

# TAKEnote

## Camberwell Community Council



Minutes Agreements Form

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<b>Date</b>	Tuesday December 8 2009
<b>Venue</b>	Council Chamber, Town Hall, 31 Peckham Road, Camberwell, SE5 8UB
<b>Start time</b>	7.00pm
<b>Finish time</b>	8.15pm
<b>In attendance</b>	Councillors Dixon-Fyle (Chair), Wingfield (Vice-Chair), Friary, John, McGovern, Rhule
<b>Absent</b>	Councillors Jones, Page and Ward
<b>Apologies received</b>	Councillors Jones, Page and Ward plus John (lateness)
<b>Urgent items</b>	There were none
<b>Members' interests and dispensations</b>	There were none

The following identifies the actions arising from the above meeting. The first named Officer is the person responsible for initiating and coordinating the action required.

NB: The item number relates to the agenda item number where possible.

<b>OTHER</b>	<p><b>CHAIRS ANNOUNCEMENTS:</b> Just to draw your attention to the Camberwell market – leaflets at the back – on December 19. I hope to see you all there.</p>
<b>5</b>	<p><b>AGREED:</b> That the 'Minutes Agreement Form' and 'Take Note' from the meeting held on October 21 2009 be approved as a true record.</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><i>Minutes</i></p>
<b>6</b>	<p><b>Deputations / Petitions</b> There were none</p>
<b>7</b>	<p><b>Marina House – Substance Misuse Services</b> <i>Dr Emily Finch</i></p> <p>Dr Finch said that Substance Misuse Services in Southwark are provided in various places across the borough. Much of the provision is done in general practice. SLaM (South London and Maudsley) have two services in Southwark. One on Blackfriars Road (Community Drug and Alcohol Team) and one at Marina House on Denmark Hill.</p> <p>The PCT (Primary Care Trust) is consulting on some changes that are going to happen to those services. We would like to see the community drug team services by SLaM combine onto one site and also more substance misusers to be treated in primary care and their GP surgeries. Also clients involved with criminal justice services to have their own building to work in.</p> <p>The consultation document sets out the various options that the PCT would like to implement to make these changes. It's really about moving the buildings around, at which services will be provided.</p> <p>The consultation runs until January 15 2010 and the PCT are looking for formal and informal responses.</p> <p>In response to a resident's question. Dr Finch said the PCT have got to spend less money on these services and I understand that will involve cuts in other areas of substance misuse services.</p> <p>In response to a resident's question. Dr Finch said we are not intending to have fewer doctors in Southwark to treat substance misuse and we will have a specialist service. We will provide the same amount of service from a different place.</p> <p>In response to a question from Cllr Wingfield, Dr Finch said in this context clients involved with criminal justice services means clients with drug problems convicted of a range of offences that are not prison offences e.g. shoplifting. In the past they used to only get treatment if they did something more serious. In my experience they respond well to treatment. At the moment none are treated at Marina House but under the proposal that will change.</p> <p>In response to a question from a resident, Dr Finch said the vast majority of people treated at Marina House and Blackfriars are people like you and me. There are a small number of people with behavioural issues. An ABC (Acceptable Behaviour Contract) is a specific thing that they don't sign but they do sign an agreement that they won't hang around outside the building. There is an issue about how we enforce that as it's not a crime. It's intimidating if they are there and we encourage them to not be there.</p> <p>In response to a question from a resident, Dr Finch said the PCT will make the decision and they will consider carefully the results of the consultation. Cost will be an important factor as will travelling distance for clients. We have to be able to run a viable service which is why we need one service. Where it is will be very important.</p> <p>Dr Finch said that many agencies and voluntary sector groups are already involved in this process. The Chair said we will invite someone back to a future meeting to report the outcome of the consultation. Dr Finch encouraged residents to take part in the consultation and said their views are very welcome.</p> <p><i>Please see Take Note for further information</i></p>

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### Police and Community Wardens

Insp. Chris Leighton

A resident asked about Police action to combat fireworks, which he felt had worked.

Insp Leighton said the number of calls was higher than last year throughout the borough. We worked with the wardens and the feedback from the community was very positive.

Sgt Stewart Turnbull South Camberwell SNT

Ward panel priorities recently changed following a spate of indecency offences across South Camberwell recently. Three different individuals identified.

One has been removed from the area who was known for anti-social behaviour. We are working intensively to find the others. If anyone has information please contact us.

A resident said that she recently used the SNT contact number and left a message. She was called back by officers and was reassured and pleased with the way the matter had been dealt with.

**ACTION:** Safer Neighbourhoods Team to look into the lack of a response to a 999 call by a local resident whose front door had been hit by fireworks.

Contact numbers for the SNT –

Camberwell Green: 020 8649 3587 / 07843 065912

Brunswick Park: 020 8721 2449 / 07920 233910

Community Wardens - Sue Hunter was not able to attend but she left a report for people to take away with them.

*Please see Take Note for further information*

<p><b>10.</b></p>	<p><b>Schools for the Future</b>  <i>Rachel Montgomery</i></p> <p>Rachel said that Schools for the Future is a wide programme in Southwark that looks at investment in primary schools, secondary schools and academies. It's about transforming education. The project is for 12 secondary schools across Southwark. There is a mix of rebuilds, refurbishment and building two brand new schools.</p> <p>It's a partnership between Southwark, the Government and Balfour Beatty. We are charged with designing the site, building them and helping the schools run afterwards. Our challenge is to better prepare young people for a rapidly changing global environment. The schools are a big part of the local community and part of our work is to get the communities involved. We will try and make the sites used by the community when not in use by the school. We are also looking at efficient use of energy and aiming for a good environment, landscape and architecture for the schools to inhabit. St. Michael and All Angels Academy will be completely re-built. Sacred Heart School will have extensive works. We really want your input on these schemes and as well as public meetings residents can contact us directly.</p> <p>Cllr Ward said that over 200 million pounds of Government money is going into half the schools in Southwark. This will have a huge positive impact. She added that the schools would not close during the construction works.</p> <p>Rachel said that as the new buildings are built the children will be moved in and then built around. Care will be taken on when to build so that disruption is minimal.</p> <p>A resident asked how many schools are publicly run and what are the maximum class sizes. Rachel said she would look into that and report back.</p> <p>In response to a question from a resident, Rachel said they think a lot about minimising the disturbance but shorter times for more days would cost a lot more and take funds from other parts of the work.</p> <p>In response to a question from a resident, Rachel said that primary schools were being addressed under a separate project. There are about 24 secondary schools in the borough whilst there are 70 or 80 primary schools to consider. The primary school project looks at those most in need.</p> <p>Cllr McGovern said we are blessed with lots of cultural and sports clubs in Camberwell. Will these be engaged in the works and what is going on. Rachel said we will engage with anyone in the community who wants to be involved. Please let us know and we will reach out to groups out there.</p>
<p><b>11.</b></p>	<p><b>The Core Strategy</b>  <i>Simon Bevan (Regeneration)</i></p> <p>The planning of the borough is being led by a set of documents that we are preparing called the Local Development Framework. An important part of that is the Core Strategy.</p> <p>This is a planning document around which we make decisions for years into the future. It looks at what sort of place we want Southwark to be. How we want to see development, growth and investment in new housing, shops and schools in the area.</p> <p>We have consulted on the Core Strategy before at Community Councils about a year ago. At that time we spoke about various options. We then came back last summer with the preferred option. We are now at the third and final stage of consultation. This is the submission document that will be presented to the Secretary of State.</p> <p>It is out for consultation until February 26 2010. Further information available on the Southwark website.</p>

12.	<p><b>Cleaner, Greener, Safer 2010/11</b>  <i>The Chair introduced this item in the absence of officers</i></p> <p>The closing date for projects this year is January 8 2010. Forms are available on request and applications can be completed on the Southwark website.  <b>Contact <a href="mailto:eleonora.oliva@southwark.gov.uk">eleonora.oliva@southwark.gov.uk</a> or Tel. 020 7525 0864</b></p>
13.	<p><b>Public Questions</b> <i>these are listed in the Appendix</i></p>

AOB	<p><b>ACTION:</b> That a report on Street-leaders and their impact be brought to the next meeting on January 25 2010.</p>	Street-leaders
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**CLOSE** – The Chair thanked everyone for coming and advised that the next Main meeting would take place on Tuesday December 8, 2009.

<p>The information included in this form, together with the attached notes, form the minutes from the above meeting and have been agreed as a true and accurate recording of that meeting. Any necessary amendments shall be detailed in the <b>Summary of Actions</b> held at the Town Hall by the relevant Community Councils Development Officer.</p>	
Chair	Date

## APPENDIX 1

<b>PUBLIC QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS – December 8 2009</b>		
<b>1.</b>	A member of staff at Grove Vale library suggested to me that a public notice board should be erected on the Oglander Island. The library would be willing to be responsible for looking after it. This is a good idea can a board be erected?	<b>Bev Thomas / Simon Baxter</b>
	<i>Response awaited</i>	
<b>2.</b>	Can we please have an explanation on what has happened to the Covenant on 67 Crawford Road from the Councillors and Council officers?	<b>Bev Thomas / Simon Baxter</b>
	<i>Response awaited</i>	
<b>3.</b>	Planning Permission at 1 Valmar Road for a 69 seat café/restaurant. Will the Councillors please look into why only 3 households in Valmar Road have been notified when 20 in Coldharbour Lane and 16 in Crawford Road and none in Morna Road have been consulted.	<b>Planning dept.</b>
	<i>Response awaited</i>	
<b>4.</b>	Following the fire in Peckham, can we be assured that the Council's building control dept. is looking at other enormous timber structures going up. Lots of these have small timbers in them. What's happened with our building controls - before there are more tragedies in the area.	<b>Bev Thomas / Simon Baxter</b>
	<i>Response awaited</i>	
<b>5.</b>	Why is there no Christmas tree at the Town Hall when there is a huge tree in the atrium at Tooley Street.	<b>Bev Thomas / Simon Baxter</b>
	<i>Response awaited</i>	

Questions with Responses from October 2009 next...

<b>PUBLIC QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS – October 21 2009</b>		
1.	<p>Yesterday and today I had bad experiences while trying unsuccessfully to contact a Council officer in the Tooley Street offices. Will the Council please take urgent action to make it easy for people to leave messages when they phone Tooley Street.</p>	<p><b>Bev Thomas / Simon Baxter</b></p>
<p><i>Response</i></p> <p><i>For officers at Tooley Street there is a corporate voicemail system which operates when an officer is either not at their desk or is out of the office. There may be some isolated cases where individual officers have not yet set up their voicemail. In these cases callers will receive a corporate fall back message asking them to call back. In the event of any continuing problem callers should contact the corporate switchboard on 020 7525 5000 who will assist in putting them through to a team member or another officer who can help with the enquiry.</i></p>		
2.	<p>Spice &amp; Nice (8a Coldharbour Lane) should have ceased selling hot food by September 5, 2008. Now that enforcement are on the brink of prosecuting S&amp;N have apparently submitted a retrospective planning application for change of use so prosecution is on hold. Effectively putting the clock back as it was in February 2007.</p> <p>Why was Spice &amp; Nice not stopped from selling hot food on the September 8 2008? Why are Southwark being so patient with this business to the detriment of local residents?</p>	<p><b>Bev Thomas / Simon Baxter</b></p>
<p><i>Response(a)</i> Why was Spice &amp; Nice not stopped from selling hot food on the September 8 2008?</p> <p>The brief facts on this site are as follows:</p> <p>Prior to 2001, 8A Coldharbour Lane was operated as a bakery (Class A1). Goods were not baked on the premises but delivered for retail sale. The shop traded in normal shopping hours, closing late afternoon. The shop later included soup and sausage rolls in its sales.</p> <p>In 2001, the premises changed hands and began trading as "Spice and Nice". The premises changed its style of food to cater to the Caribbean and West African communities. It changed its hours, staying open until 2am or 3am, later curtailed to 11pm.</p> <p>Mark Scott (the Proprietor) took over "Spice and Nice" in 2003 and began trading as "Spice and Nice Bakery", opening from 8am until 10pm or 11pm.</p> <p>On the 20<sup>th</sup> of April 2007 an enforcement notice in respect of the premises was issued and served on Mark Scott, the requirements of the notice stated: "Cease the preparation and sale of hot food at the premises." It was stated that there had been a change of use of the premises without planning permission from a ground floor bakery (Class A1) to bakery and hot food take away (mixed use Class A1/A5).</p> <p>Mark Scott appealed against the notice, and the notice, subject to minor amendments was upheld. The appeal included an application for planning permission, which the inspector refused. The inspector's decision was dated the 5<sup>th</sup> of March 2008. The date for compliance was varied to six months from the date of the decision, that being the 5<sup>th</sup> of September 2008.</p> <p>Officers started monitoring the site to check compliance with the enforcement notice. As you might be aware, failure to comply with the requirements of an enforcement notice is a criminal offence. As such, in criminal proceedings the prosecution has the burden of proving its case to the standard of "beyond reasonable doubt". This can be distinguished from the appeal proceedings, where the onus lay on Mr Scott as the appellant to demonstrate as a matter of fact and degree and on the balance of probability, that the proportion of sales of hot food would be incidental to that of the primary retail use. The burden of proving a case to the criminal standard of proof is a far more stringent one.</p> <p>Officers have therefore carried out a series of test purchases from Spice &amp; Nice's none</p>		

	<p>bakery menu and measured the temperature of the food. The results show that the temperature of the food ranged from 44 degrees Celsius to 74 degrees Celsius. It is therefore alleged that Spice and Nice are still selling hot food to takeaway from the premises in breach of the planning enforcement notice. Mr Scott was therefore interviewed under caution for the offence and the matter referred to the magistrates' courts to commence prosecution proceedings.</p> <p>On 14/10/09, Spice &amp; Nice submitted a retrospective planning application 09-AP-2323 for 'change of use to mixed use A1 to A5. Change filters to carbon filters on existing extractor fans which will stop the smell of cooking. (RETROSPECTIVE)'. The planning application is meant to overcome the Planning Inspector's reasons for refusing the deemed application under ground 'a' of the planning enforcement appeal, and reduce the impact of the use in question to adjoining occupiers. Residents will be consulted on this planning application for your representations.</p> <p>(b) Why are Southwark being so patient with this business to the detriment of local residents?</p> <p>Residents are aware that officers have instructed legal services to prosecute Spice &amp; Nice for failing to comply with the planning enforcement notice. The Council is mindful that this prosecution might not necessarily achieve the desired outcome and what residents are looking for is a long term solution to the situation at the above. Council lawyers advised that prosecution proceedings should be held in abeyance pending a decision on the application which, it is understood, seeks to drastically reduce the hours of operation, introduce refuse/waste management measures, extractor system and other measures to reduce the environmental and 'anti-social' impacts of the use.</p> <p>In the interim, Spice &amp; Nice was requested to post signs on the premises to stop customers from littering the streets and unauthorised parking. The Council's parking services were also notified about the continued instances of illegal parking by Spice &amp; Nice customers.</p>	
3.	<p>When is Southwark going to stop messing around and actually enforce the No parking or loading regulations at Valmar Road's junction with Coldharbour Lane?</p>	<p><b>Bev Thomas / Simon Baxter</b></p>
	<p><i>Response</i> A recent site visit to Valmar Road has highlighted that the yellow curb markings required to enforce the loading restriction at this location are too badly faded for enforcement to take place. The remedial work that is required has been ordered and the no waiting restriction is still in force. In the 28 day period between 26/10/09 and 22/11/09 Valmar Road was visited on 112 occasions by civil enforcement officers, 61 vehicles were logged in contravention which resulted in 13 Penalty Charge Notices (PCN commonly referred to as a parking ticket) being issued. On the 23/11/09, Southwark Council's new CCTV equipped enforcement vehicle (SMART Car) undertook a trial deployment to the location, this trial will be continuing with deployment at the known peak times for vehicles parking in contravention.</p>	
4.	<p>Who was the (person) who authorised the installation of a cycle rail at Warner Road's bus stop thus obstructing passenger access to bendy bus doors?</p> <p><i>Response</i> This road is managed by TFL and it was their decision to install the cycle rail. Southwark Council were not consulted or involved in the process.</p>	<p><b>Bev Thomas / Simon Baxter</b></p>
5.	<p>When are hanging baskets, financed from the Cleaner, Greener, Safer Budget going to be reinstated?</p> <p><i>Response</i> The baskets have now been replaced in Camberwell Green Park and also along the road in the Camberwell Area.</p>	<p><b>Bev Thomas / Simon Baxter</b></p>
6.	<p>When are the trees missing at Camberwell Green outside Barclays and the late Silver Buckle going to be replaced?</p> <p><i>Response</i> The trees were removed by TFL because they were damaged. We understand that TFL intend to replace them shortly.</p>	<p><b>Bev Thomas / Simon Baxter</b></p>