



DULWICH COMMUNITY COUNCIL

MINUTES of the Dulwich Community Council held on Wednesday 9 September 2015
at 7.00 pm at St Barnabas Church (church hall) Calton Avenue, London SE21 7DG

PRESENT: Councillor Jon Hartley (Chair)
Councillor Charlie Smith (Vice-Chair)
Councillor Andy Simmons
Councillor James Barber
Councillor Helen Hayes
Councillor Anne Kirby
Councillor Michael Mitchell
Councillor Jane Lyons

OFFICER SUPPORT: Matthew Hill, Head of Highways
Andrea Allen, Senior Projects Manager
Rebecca Scott, Programme Director, NHS Southwark CCG
Paul Gellard, Project Engineer
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.

The Paxton Green Time Bank opened the meeting with a short musical performance.

2. APOLOGIES

There were apologies for absence from Councillor Rosie Shimell and apologies for lateness from Councillors James Barber and Helen Hayes.

3. DISCLOSURE OF MEMBERS' INTERESTS AND DISPENSATIONS

None were disclosed.

4. ITEMS OF BUSINESS THAT THE CHAIR DEEMS URGENT

The chair agreed to accept the supplemental agenda as late and urgent business which contained reports on:

- Item 9 - deputation report on East Dulwich Grove, SE22 - road ramp speed tables.
- Item 9 - deputation report on Melbourne Grove, SE22 – no road barrier.
- Item 10 - report on the results of the North Dulwich Parking consultation.

5. MINUTES FROM THE PREVIOUS MEETING

RESOLVED:

That subject to the amendments below the minutes of the meeting held on the 24 June 2015 be agreed as an accurate record and signed by the chair:

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Deputation from Melbourne Grove Traffic Action Group: delete last line which referred to 90% of respondents in the neighbouring streets were in favour of traffic calming measures.

The resolution should state: “That the community council should undertake a traffic study costing up to £10,000 and the named roads should include Townley Road, Ashbourne and Chesterfield.”

Page 4 – Police updates: Inspector Barton was about to retire not Sgt Bartley.

6. YOUTH COMMUNITY SLOT

No representatives were present.

7. COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS AND PRESENTATIONS

Cycling workshops /Dulwich Quietways

Matt Hill, public realm programme manager was present to speak about the cycling workshops and Dulwich quietways. Hannah Padgett from Sustrans mentioned the quietways was the Mayor of London’s vision for Southwark which was to have better cycling routes and improvements to the existing routes. Members noted that Sustrans would be the delivery partnership for this project and the aim was to work effectively with the community on this project.

This would be a cycle focused programme that would improve public realm, signage and pedestrian access.

Workshops:

The council and Sustrans arranged a series of walkabouts, which were to be held on 17 September 2015 – meeting point at (Calton Avenue) at 8.00am to 3.00pm and also at 5.30 pm.

The other scheduled walkabouts were to take place on the 23 September 2015 (Southwark Community Sports Hall) at 6.30 pm and 3 October 2015 (St Barnabas Church hall).

Matt and Hannah said they would encourage people to attend these events.

In response to a question regarding the impact on traffic and parking, Hannah explained that they had done a parking survey and were aware of the pressure for additional buses in the area and therefore Sustrans were holding discussions with TfL and Southwark so these issues could be taken on board.

It was noted that further updates would be given at a future meeting.

Paxton Green Time Bank

Representatives from Paxton Green Time bank talked about the kind of services they offer and said they were running the project through Connecting Kingswood. It was a successful project which ran for about a week which looked at housing and economic issues. It also included some intergenerational activities and volunteering. The representatives thanked the community council for their contribution made to Paxton Green Time Bank.

Dulwich Helpline and Southwark Churches Care

Dulwich Helpline and Southwark Churches Care are based at Dulwich hospital and they help older people. They support people with dementia and provide support to their carers. They also offer a volunteering service and organise local activities like for example singing, gentle exercise classes and help support other community based groups. Further information is available on the website: www.dhsc.org

St Faith's Community Centre

The centre manager was present to talk about events organised by the centre. They included a two week play scheme for 5 to 11 year olds. They organised school trips to places like the Horniman museum and play schemes in Dulwich. The speaker said on behalf of the centre they were grateful for the funding they had received. Pictures of the various activities they had arranged for the children were available at the meeting.

Dulwich Festival

Alpha Hopkins thanked the community council for supporting the 10 day event and the contribution they made which was around a £1000. The festival has been able to grow making it a huge success. She encouraged people to take part in this huge event.

Herne Hill Music Festival

Music opera and other performances at Charter School were held on the 13 and 14

October 2015. Flyers were available at the meeting.

Give it a Try – Rugby for All

Spike from the project gave an overview of the project which was to promote the game of rugby and its core values in schools, through an inclusive coaching programme. Spike said if people were interested they could view details on the website at: www.giveitatry.org.uk

Dulwich Park Friends

Trevor Moore was present and referred to the success of Dulwich Park Fair. He thanked the community council for their contribution which helps with managing the park and encouraged people to attend the event.

Love West Dulwich

Dan Rigby spoke about the organisation and to raise awareness about the group's organised events which were the spring fair and Christmas fair in November 2015.

Launch of the Cleaner Greener Safer funding programme 2016-17

Andrea Allen, senior project manager spoke about the launch of the cleaner greener safer funding programme. There was display of previous and completed projects at the meeting. Andrea said she would encourage people to apply if they had any new ideas about environment improvements. The closing date for applications would be the 9 November 2015 and decisions made at the community council meeting in January 2016.

For information contact Andrea Allen on 020 7525 0860 or email: andrea.allen@southwark.gov.uk

8. HEALTH SERVICES IN THE DULWICH AREA - UPDATE

Rebecca Scott, programme director from NHS Southwark Clinical Commissioning group was at the meeting and gave an overview of the following:

Progress since January 2015

- Model of services agreed following engagement and consultation. The decision was that there would be a new build on the SE corner of the Dulwich Hospital site.
- That there would be a LIFT building, developed under a "land retained agreement" South London Health Partnerships would rent the land from the NHS and build the health centre.
- The NHS would lease it from South London Health Partnerships for 25 years, after which the building would be returned to public ownership.

Design process

NHS Southwark CCG has agreed the basis of the budget for the building, which means they could progress with the design of the building.

The first design workshop was held in July 2015 and over 60 participants including a wide range of patients, clinicians, and voluntary sector organisations attended the workshop.

The workshop and consultation would also help the design team decide on the services that need to be located within the building.

Rest of the Hospital site

NHS Property Services were engaged in on going discussions with the Education Funding Agency and the Charter School Trust:

Safeguarding the health services

- Existing services would stay on the site until new accommodation was completed;
- There would be a separation of the health services from construction activities, with separate entrances throughout.
- There also would be separate entrances for health and education facilities.

9. DEPUTATIONS

The community council received two deputation requests.

The first deputation was from a local resident at East Dulwich Grove.

The main points were addressed at the meeting and questions were asked of the deputation by members of the community council.

Key points:

The spokesperson expressed concern about the Road Ram Table (RRT) calming measures which the council had implemented. The result was that it caused tremors and noise vibration when heavy vehicles passed by. The other concern was air and noise pollution.

Councillor Helen Hayes (and Member of Parliament) explained she was in contact with the cabinet member for environment and leisure about this issue and agreed to speak to the deputation spokesperson separately about this matter.

The second deputation was from a group of residents from Melbourne Grove, North and South, Ashbourne Grove, Chesterfield and Townley Road.

Jess Brennan, spokesperson summarised the concerns of local residents who signed a petition stating that a more comprehensive traffic survey needed to be undertaken for Melbourne Grove and neighbouring streets.

The deputation made the following points:

- There had been a lack of consultation and engagement with local residents.
- There had been concern about access for emergency services for Melbourne Grove and Ashbourne Grove particularly access services for elderly residents.
- There had been some misinformation about motorists speeding on Melbourne Grove.
- There were concerns about the displacement of traffic especially as roads were already congested during the day.
- Residents expressed concern about the allocation of cleaner greener safer funding and some had formed the view that any closure or installation of a barrier would not be a physical improvement.

The councillors asked questions and gave assurances that all the residents would be involved in any changes to Melbourne Grove. Officers also confirmed that the principles of the transport study would be shared with the local ward councillors.

The deputation said they were happy to work with Melbourne Grove Traffic Action group and the council.

10. NORTH DULWICH PARKING CONSULTATION

Note: This is an executive function.

Paul Gellard from public realm introduced the report and outlined the main options:

Members considered the recommendations in the report.

- Look at controlled parking in the entire study area
- Consider controlled parking in conjunction with the North Dulwich CPZ.
- Consider controlled parking in the streets where it was urgently needed.
- Not to introduce controlled parking in any of the streets in the area.

RESOLVED:

1. That Dulwich Community Council agreed to the following recommendations that are due to be made to the cabinet member for environment and the public realm:
 1. To approve the implementation of a new parking zone in the North Dulwich and Denmark Hill area, operating Monday to Friday, 12 noon to 2pm, subject to the outcome of any necessary statutory procedures.
 2. To approve the position and type of parking bays and restrictions for the new parking zone as shown in the detailed design (Appendix C).
 3. That the cabinet member should consider the implementation of a parking zone in the Champion Hill area but introduce localised restrictions to prevent inconsiderate parking as shown in Appendix C.

2. That the community council agreed that a further recommendation be made to the cabinet member for environment and public realm which was the following:

That consideration should be given to further parking controls in Village Way in order to retain the sustainability of the Grafton Dance Centre business located there. The business would be reliant upon visiting teachers and students and Village Way would bear the brunt of all day commuter parking, blocking access to the school.

11. PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

Public question 1:

The letter of 28 August from Conway AECOM and Southwark council warned of delays to the delivery dates of the Townley Road junction scheme. Please confirm that an officer from Southwark Council will come to the Dulwich Community Council meeting on 9 September to explain exactly what “unforeseen circumstances” have arisen to cause these delays, and what “technical and legislative complications” have prevented implementation of the full cycle facilities?

Matt Hill from the public realm team explained that there had been some technical difficulties with the cycle gates and some of the issues were to do with Transport for London (TfL) who were responsible for the signal structure – “cycle advanced” or “cycle early release”. TfL confirmed that this had been authorised. The council’s plan was to have the early release of this by the end of October 2015.

Matt Hill advised that the situation would be closely monitored by officers and feedback would be given at a future community council meeting.

Public question 2:

In light of the current situation with the Syrian refugees, is there anything local people could do to help?

Councillor James Barber explained that several organisations in the area including Barry House, Dulwich were donating clothes to the refugees.

Councillor Helen Hayes (and Member of Parliament) said she had written to the Prime Minister to urge the government to do more to help with the refugee crisis.

Councillor Anne Kirby mentioned that people could also donate items to St Barnabas Church so that the clothes could be transported to the refugees in Calais.

Councillor Jon Hartley (chair) mentioned the efforts of local charitable groups and shops, in particular Dulwich Hamlet Football Club.

12. COMMUNITY COUNCIL QUESTION TO COUNCIL ASSEMBLY

Members agreed to submit the following community question to council assembly:

Community council question previously submitted to council assembly

“Could the cabinet member for environment and public realm say whether there has been any progress on the consultative work undertaken by the council particularly in light of recent (public realm issues) in the Dulwich Community Council area and outline whether there are any steps the council could take in improving its consultation.”

13. ALLOCATION OF NEIGHBOURHOODS FUND 2015/16

Note: This is an executive function.

Members considered the recommendations in the report.

RESOLVED:

That the Dulwich Community Council approved a further £2,000 of neighbourhoods fund for two projects from an unallocated amount of £31,365 for East Dulwich ward set out in Appendix 1:

Name of Group	Name of project	Amount awarded
SNUB	Local Independent Shops map	£1,500
Christ Church Bread of Life Café	To promote community groups in Dulwich	£500

14. LOCAL TRAFFIC AND PARKING AMENDMENTS

Note: This is an executive function.

Members considered the recommendations in the report.

RESOLVED:

1. That the following local and parking amendments detailed in the appendices to this report are approved for implementation subject to the outcome of any necessary statutory consultation and procedures:
 - Melbourne Grove – install single yellow line to provide an area for pickup and set down of disabled residents.
 - Bowen Drive – install double yellow lines to prevent obstructive parking and provide access for refuse and emergency vehicles.
 - Woodward Road – install double yellow lines at the junction with Eynella Road to improve inter-visibility and to prevent obstructive parking.

- Court Lane – install double yellow lines at the junction with Dovercourt Road to improve inter-visibility and to prevent obstructive parking.
 - Barry Road – install double yellow lines to provide access to a planned vehicle crossover.
 - Lordship Lane – install double yellow lines to provide access to a planned vehicle crossover.
 - South Croxted Road – install double yellow lines to enable clear view for existing speed camera.
2. That the objection received against a non-strategic traffic management matter be determined as follows:
- Silvester Road – that the objection made against the proposal to install a new blue badge disabled bay outside No.1 Silvester Road was considered and rejected, and officers instructed to proceed and make the traffic order.

15. CLEANER GREENER SAFER: FUNDING REALLOCATION

Note: This is an executive function.

Members considered the recommendations in the report.

RESOLVED:

That Dulwich Community Council approved funding allocation to the following groups:

- £600 of available funding to existing project 106536 Ketra Hall re-decoration.
- £3000 of available funding to 106297 Jasper Road HGV Restriction.
- £1500 of available funding to 106539 new bench in Half Moon Lane.
- £160 of available funding to Herne Hill noticeboard repairs.
- Up to £10,000 to fund the Melbourne Grove feasibility study.

The meeting ended at 10.30 pm.

CHAIR:

DATED: