



Camberwell Community Council

MINUTES of the Camberwell Community Council held on Wednesday 18 November 2015 at 7.00 pm at Employment Academy, 29 Peckham Road, London SE5 8UB

PRESENT: Councillor Kieron Williams (Chair)
Councillor Radha Burgess
Councillor Dora Dixon-Fyle MBE
Councillor Tom Flynn
Councillor Peter John
Councillor Sarah King
Councillor Octavia Lamb
Councillor Mark Williams
Councillor Ian Wingfield

OFFICER SUPPORT: John Best, Ecology Officer
Pip Howson, Transport Policy
Martin Kovats, Housing and Community Services
Fitzroy Lewis, Community Councils Development Officer
Tim Murtagh, Constitutional Officer

1. INTRODUCTION AND WELCOME

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

2. APOLOGIES

There were none.

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 9 September 2015 be agreed as a correct record of that meeting.

6. DEPUTATIONS/PETITIONS (IF ANY)

There were none.

7. NEIGHBOURHOOD FUND 2016-17 LAUNCH

Fitzroy Lewis, community council development officer, explained that the neighbourhood fund 2016/17, had been launched on 2 November 2015 and would close at 12 noon on 6 January 2016. Southwark's community councils have a total of £630,000 to support activities run by local groups, for local people, across the borough.

The funding was ward-based and each ward had been allocated approximately £30,000 for community projects. Awards would generally be between £500 and £5,000. Residents were encouraged to apply if they had an idea for a community project that would enhance their local area or bring local people together.

Contact: fitzroy.lewis@southwark.gov.uk or Tel. 020 7525 3084.

8. COMMUNITY SAFETY UPDATE

Inspector Duncan Jackson, from the local police team gave a summary of recent activities.

9. COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

Step Up Service

Denise Vilanou, Thames Reach Employment Academy, explained that this new service had been set up to help people currently in low paid jobs to find new better paid positions. Step Up, the upwardly mobile network, is live and registering new members online through the Employment Academy website.

Camberwell Choir School

The school was celebrating 25 years of serving the local community. During those years the choir had worked with about 2,800 children and helped to improve their social and life skills through music.

Youth Service

A group of young people in attendance expressed their concerns about proposed cuts to youth services. Councillor Peter John explained that there were pressures on all services through an overall reduction in the budget of £96 million. He added that there would continue to be a youth service and it was vital that the resources available be used effectively across the borough.

RELEASE pilot projects for Camberwell

Martin Kovats, from housing and community services, explained that officers had carried out a consultation so as to identify the main problems in services delivered to tenants and leaseholders. The consultation had highlighted that residents would like to have more influence on local services. There was a proposal to set up a housing panel consisting of residents from housing forums along with housing staff. Each panel would receive training and support with the aim of improving delivery and accountability for the delivery of services. Further information would be circulated in due course. Contact: martin.kovats@southwark.gov.uk or Tel. 020 7525 1251.

SE5 Forum

Craig Stansfield, from the SE5 Forum, said that the group was putting together a draft vision of what it would like to see in the next local Southwark plan. Further information available at: www.se5forum.org.uk.

10. THEME ITEM - GREEN SPACES

Councillor Barrie Hargrove, cabinet member for public health, parks and leisure, emphasised the importance of parks for all people in the borough. In 2014, the cabinet had agreed to invest significant capital in the parks. In Camberwell, Greendale was being brought back into use. Burgess Park had been transformed in recent years. Camberwell Green was currently being worked on ahead of re-opening in March 2016. The voluntary friends groups were an essential part of the work undertaken on parks and green spaces. As a borough, Southwark had the second highest number of green flags in London.

John Best, Ecology Officer, gave an overview of biodiversity in Southwark. He explained that among Southwark's natural assets were the following:

- 516 hectares of natural green space
- Over 130 parks and open spaces
- 5 nature reserves
- 57,000+ trees in the public realm.

The five themes of the Biodiversity Action Plan (BAP) 2013 – 2019 were:

- Wildlife and ecosystem services
- The urban forest
- The built environment
- Climate change and sustainability
- Connecting with nature.

Several local "friends of" groups briefly outlined their work in the Camberwell area. The groups were keen to recruit volunteers to join in their activities. Among the groups in attendance were:

- Friends of Greendale
- Ben Hill Road Nature Garden
- London Wildlife Trust
- Caspian Street Allotments Association
- Friends of Lucas Gardens
- Friends of Camberwell Green.

The meeting broke out into 3 ward based workshop discussions on improving local green spaces.

11. SOUTHWARK QUIETWAY

Pip Howson, transport policy, explained that the Champion Hill consultation was starting up again soon. All residents who had taken part in the previous consultation would be contacted. Plans and further information would soon be available on the council website. It was hoped that this item would come to Camberwell Community Council in January 2016.

Two other stretches of the Quietway, either side of the Ben Hill junction, were still being consulted on. The results of that consultation would also come to the next community council in January 2016.

12. COUNCIL'S BUDGET CONSULTATION

Councillor Mark Williams, cabinet member for regeneration and new homes, explained that, as in previous years, the council was carrying out a consultation on its budget. The council was responsible for a range of services. He added that the council had been forced to make savings over the last five years of £156 million. Over the next three years, the expectation was for a further funding reduction of about £96 million.

This year's consultation exercise was interactive voting, in response to a series of eleven questions on future council funding priorities.

Residents in attendance were given voting pads and their responses were noted for analysis.

13. PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

There were no public questions asked under this item.

14. LOCAL TRAFFIC AND PARKING AMENDMENTS

Note: This is an executive function.

Councillors considered the recommendations contained in the report.

RESOLVED:

That the objections received against the following non-strategic traffic management matter be rejected and the traffic order be implemented:

- St Francis Road – install double yellow lines in the turning head.

15. ESTATE PARKING

15.1 ESTATE PARKING SCHEME - BRANDON 3 (GRIMSEL PATH, LAXLEY CLOSE, GLENFINLAS WAY, BETHWIN ROAD)

Note: This is an executive function.

Councillors considered the recommendations contained in the report.

RESOLVED:

That the following local traffic and parking amendment, detailed in the report, be approved for implementation, subject to the outcome of any necessary statutory procedures:

- Brandon 3 Estate – to be included in the estate parking scheme.

15.2 ESTATE PARKING SCHEME - GLEBE ESTATE

Note: This is an executive function.

Councillors considered the recommendations contained in the report.

RESOLVED:

That the following local traffic and parking amendment, detailed in the report, be approved for implementation, subject to the outcome of any necessary statutory procedures:

- Glebe Estate – to include motorcycle parking bays in the current traffic management order (TMO) for the estate.

16. COMMUNITY COUNCIL QUESTION TO COUNCIL ASSEMBLY

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

Meeting ended at 9.40pm

CHAIR:

DATED: