



CAMBERWELL COMMUNITY COUNCIL

MINUTES of the Camberwell Community Council held on Wednesday 9 September 2015 at 7.00 pm at Employment Academy, 29 Peckham Road, London SE5 8UB

PRESENT: Councillor Kieron Williams (Chair)
Councillor Radha Burgess
Councillor Tom Flynn
Councillor Peter John
Councillor Sarah King
Councillor Mark Williams
Councillor Ian Wingfield

OTHER MEMBERS PRESENT: Councillor Darren Merrill

OFFICER SUPPORT: Pam Usher, Libraries Arts and Heritage Manager
Pip Howson, Transport Policy
Michelle Normanly, Senior Project Manager
Tim Walker, Senior Engineer
Fitzroy Lewis, Community Council Development Officer
Tim Murtagh, Constitutional Officer

1. INTRODUCTION AND WELCOME

The chair welcomed residents, councillors and officers to the meeting.

2. APOLOGIES

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor Dora Dixon-Fyle.

3. ITEMS OF BUSINESS THAT THE CHAIR DEEMS URGENT

There were none.

4. DISCLOSURE OF MEMBERS' INTERESTS AND DISPENSATIONS

There were none.

5. MINUTES

RESOLVED:

That the minutes of the meeting held on 15 July 2015 be agreed as a correct record of that meeting.

6. COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

New Camberwell Library

Pam Usher, Libraries Arts and Heritage Manager, explained that the interiors of the new building were being finalised prior to the IT systems being installed. The library was likely to open in November 2015. The IT fit out was in progress and after that brand new stock of 27,000 items would be installed. Shelf panels would feature images of Old Camberwell and some wonderful art pieces that had been provided by undergraduate students at Camberwell College for display. Once opened, the library would offer a range of activities and sessions for the public.

Feedback from the Camberwell Fair

Andre Marmot from Wormfood Music, explained that this year's fair had taken place on 25 July 2015. There were approximately 3,500 people in attendance over the course of the day. 120 surveys had been completed and the feedback was overwhelmingly positive. There had been a good level of diversity of people on the day. Next year's fair would take place either on the Green or at Burgess Park. For further details, contact: andre@wormfood.co.uk

Cleaner Greener Safer capital programme 2016/17

Michelle Normanly, Senior Project Manager, explained that forms were now available to apply for next year's programme. There was just under £90,000 available per ward and applications were welcome from people who live or work in Southwark. The ideas had to be capital improvements in the public realm. Further information available. Contact: michelle.normanly@southwark.gov.uk or Tel. 020 7525 0862.

7. CAMBERWELL TOWN CENTRE

Building a strong local economy

Councillor Ian Wingfield, deputy leader and cabinet member for business, employment and culture, explained that the council placed a strong emphasis on engaging with local businesses. It was important to create successful and thriving local centres across the borough as well as to provide opportunities for employment and skills. The council had set a target of creating 5,000 jobs across the borough between 2014 and 2018. There were a number of schemes in place; one was the high street challenge. Over £350,000 had been invested in local high street businesses including shop fronts and infrastructure. One Camberwell initiative was a £15,000 grant to the SE5 Forum to develop the farmer's market at Camberwell Green and also to look into setting up a business improvement district (BID) in the area. Grants had also gone to Camberwell Arts to provide local creative input and Wormfood Music to support pop-up street markets and to attract different types of shoppers to the area. There were also schemes to assist local businesses support to apprenticeships.

Supporting joint working between local businesses

Jack Scriven, SE5 Forum, explained that the forum was volunteer-led forum and aimed to include everyone in Camberwell to work together for a better Camberwell.

The SE5 Forum had been invited by Southwark Council to look into the feasibility of setting up a business improvement district (BID) in Camberwell. A BID was created when businesses in a defined area vote to form a not-for-profit company that raises a levy on business rates. The money was then used on projects to improve the area. The idea being that promotion of the area and shared services would boost the area.

A survey had been undertaken to gauge opinion. About 60 businesses had been surveyed. Among the issues highlighted were:

- Over half the business surveyed did not think their customers came to Camberwell from outside the area
- Lack of parking for customers
- Anti-Social Behaviour
- Cleanliness / Street cleaning
- Strategy needed to bring in new retail
- Improvements to public spaces needed

67% of those surveyed thought the BID was a good idea. This was a good start but there was a lot of work to carry that through to setting up the BID. It would be dependent on some of the key stakeholders agreeing that they wanted to form a BID and forming a strong coherent majority of smaller businesses that also wanted to be part of a BID. The SE5 Forum was looking for further funding for capacity building and demonstration projects.

Improving the public realm

Councillor Darren Merrill, cabinet member for environment and the public realm, explained that Camberwell was about to see real improvements including a new library along with work on Camberwell Green. There was also investment in the cycling network, in the junction and in transport. Consultation responses on the pocket parks and small schemes around the junction had been broadly positive. Regarding the junction the response was poor so the plan was to go back to Transport for London (TfL) with more ambitious plans. Regarding waste management in the town centre, there would be a pilot scheme on Walworth Road, to get rid of the large Euro bins from the high street and to time band / limit businesses to leaving out rubbish for collection to specific time slots. The bands would be outside of rush hour times. If successful, the pilot would be rolled out to Camberwell.

Improving transport

Steve Kearns, Transport for London, gave a visual presentation.

- The census in 2011 showed the population of London had grown to 8.2 million.
- By 2036, London's population was projected to grow to 10.1 million, and to 11.3 million by 2050
- The number of jobs in London is projected to grow by 700,000 to 6.3 million in the same time period.
- The scale of this projected growth sets a considerable challenge for the provision

of housing, facilities and infrastructure.

London Infrastructure Plan 2050

- The London Infrastructure Plan 2050 outlines the infrastructure requirements for the city and how best to deliver those.
- The plan identifies a Bakerloo Line Extension (BLE) as a key driver to delivering housing growth through improving connectivity to several opportunity areas.

Results of autumn 2014 consultation on the BLE

- Over 15,000 responses
- 96% support the BLE
- 49% support option 1a (Old Kent Road)
- 64% support option 1b (Camberwell and Peckham)
- 56% support terminating at Beckenham Junction and Hayes
- 60% support extension to Bromley Town Centre

Funding Challenges

- Depending on the route chosen, the scheme could cost over £3 billion.
- There was currently no money available for the project and continued pressure on TfL finances to maintain funding for the core investment programme
- As had been the case from other recent major infrastructure projects, such as the Northern line extension, any funding package would likely need to include contributions from developers along the route of the proposed extension.
- Such developments could be enabled by the additional capacity that the extended line would provide. This also meant that it was unlikely the scheme could happen without this new development.

Next Steps

- The most frequently mentioned alternative extension options proposed by respondents to the consultation would be assessed further to establish how well they met future challenges for south east London.
- A further public consultation would be undertaken by early 2016 on the outcomes of that work.
- TfL would continue to work with Southwark and other borough councils on the routes of the proposed extension options, and how an extension could be funded.

Conclusions

- London's growth required further significant transport investment to unlock new homes
- In south east London the BLE could make a large contribution to the capital's challenges.
- Funding an extension would be a significant challenge.
- TfL would complete assessment of the options for an extension and undertake further public consultation on the outcomes by early 2016.

Network Rail Station for Camberwell.

TfL would like to help the council with this and would like to take over more rail services including inner south London services. Network Rail would soon be looking at services coming in from Kent to London terminuses. The council should feed into that process on its aspiration for a station at Camberwell. TfL would work with the council to move that

forward.

Parking

TfL would fund the town centre scheme with £4.5 million - £5million. The latest scheme was much improved and almost there. TfL needed to be convinced of good benefits for cyclists.

Policing in the town centre

Inspector Duncan Jackson, from the local police team gave a summary of recent activities. In relation to the town centre, Inspector Jackson said officers had been working with local wardens to tackle anti-social behaviour and drinking on Camberwell Green and elsewhere.

Inspector Jackson explained that the structure of policing was changing from local police teams back to safer neighbourhoods teams. The commitment to individual wards would remain so there would continue to be a nominated sergeant and a dedicated police constable.

8. DEPUTATIONS/PETITIONS

There were none.

9. PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

The following public questions were raised at the meeting:

- Q1. In response to a question, about the cycle parking stands on the corner of Coldharbour Lane and Valmar Road which had been removed following a recent car collision, Councillor Darren Merrill, said he would follow up on the request for replacement stands to be installed.
- Q2. In response to a question, regarding a 50-year-old tree that had been removed on the small green at the back of 25 – 55 Crawford Road, Councillor Darren Merrill, said he would follow up on the request for a replacement tree.
- Q3. In response to a request for more bicycle racks and fewer bins in the area around Denmark Hill Station, Councillor Darren Merrill, said he would follow up on the request ahead of the next meeting.
- Q4. A resident asked when would Windsor Walk be re-opened to traffic. In response, Councillor Mark Williams, explained that the bridge over Windsor Walk was cracked and Network Rail had to get a new one built which was taking time.
- Q5. A resident of Comber House enquired about a nearby tree that was in a precarious position. Councillor Peter John, asked that this issue be followed up with the council's arboriculturalist and that he be kept informed of progress.

10. NORTH DULWICH AND DENMARK HILL PARKING ZONE STUDY

Tim Walker, Senior Engineer, presented an overview of the recent consultation.

Tim explained that consultation had take place from 15 May 2015 to 12 June 2015. 2,093 properties were consulted and there were two public exhibitions.

Overall, 59% were in favour of parking controls, 32% against and 9% undecided.

Councillors considered the information contained in the report.

RESOLVED:

1. That community council gave its support to the recommendations contained in the report subject to the following comment:

Councillor Peter John said that he and Councillor Sarah King had thought that residents in some roads off Champion Hill, including Arnold Avenue, would be keen to be included in the parking zone. However, the response to the consultation from residents in those roads had been low. Councillor John added that he was satisfied, after speaking to officers, that if the situation changed in future, it would not be difficult to extend the parking zone to include those areas.

2. That it be noted that the recommendations go to the cabinet member for environment and the public realm for consideration.

11. COMMUNITY COUNCIL QUESTION TO COUNCIL ASSEMBLY

There was no community council question to council assembly put forward.

CHAIR:

DATED: