

TAKEnote

Walworth Community Council



Minutes Agreements Form

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Date	Monday 2 October 2006
Venue	Aylesbury Day Centre, Bradenham Close, London SE17
Start time	7.00 pm
Finish time	9.30 pm
In attendance	Cllrs Mohamed, Seaton, Salmon, Pidgeon, Bates and Ladipo Cllr Zuleta – Lead Member for Culture, Leisure & Sport
Absent	
Apologies received	Cllrs Gurling and Lauder. Cllrs Ladipo and Bates for lateness.
Urgent items	None
Members' interests and dispensations	None

Public questions raised

Q1	What specialisms would the proposed Walworth Academy have?
A1	The Academy will specialise in Mathematics and Health. The sponsors, Ark Education, see literacy and numeracy as key to the success of pupils. The proposal brochure has been circulated to local primary schools, libraries, Council offices and at public meetings.
Q2	What works are in progress at Manor Place Baths?
A2	Please see the Minutes Agreement Form for the 12 July 2006: a Buddhist group is undertaking a schedule of maintenance works in lieu of rent.
Q3	Who are the key workers for the Council that are entitled to parking permits, and who are 'homecare' workers?
A3	The home care workers permit enables care staff working for approved home care organisations to park whilst visiting their clients. The permits are issued to the organisation rather than to individuals within the organisation. It is the responsibility of the organisation to make the permit available to its home care workers. The permits can be transferred between the organisations home care workers and their vehicles. Each organisation can hold up to 5 permits. The following organisations are eligible for home care workers permits and are on the Southwark list of approved and contracted providers:

- Age Concern Southwark
- Anchor Care Alternatives
- Allied Healthcare - London Bridge
- BNAHS
- Capital Carers
- Charterhouse in Southwark
- Elibariki
- Federation of Voluntary Sector Providers
- Goldsborough Homecare
- HFH Home Care
- London Care
- NEA Care Services
- Open Door
- Plan Personnel
- Reliance Care
- SAFSS - Southwark African Families Support Service
- SDA
- Southwark Home Care
- Sundial Healthcare
- Sunlight Laundry
- Teleshop Services LTD
- Welfare Catering

In regard to 'key workers' within the Council these are referred to as 'essential users'. Those officers who receive the permit must be designated 'essential users' and must be approved by their business unit manager. The council is currently preparing its travel plan that is due to be approved by the Executive shortly. This policy document will make significant recommendations to change and tighten car use by staff.

Q4 When is the M2 CPZ consultation happening?

A4 M2 CPZ was introduced by way of an experimental Traffic Management Order in 2004, this this means that the legal objection period is during the first six months of operation. This period of six months brought few objections and the zone and, as such, was considered to be working well. In light of the lack of objections during this period it was agreed that the TMO would be made permanent and WCC was informed of this on 12 October 2006.

As few objections had been received it was considered that the best value for review would be to carry out a small scale review by way of 100 street notices around the CPZ and letters to 77 key stakeholders, these invited comments on the scheme . The process of review was agreed by Executive Member for Environment and Transport and explained by way of a statement to WCC on 4 January 2006, with appropriate contact details for making comments on the scheme. The draft report was initially presented to WCC on 20 March 2006 and has been scheduled on the Forward Plan for a chief officer decision. This decision has been published in accordance with the councils constitution the decision of which will be taken not before 12 October 2006. Once the decision has been made the appropriate Traffic Management Orders will be advertised and made in accordance with the regulations.

Q5 Why was a lift not installed in Newington Library when the building was refurbished?

A5 The cost of installing a lift at Newington is in the region of £400,000. It is our understanding that insufficient funds were available to cover this during the refurbishment.

Q6	Will there be the same amount of study space in Newington Library after the changes? Will it be suitable for serious study: that is quiet and undisturbed?
A6	The number of study places in the proposals for moving the service to the ground floor match those currently provided upstairs. Study spaces will be located in a quiet area at the back of the ground floor, away from the lending library counter.
Q7	Will any of the current staff in the Reference Library be lost because of the changes?
A7	The library service is currently undertaking a re-structure of most of its staff. There are enough jobs in the new structure for all staff working in the reference library to secure new posts should they wish to apply for them. Two new posts have been created which will specifically focus on the provision and development of information services, one of which offers promotion opportunities to staff.
Q8	Will all the reference books be kept? Would it be possible to expand the stock of newspapers and magazines in Newington library?
A8	Yes, all the reference books will be kept.
Q9	Why were local people not consulted about the changes to Newington library?
A9	The library users were consulted. Plans are available in the library for viewing by residents. As a result of this meeting, tours of the space that will be used for the reference library will be arranged, feedback from visitors solicited and survey forms circulated to TRAs etc.
Q10	Just because the library is not compliant with the Disability Discrimination Act does not mean it needs to be closed or changed.
A10	The DDA requires local authorities to deliver services that are as accessible to disabled people as to non-disabled people. This sometimes means that services are delivered differently to the way they have been in the past. It is being proposed that the information service to the ground floor, not that it be discontinued.
Q11	It is hard to get hold of ordinance survey maps: the old 1" maps have been removed. Will there be 2 1/2" maps available for borrowing?
A11	We will consider this request as part of our stock purchasing plan for the new financial year. This will include looking at the currency of stock available at the library.
Q12	How much has Walworth Community Council area been given under the Cleaner Greener Safer scheme?
A12	Walworth Community Council will get £387, 000 to distribute under the scheme. The successful projects will be announced at the meeting after next. The total cost of all bids made exceeds the amount of money available. At the November meeting, residents will be consulted on which of the various projects they prefer, which will influence the final decisions made by Councillors.
Q13	The Cleaner Greener Safer project at Comus House has not been completed, what is happening?
A13	<p>A landscaping project was undertaken during the municipal year 2005-6 with minimal consultation. This led to a loss of communication between all parties. As a result the community were surprised to see work take place, the consultants missed out the planting of a hedge and as a result there are a few outstanding issues, which are required to be ironed out. At a subsequent T&RA meeting Groundwork, the consultants, made an apology and it was agreed that the additional hedge be planted. Once this hedge has been planted, the project can be formally handed over. The general scope of works has been completed.</p> <p>In 2005-6 not everything included in the proposals was carried out within budget. The remaining items for completion are the gates and a further CGS bid for this has been submitted in the current round.</p>

Q14	In the Elephant & Castle area there is a problem with cycling in subways and on pavements. Cyclists also go through red lights.
A14	The police have been prioritising dangerous cycling and scooter use in East Street. The police officer will take details back and pass on to the Safer Neighbourhood Teams in the Elephant and Castle area.
Q15	Why are there no lavatories in East Street? Shoppers are using the Manchester House estate to urinate in. What can be done?
A15	General improvements are being made, such as installing lavatories and pitch markings.
Q16	There is a terrible smell from food stores in East Street, especially from butchers. Can something be done?
A16	This will be passed on to the Environmental Health Team for action. Residents wishing to make a complaint about Food Safety should contact the Environment Helpline on 020 7525 2000.
Q17	There have been difficulties with double parking in adjoining streets to East Street market.
A17	This will be passed on to the head of the Parking Attendants Team for action.
Q18	Stalls are wider than they should be – and trading continues late, making the clean up afterwards ineffective.
A18	The market inspectors encourage traders to keep within the pitch markings. Fixed penalty tickets are issued for littering
Q19	Several residents complained that the One Stop Shop was guarded by security guards who would not let them in to the premises.
A19	An item on the One Stop Shops and the Call Centre will come to the next meeting.

Q20	No street sweeping, refuse collection or recycling had taken place for 4 weeks in Wansey Street. There is a grot spot at the junction of Browning Street and Morecambe Street.
A20	<p>Whilst the new building was being constructed in Wansey Street, the refuse trucks had difficulty accessing the street on a number of occasions due to contractors' vehicles and plant blocking the entrance. A Council Officer spoke to the resident who had raised this issue a few weeks ago, to explain the problems we were experiencing. Now the building work has concluded, normal collections are once again taking place.</p> <p>Turning to the matter of street cleaning, the manager of Southwark Cleaning inspected the street last week on a separate matter and found that it was reasonably free of litter but was suffering from an accumulation of detritus (silt). To resolve this, Wansey Street has been included in a pilot scheme currently underway to assess the effectiveness of a new sweeping regime. Initial results appear positive and the street will be inspected again during the second week of November.</p> <p>Browning Street and Morecambe Street is a regular fly tip area and the cleaning crews visit daily to clear any dumped items.</p>
Q21	Minutes of the Community Council meetings are not long enough.
A21	The minutes for Community Councils are in line with the constitution of Southwark council and meet all legal requirements. In their current format they further act as an important tool to engage and inform a wider number of local residents in the work of community councils. This is particularly true of those residents who are traditionally less engaged with the formal committee structure of the council and for who the more traditional style minutes may be off putting. A significant increase in length could be detrimental to the aims of widening appeal and understanding. Additionally space is currently limited in the Take Note section of the minutes by design template constraints. However if members of the public have any specific comment on what they wish to have included in the minutes agreement form section of the minutes (such as names against a public question raised) they are advised to speak directly to the clerk of the meeting either during the break or at the end of the meeting.
Q22	Where are residents of the Heygate Estate being housed?
A22	Residents have moved to or been offered tenancies in Wansey Street, Tabard Square and the Steven Street schemes. 16 tenancies have been taken up in Wansey Street. All the dwellings are up to Parker-Morris standards which most new public and private sector housing does not meet.

Summary of the decision or action

The following is a summary of the decisions and actions taken at this meeting.

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

Clarification or queries on any points should be raised in the first instance with Sharna Quirke on **020 7525 7385**

Item number	Summary of the decision or action
5	Decision: That the minutes of the Walworth Community Council meeting held on the 20 March 2006 be agreed as a true and accurate record of the meeting.
11	Decision: That the local parking schemes set out in the report for Permit Holder parking in St Agnes Place at the junction with Kennington Park Place, and Disabled Parking places outside 13 Glengall Road, 39 Elsted Street and the side of 39 Browning Street are approved for implementation, subject to the outcome of statutory procedures.
12	Decision: That the statutory objection received in relation to the local parking scheme in Penton Place is acceded to.
13	Decision: That the reappointment of School Governors to Crampton Primary and Michael Faraday Schools and the applications for appointment to Crampton Primary, English Martyrs RC, Robert Browning, Surrey Square and Townsend Primary Schools.

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 **Summary of Actions** held at the Town Hall by the relevant Community Councils Development Officer.

Chair

Date