill with Swine Flu for a couple of days; when are people infectious? A5: Swine Flu is spread by coughing and sneezing. In June or July there were so many cases that people could not be sure from whom they had caught the disease.

Q6: Are there any side effects to the vaccine? A6: The vaccine is still in the testing phase, so this is not known, however side effects will be known by the time the vaccine is available.

12. PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

Please see Appendix 1

13. MEMBERS' DECISIONS:

DECISION: That the following appointments to School Governing bodies be approved: Mr Allen and Ms Verghese (Robert Browning Primary School) and Ms Sekwalor (Surrey Square Foundation Infants School).

DECISION: That the Walworth Members' discretionary capital allocation for highway improvements fund resurfacing of East Street (from the junction with Walworth Road) for approximately 100m.

DECISION: That the Walworth Members' discretionary capital allocation for street lighting improvement fund lighting repairs in Munton Road.

CHAIR:

DATED: