



Peckham and Nunhead Community Council

MINUTES of the OPEN section of the Peckham and Nunhead Community Council held on Tuesday 10 November 2015 at 7.00 pm at Harris Academy Peckham, 112 Peckham Road, London SE15 5DZ

PRESENT: Councillor Johnson Situ (Chair)
Councillor Cleo Soanes
Councillor Evelyn Akoto
Councillor Jasmine Ali
Councillor Fiona Colley
Councillor Sunil Chopra
Councillor Nick Dolezal
Councillor Gavin Edwards
Councillor Renata Hamvas
Councillor Richard Livingstone
Councillor Jamille Mohammed
Councillor Sandra Rhule
Councillor Michael Situ

OTHER MEMBERS

PRESENT: Councillor Radha Burgess

OFFICER SUPPORT: Kevin Dykes, Senior Development Officer
Jessica Leech, Resident Participation Co-ordinator
Daniel Rankine, Head of Housing and Modernisation
Ambrose Omoma, Community Involvement Project Officer
Gill Kelly, 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 chair thanked Harris Academy Peckham for hosting the meeting and arranging for the community council meeting to be live streamed with the assistance from officer, Fitzroy Williams in the scrutiny team.

2. APOLOGIES

There were apologies for absence from Councillors Victoria Mills and Barrie Hargrove.

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 FROM THE PREVIOUS MEETING

RESOLVED:

That the minutes of meeting held on the 16 September 2015 be agreed as an accurate record of the meeting and signed by the chair.

6. DEPUTATIONS/PETITIONS

There were none.

7. YOUTH COMMUNITY SLOT

Joe Dobson, main spokesperson and secretary of the board of Trustees for the United All Stars which was formerly Carrib FC addressed the meeting. United All Stars received funding from the neighbourhoods fund and the representatives were present to talk about the local community work they do for the children in the area. They run the project from Peckham Rye Park.

Also in attendance was Rilwan, one of the coaches at United All Stars. He said the project was a voluntary organisation which he attended previously as young person. The representatives said the project was awarded £1,000 from the neighbourhoods funding. The project organised a trip to York for around 30 young people.

The were recently asked to share their thoughts about their local area and issues relating to crime. The representatives also spoke about the youth champions and the activities they do and those that show leadership skills would lead on activities.

The speaker mentioned that some young people from United All Stars were involved in clearing up the Peckham Rye park.

The chair thanked both representatives for attending the meeting.

8. COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS AND PRESENTATIONS

Neighbourhoods fund 2015 - 2016

Gill Kelly, community council development officer announced the launch of the neighbourhoods fund for 2016-17. Gill explained the neighbourhoods fund was a pot of money available to the community where they could do some excellent projects in their area. The funding programme is ward based fund and has to benefit the community. It was open from 2 November 2015 to 6 January 2016.

Details were available at the website. People were encouraged to think about what they could do in their area. Gill asked those present to speak to her during the break or their ward councillors.

For more information contact: gill.kelly@southwark.gov.uk or Tel. 020 7525 7690

Peckham Vision

Eileen Conn talked about the work Peckham vision, a neighbourhood funded project and the development and regeneration of the Peckham town centre. Peckham vision work with local residents and traders on planning matters and planning process over the last ten years which led to the creation of planning network.

Eileen said that there were any local people who were interested in planning should join the network and get themselves involved in various planning aspects of the town centre, whether it was a planning application, development site, conservation area, historic buildings and planning policy (the new Southwark plan). The consultation for the plan had just begun so she wanted to encourage people to get involved in project. The planning network were also involved in the Peckham area action plan because the network were very much involved in the process and fifteen residents attended the public hearing. The network was also interested in spaces between buildings. The transport for London study with Southwark highlights how to improve walking spaces around Peckham and the town centre. The networks also look at community rights in planning which arose out of the localism act.

Eileen said having a keen interest in planning also allows one to know the history of Peckham which has an amazing collection of buildings with various types of architecture. One of the key points to this people working together to improve their neighbourhood. Eileen thanked the community council for their funding contribution.

Councillor Ali mentioned the funding allocation was money well spent because it helped with a lot of projects like the clean up event in Rye Lane that was scheduled in December last year and working in partnership with Peckham vision and local traders.

Bellenden traffic calming proposals

The chair announced that officers would be consulting on the proposals for the Bellenden Road traffic calming review by the end of the year with a view to consult formally with the community council at the meeting in February 2016.

Create Peckham

Paula Sky Crook from CREATE Peckham, a new arts and craft project based in Livesey

ward. The project was set up through a community group on the Unwin and Friary Estate. Many local residents at the time felt there was a lack of regular activities for people to meet and try out new things in the area. The project offers a range of arts and crafts activities including cake decorating, embroidery skills and sewing. The project encourages people to get involved in their local area and help the more vulnerable residents with their shopping and other organised trips.

For more information about the CREATE project visit Christ Church in Peckham on Saturday mornings at 11am or email createpeckham@gmail.com

Resident led delivery

Jessica Leech, Resident Participation Co-ordinator explained that a series of workshops and area panels have been organised for the community. The workshops were set up following the housing area forum meetings and feedback from the consultation on the housing commission. The service panel would firstly look at housing repairs. Jessica said she would be available during the break and asked people to get involved with the workshops and area panels.

For more information contact Jessica Leech on 020 7525 5853 or email jessica.leech@southwark.gov.uk

Police updates

Sergeant Richard Warren from The Lane safer neighbourhood team was present to give an update on policing matters. He responded to questions and highlighted matters relating to general nuisance with aggressive begging in the area, reduced knife crime in the Peckham Town area and crime prevention measures like smart water.

The officer mentioned the safer neighbourhood team were involved in local youth groups and schools as part of working with the community to address the issue of knife crime. Councillor Michael Situ also mentioned the council were also trying to tackle the problem by working with young people.

9. THEME - ENTERPRISE AND DIGITAL INCLUSION

The chair introduced the theme and welcomed Councillor Radha Burgess, deputy cabinet member for Digital Strategy.

Councillor Burgess presented the three major priorities the council were focussing on for digital inclusion:

- How to improve services – example house repairs
- Increase transparency and trust
- To help the community and the council work together effectively.

Daniel Rankin, Housing service management was present to talk about how the council were delivering its services to the local community for both those that used online services and those that did not.

The meeting then went into workshops and the representatives that facilitated the workshops mentioned that “my Southwark” on the council’s website proved quite popular amongst residents.

Ahmed Kabba spoke about the digital work the SGTO (Southwark Group of Tenants Organisations) do with the tenant associations. He talked about “Get online with SGTO” in order to bring awareness of digital inclusion.

The chair thanked everyone that participated in the workshops.

10. INTRODUCTION TO THE BUDGET PROCESS

Councillor Fiona Colley, cabinet member for finance, modernisation and performance, explained that, as in previous years, the council was carrying out a consultation on its budget. The council had to make a substantial amount of saving since the last spending review. Councillor Colley explained that the council had been forced to make savings over the last five years of £156 million. Over the next three years, there would be a further funding reduction of about £96 million.

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

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

11. PEDESTRIAN SAFETY "WALK IN PECKHAM"

The item was deferred to a future meeting.

12. PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

The following questions were raised at the meeting:

Public question 1:

Could the community council agree to support in let’s make London the first ever national park city. No public funding would be used or asked of. The idea would be to help local councils to protect their local parks, create tree wardens and park rangers. The national parks for England are behind this proposal and is also fully supported by the London Greater Assembly. Lesley called upon the other areas of Southwark to support the proposal.

Public question 2:

When will the Peckham Town Centre – Rye Lane and Peckham High Street be free from clutter with local shop keepers blocking access and pavements with boxes and other street clutter – when will this be addressed by the council?

Public question 3:
Neighbourhood fund – how can people get involved in activities in the local area?

Public question 4:
When will the community receive an update on the Peckham Co-design and is there likely to be a full consultation on this so that people can look at the plans?

Public question 5:
Why are the council owned swimming pools are of poor standard and lack regular maintenance – they need to be brought up to an acceptable standard (e.g. Peckham Pulse and Elephant and Castle swimming pools)?

Public question 6:
Clear bags for recycling – these bags have not been delivered to residents for over a year – why is that?

Public question 7:
Bulky waste and collection of large of items which is free at the moment – if the council intends to impose a charge for the collection of such item, this could lead to fly tipping which rarely happens at the moment. Also consideration should be given to elderly residents who may not afford the cost of disposing large items.

Public question 8:
Rubbish around Thomas Calton Learning Centre and the Leisure Centre (Peckham Pulse?)

Public question 9:
The community council should encourage young people to attend and engage more with the community particularly at the community council meetings.

13. COMMUNITY COUNCIL QUESTION TO COUNCIL ASSEMBLY

There were no community council questions at this meeting.

Note

The chair reminded the community council that the question which was submitted in July 2015 concerning the update on Peckham Square arch would be tabled at council assembly on the 25 November 2015. Following council assembly, a response to the question is provided below.

The question which was submitted at the meeting in September 2015; regarding a new the bus stop along Peckham High Street would be tabled at council assembly in January 2016.

Community council question in July 2015

“Will the cabinet member for regeneration give an update to the Peckham and Nunhead community council on the Peckham Square arch?”

Response

Since December 2014, residents and local businesses have been invited to take part in a CoDesign process for the development of 91-93 Peckham High Street and improvements to Peckham Square. A total of seven workshops have been held, the last one being on the 9 November 2015.

After discussing the options for redeveloping the square and with local residents and whether to remove or retain Peckham Arch, in July 2015 a decision was made by the council to remove the arch and develop the two new buildings. Since then, three more workshops have been held to develop options for the two new buildings to create an attractive, accessible and active gateway in to the square.

The architects, CTA, have listened closely to what local residents have said they would like to see in this development, from the materials on the outside, the height and massing to the internal layout and uses. The proposals are also being taken forward in the context of Mountview’s proposal for the theatre academy at Eagle Wharf.

The final workshop was held in November and the scheme will shortly be submitted to the planning department to commence pre-applications discussions ahead of the submission of a full application early in the new year.

The key benefits of this scheme include:

- Up to 17 new homes, some of which will be council homes.
- A new co-working space at ground floor to increase employment and small business opportunities for local people.
- A new community gallery space that opens up into the square and provides a more active frontage.
- An opportunity to address a number of accessibility issues regarding ramps and stairs into the square.
- An opportunity to redesign the entrance to the square to ease pedestrian / cyclist conflicts.
- Better views through to the square making it feel better connected to the high street.
- A better environment, encouraging more people to spend time in the square rather than just pass through.

14. CLEANER GREENER SAFER - CHANGE CONTROL REPORT

The item was withdrawn.

Meeting ended at 9.35 pm

CHAIR:

DATED: