

Camberwell Community Council

MINUTES of the Camberwell Community Council held on Wednesday 21 September 2016 at 7.00 pm at Employment Academy, 29 Peckham Road, London SE5 8UA

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

OTHER MEMBERS PRESENT: Councillor Victoria Mills

OFFICER SUPPORT: Kirsten Watters, Consultant in Public Health
Jess Leech, Community Engagement Manager
Laura Hills, Planning Policy Team
Michelle Normanly, Senior Project Officer
Grace Semakula, Community Council Development Officer
Tim Murtagh, Constitutional Officer

1. INTRODUCTION AND WELCOME

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

2. APOLOGIES

There were apologies for absence from Councillors Sarah King and Mark Williams; and for lateness from Councillors Radha Burgess and Ian Wingfield.

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 11 July 2016 be agreed as a correct record of that meeting.

6. YOUNG PEOPLE IN CAMBERWELL

Councillor Victoria Mills, cabinet member for children and schools, introduced the theme item. Councillor Mills highlighted some of the good things available for young people in Southwark:

- Local schools have seen a big improvement in the last 6-10 years. 91% of Southwark schools are regarded by Ofsted as good or outstanding
- More of our young people are going to university
- The council has created 400 new apprenticeships in the last year alone
- Investment and regeneration in the area means that more people were employed in Southwark than at any time in the current or last century
- The council's youth fund had created a range of opportunities for local young people, including scholarships to university or paying education maintenance allowance.

The council was committed to protecting the most vulnerable young people of Southwark and had ring fenced council spending on children's social care. Councillor Mills asked for the views of young people on what would make them happy, healthy, active and safe. Also, what would prepare them for the future they wanted and what should the council be prioritising to that end.

Dog Kennel Hill Adventure Playground

The manager of the Dog Kennel Hill Adventure Playground (DKHAP) explained that DKHAP had arranged play and youth provisions in the community for decades and had seen generations grow up using the facilities. There was a great need in the area to continue with those provisions. DKHAP offered young people a wide variety of different experiences in arts & crafts, sports and gardening. He said it was integral to children's development and it catered for children ranging in ages from 5 – 15, though older ones return to volunteer.

Kate, a play worker, explained that she had been working for about 17 years as a play worker and at DKHAP for about eight years. She had seen in recent years in other boroughs the available facilities change and not be so focused on play. Yet DKHAP was unique and maintained its play focus which was very important.

Young people in attendance gave examples of the various activities they had enjoyed at DKHAP. These included: sports tournaments, cooking and outdoor play. They explained the playgrounds were essential as they gave them something positive to do in an environment that felt like their own. They described it as a place that was close to their

hearts.

Health & Wellbeing of Young People in Camberwell

Kirsten Watters, consultant in public health, gave a presentation.

Young and diverse borough

- 68,542 under 20 years old
- Over 50% of the young population are in the 1-9 year old age group
- 66% of the population under 20 are BME.

High but falling levels of deprivation

- Southwark ranks 9th in London and 18th in England against the child poverty index
- 28% of children and young people in Southwark are living in poverty compared with 24% in London and 19% in England.

Children and Young People's Health is improving

- Our children start reception with a good level of development
- Issues with low birth weight and infant mortality are falling
- Numbers of children immunised against infectious diseases increasing
- Compared to London and England fewer Southwark young people smoke or drink alcohol to harmful levels
- Significant decrease in teenage conceptions since 2000
- Overall upward trend in education attainment from primary school to GCSE level
- Children and young people attend school and go on to jobs, training and education.

Sex, drugs, mental health

- High levels of sexually transmitted infections amongst under 25s – with chlamydia most common infection
- Southwark seems to have lower hospital admission rates due to substance misuse among young people aged 15 to 24, compared to London and England averages.
- In 2014, 37% of Year 10 boys and 28% of Year 10 girls said they had been offered cannabis
- 67% of pupils reported that, in general, they were satisfied with their life either quite a lot or a lot
- Southwark has higher numbers of young people with poor mental health compared to London and England but lower rates of self-harm.

Summary

- Build on successes, in particular our achievements in school readiness and educational attainment but a number of challenges remain
- New Healthy Weight Strategy
- Working with Southwark Clinical Commissioning Group to improve the way Southwark delivers services and through Children and Young People Health Partnership for Lambeth and Southwark
- Looking at how Southwark delivers services to young people – risk and resilience
- Looking at mental health services and improving access to support
- Working with and supporting schools to be health promoting places.

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Southside Young Leaders Academy

Daniel, Darren and Kumar spoke of their experience of living in the area and attending Southside Young Leaders (SYLA). They expressed concerns over traffic, litter, gangs and police sirens. The boys enjoyed trips, English lessons and how they felt better about

opportunities for the future.

SYLA was a small charity working with about 50 boys. SYLA worked in partnership with schools and parents to provide a 'wrap-around' service, bringing about transformation for marginalised and vulnerable young people, already showing signs of risk.

Some recent achievements:

- Jessie Duffet tenants had received 9 planters built and painted by boys to brighten up the local community
- Boys organised community days in local area for families and children
- 11 SYLA young leaders obtained scholarship places

Youth Futures

Joseph Duncan, director of Youth Futures (YF), explained it was a small charity that had been working in the Camberwell area for about 7 years. There were youth work sessions, a personal development programme, a mentor programme and leadership programme. Joseph added that YF was stretched and looking for new premises. The charity worked on complex issues including some child protection cases and would welcome a new base to work from.

Young people from YF explained that the support available had helped them navigate through various difficult phases of their lives. The support they received felt like a big family and helped them to reach their goals and potential.

The chair thanked all those who had taken part in the presentations.

7. YOUTH SERVICES CONSULTATION QUESTIONNAIRE

Jess Leech, community engagement manager, highlighted two items: the youth services consultation and proposals for a new youth council.

Youth Services Consultation Questionnaire

The document was circulated and available online. Residents were being asked what they thought the priorities should be for the kinds of activities that the council should invest in for young people going forward from 2017. The comments received would inform the youth and play strategy and services over the next few years.

Southwark Youth Council

Jess explained that Southwark Youth Council (SYC) was the way the council wanted to engage with young people and ensure that they were at the heart of the council's thinking and decision making. The SYC would give young people real influence over the kinds of policies and decisions being made. The SYC would likely mirror what existed in the council with a cabinet and wider council meeting group comprised of young people. The plan was to elect two representatives from each secondary school. There would also be representatives from the youth and voluntary sector on the SYC.

Councillor Victoria Mills highlighted the work being done with young people by the voluntary and community sector. She added that the council was working strategically with local groups to make the most of the facilities available.

8. COMMUNITY SAFETY UPDATE

PC Trevor Fox, local school liaison officer, gave an insight into the work police are doing with schools and young people in the community. A lot of the work was to do with prevention and education and aimed at not criminalising young people. Officers work with school assemblies and cover issues including: personal safety, online security, bullying, drugs, gangs and travelling safely on public transport. There was also a junior citizenship scheme.

PC Adam Hall gave an update on recent activities in the area.

9. COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

SE5 Forum, update on vision for Camberwell

Craig Stansfield, from the SE5 Forum, explained that the workshops from the last meeting had been very useful. Some of the main things suggested for inclusion in the vision were:

1. Wanting to ensure that while making Camberwell a better place, people were not priced out of Camberwell.
2. Increasing employment and incomes in the area, including the London living wage and apprenticeships.
3. More detail on Camberwell Station Road and reopening the station.
4. Support for protecting the view of St Paul's Cathedral from Camberwell Road.

Old Kent Road Area Action Plan

Laura Hills, planning policy team, explained that the Old Kent Road Area Action Plan was a draft planning document currently being consulted on. The consultation period would run until 5 November 2016. The draft document represented a plan for the area for the next twenty years. It looked at issues including new houses and the Bakerloo Line extension. Residents were encouraged to submit their comments.

Cleaner, Greener, Safer (CGS) Capital Programme 2017-18 launch

Michelle Normanly, senior project manager, explained that the CGS programme had been running for fourteen years. Applications for 2017-18 could now be submitted and the closing date for applications was 31 October 2016. Many of the projects previously submitted had been quite innovative and that was because residents had explained the type of projects that would work in their area. Visit www.southwark.gov.uk/cleanergreenersafer to submit an online application or pick up a form at a local library, one-stop shop or leisure centre.
Contact: cgs@southwark.gov.uk or Tel. 020 7525 2665.

Update on the design for the Brunswick Park CGS Project

Michelle Normanly, senior project manager, explained that the council was still in the early stages of the process. Following comments made at the July community council meeting, officers had fed back concerns raised about the size of the play area. Subsequently, the play area has been revised and a plan would be available to view on the council website from next week.

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The Neighbourhoods Fund 2017-18

Grace Semakula, community council development officer, explained that the neighbourhoods fund for 2017-18 would be launched in early November 2016. Further information would appear on the council website – www.southwark.gov.uk. Application forms would also be available at libraries and leisure centres. The application period would run for six weeks.

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Maudsley Hospital Campus

The chair explained that the hospital was looking to open up the hospital campus to make it more inviting to pedestrians in Camberwell. Consultation was taking place on making the campus feel more like part of the neighbourhood.

Contact: kateh@treesforcities.org

Age Friendly Borough

The chair announced that the cabinet had now agreed its vision / strategy for an age friendly borough. This item was a theme at community councils throughout the borough, earlier in the year.

Questions to the Leader of the Council

An event would take place at Canada Water Library on Wednesday 19 October 2016, starting at 7.00pm. Councillor Peter John would be joined by cabinet colleagues Councillor Maisie Anderson and Councillor Richard Livingstone and it was an opportunity to ask questions. Further details available at www.southwark.gov.uk.

10. DEPUTATIONS/PETITIONS (IF ANY)

A deputation report had been submitted regarding a request for parking restrictions on St. Francis Road, Camberwell.

Councillors noted the report. Councillor Peter John said that he would be making representations, on behalf of the deputation, about a controlled parking zone in that area.

11. PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

The following public questions were raised at the meeting:

Q1 In response to a public question about the provision of public toilets in the development plans for the Elephant & Castle shopping centre, Councillor Peter John said he would look into that issue as the development plans went through the planning process. The planning application had yet to be submitted and he would look out for what provision was planned for shoppers who needed to use a toilet.

Q2 In response to a question about an underground train station in Camberwell, the chair responded that local councillors were in agreement that there should be an underground line in Camberwell. He added that the Bakerloo line should be extended to come to Camberwell and Peckham but under the government's approach there was currently no money available for that to happen.

Q3 In response to a question about what was the council's approach to dealing with

anti-social behaviour by tenants, Councillor Peter John said anyone affected should contact their housing officer. The council did take it seriously and occasionally people were evicted for reason of anti-social behaviour. The council also had a noise nuisance team.

The chair read out a couple of written questions (Q4 and Q5) that had been submitted in writing:

Q4 "What is the status of Southwark's Streetleader scheme and are the council committed to this."

The chair explained that an officer response would be sought ahead of the next meeting.

Q5 "Now that Windsor Walk is permanently blocked off at the Champion Park end, should the Grove Lane end include a cul-de-sac sign."

Councillor Ian Wingfield explained that it was due to bridge works required by Network Rail. The temporary closure was likely to last a couple of years. He added that he did not think a cul-de-sac sign was a good idea.

Q6 In response to an enquiry about a Camberwell over ground station, the chair explained that Transport for London (TfL) and the Mayor of London had been very positive about re-opening the old station. They would need to take over the franchise in order to do that.

Councillor Ian Wingfield added that Mike Brown, TfL commissioner, had recently visited the site with Councillor Mark Williams, cabinet member for regeneration and new homes, and had been positive about the prospect.

12. COMMUNITY COUNCILS HIGHWAYS CAPITAL INVESTMENT FOR 2015-16 AND 2016-17

NOTE: This is an executive function for decision by the community council.

Councillors considered the information contained in the report.

RESOLVED:

That the following proposals be approved for funding:

- Dagmar Road - £22,000
- Maude Road - £15,000
- Havil Street - £35,000
- Vicarage Grove - £22,000
- Sansom Street - £20,000
- Coleman Road - £36,000
- Ivanhoe Road - £34,892
- Grove Hill Road - £32,000
- Bantry Street - £27,800.

13. LOCAL TRAFFIC AND PARKING AMENDMENTS

This item had been withdrawn by officers prior to the meeting.

14. EDMUND STREET AND NEARBY STREETS - RECONFIGURATION OF EXISTING PARKING ARRANGEMENTS

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Councillors considered the information contained in the report.

RESOLVED:

That the following non-strategic parking reconfiguration and creation of new permit holder only parking bays, detailed in the appendices to the report be approved, subject to the outcome of any necessary statutory consultation and procedures:

- Edmund Street – reconfigure the existing parking bays between its junction with New Church Road and its junction with Durfey Place, and associated double yellow lines along its length.
- Southampton Way – creation of eight new parking bays near its junction with New Church Road, on the southern side and associated double yellow lines.
- Dobson Walk – creation of eight new parking bays and associated double yellow lines.
- Notley Street – reconfiguration of existing parking bays and creation of five new parking bays and associated double yellow lines.
- Sam King Walk – creation of twelve new parking bays and associated double yellow lines.

15. COMMUNITY COUNCIL QUESTION TO COUNCIL ASSEMBLY

The community council considered whether to submit a question to the next council assembly meeting.

RESOLVED:

“Will the cabinet member for regeneration and new homes give an update on the re-opening of Camberwell Station.”

Meeting ended at 9.00pm

CHAIR:

DATED: