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Camberwell Community Council

Draft Minutes of the Camberwell Community Council,
held on Saturday 11 SEPTEMBER 2004 at 12.00PM,
at Camberwell Green, SE5

PRESENT

Councillors:

Veronica Ward (Chair),
Vicky Naish (V-Chair),

John Friary
Peter John

Ian Wingfield

Officers: Deborah Holmes, Paul Bruce, Stan Dubeck, Jo De Berry, Vernon Neve Dunn,
Julian Bassham.

1. Introduction and welcome by the Chair

The Chair welcomed members of the public and Council Members and officers. The Chair informed the meeting that a Community Council meeting is a formal Council meeting. The Chair laid out the powers and roles of Community Councils, the political make up of the area and how the meeting would work. She thanked the people present for attending, drew attention to the stands at the back of the Marquee and invited people to browse these during the break and after the meeting had concluded its business. Cllr Ward asked that a vote of thanks be recorded for the clerk of the meeting Julian Bassham for his role in helping to organise this meeting.

2. Apologies

Apologies were received from Councillors Dora Dixon-Fyle, Alison Moise, Dermot McInerney and Tony Ritchie.

3. Disclosure of Member's Interests and Dispensations

Councillor Ward declared a personal interest as a resident of South Camberwell Ward.

Councillor Naish declared a personal interest as a resident of Brunswick Park Ward.

Councillor Friary declared a personal interest as a resident of Camberwell Green Ward.

A member of the public asked for clarification as to what constituted an interest and what a dispensation was.

The legal officer (Deborah Holmes) responded that there are two types of interest personal and prejudicial. Generally speaking a member must regard himself or herself as having a personal interest if a decision upon it might reasonably be regarded as affecting to a greater extent than other council tax payers, ratepayers or inhabitants of the authority's area, the well-being or financial position of himself or herself, a relative or a friend. A Prejudicial interest is a personal interest in which a member of the public with knowledge of the relevant facts would reasonably regard as so significant that it is likely to prejudice the member's judgment of the public interest. A member who has an interest but believes it is more important that they be able to carry out their duties may seek dispensation from the Standards Committee to be allowed to partake on the item/issue in question.

The Chair announced that she wished to vary the order of business on the agenda and would take matters arising later on the agenda and bring forward the Cleaner Greener Safer decisions.

Main Business

5. Presentation and video from the Camberwell Youth Forum

Tracy and Chanelle from the Camberwell Youth Forum introduced a video on the Camberwell area that they had produced.

The main points covered and issues raised by young people living in Camberwell in the video were:

How do you feel about living in the area?

- Many comments that it was a good place to live, particularly when they had the opportunity to get involved in projects like the one making the video
- Lack of facilities, particularly for slightly older children.
- Crime and drugs were raised as major areas of concern as was violence and the fear of crime (including lack of follow up on yellow police signs).

Graffiti and Neglect.

- Concern over the amount of graffiti
- Many raised the number of rats in the area
- Very noisy and crowded place to live

Youth Provision.

- When asked what youth clubs etc they used in the area responses ranged as set out below:
- Heartbeat Academy, praising the dance and music
- After school clubs
- Camberwell Library homework club
- Hollingdon Club for young people with reference to badminton and snooker.
- Lack of awareness of clubs in there areas/ do not advertise in our area.
- Connections
- The Crib was described by some girls as too orientated towards boys and sports and there was a desire to have back the kind of facilities that use to be available on ladies night where make up and hair could be done for free.
- Video schemes like the one, which made the video, were viewed positively.

Young people and the Police.

- Mixed response on the role and work of the Police and attitudes towards the Police.
- Lack of information from the Police to young people
- Desire for them to be more visible on the estates rather than the main roads.
- Out reach work to the schools by the Police was praised by some young people.

What Youth provision did they want to see in the area?

- Dance and music were favoured by many.
- They wanted somewhere they could go to do Mcing/ DJing and music courses.
- Some where to chill out.

Art and Media and Play Areas

- Enjoying using practical talents through music , media and art
- Would like greater access to free computers

- A lot of desire was expressed for a local cinema
- More free/cheap and easy access to an improved Camberwell Leisure centre
- Feeling that there are lots of play areas for young kids but not for slightly older. Want to see parks for slightly older children, Adventure Park.
- Expressed concern that the location of some parks created tension with elderly residents where they wanted to play and make noise.

Sports Facilities

When asked what sport facilities they would like to see more of in the Camberwell area the young people in the video responded:

- Football, Basketball, netball
- Real football goals
- Cricket pitch
- Swimming pools.

The video was applauded and thanks to those involved in making the film were expressed. Tracy and Chanelle opened the floor for questions.

Q1. Cllr Friary asked if young people now a days wanted youth clubs that focused more on providing facilities for music, MC-ing and dance?

A1. Yes. At the moment there is no studio or similar facility available to use locally.

Q2. Cllr Ward asked if they found it easy to use the sports clubs and facilities?

A2. Some clubs and sports stuff is too expensive for many.

Laura explained that this summer a range of activities have been provided thorough the NRF, Voluntary groups in Camberwell, Peckham variety and the heartbeat group around all around music, dance and computers etc. The feeling is the summer has gone very well. Cllr Friary commented that he had seen the booklet drawing the events together and though it was excellent and asked if their was a possibility of it becoming a roiling program.

Hillary from Bethwin Road Playground commented that the Bethwin Road Playground was aviliable in Camberwell and information was available at the meeting on the many activities they run for young people aged from 5 to 15.

Q3. Cllr Naish asked if any of the young people present had used any of the schemes which had run in Burgess Park over the summer?

A3. Laura responded that some had but others felt it was too far from them.

Cllr Naish commented that the development of Camberwell Leisure centre could offer new opportunities for the young people in Camberwell and should be looked at.

Q4. Barbara Pattinson asked the young people where they wanted to see these clubs and activites located?

A4. The young people present responded that they wanted to see much more of

it take place actually on their estates as they do not want to travel far and parents are happy with them doing more local things.

Q5. Cllr Ward asked if Peckham and the activities available there were just too far for them to access?

A5. Yes.

A member of the public commented that it sounded like there was lots going on in Camberwell but not all had been totally coordinated or communicated to the young people. Laura commented that they did try with publicity with two leaflets produced as well as information put out by CIDU but will of course be looking now on how to improve for next year and looking at where they distribute leaflets and timing.

Laura stated that some young people had been planning to attend to discuss their concerns on what would happen to them and their computers if the Albrighton was to be demolished and asked that this be noted.

Q6. Some young people asked why there were no cinemas in Camberwell?

A6. Cllr Friary responded that there did use to be cinemas in Camberwell and there had been talk in the past of building a cinema on two sites in Camberwell, the bus station and Butterfly walk. Cllr Friary stated that he thought a cinema would be a great asset for the area and that the local councillors are committed to try and get one but that it was a commercial decision and they need a company willing to come into the area and build and operate one.

6. Youth Providers Network

Jo DeBerry from the Youth Providers Network was present to inform people about the work and role of the Network.

The Network is a collection of some 20 people representing around 20 clubs etc all working with young people. The role of the Network is to coordinate activity, identify and tackle gaps in provision, publicise the current provision and to work with more young people.

The Youth Providers Network has been working in Camberwell for about a year so far and some of the key achievements in that time have included:

- Dance workshops through NRF
- Co-ordinated summer programme
- Undertaken research to get a picture of what young people want and need and prioritise the work that needs to be done.

Over the next year some key issues for the Network to look at include:

- Better relations for young people with the Police, bringing the Police and young people together
- More youth provision on young people's terms
- The Network has identified 11 priorities for young people in Camberwell and it meets every six weeks.

Questions raised and answers given included:

- Cllr Wingfield praised the booklet/leaflet putting all the activities and events for the summer in one place but questioned the coverage of the area considering there was many more households in the Camberwell area than leaflets printed.
- Cllr Wingfield also praised the Police in Schools initiative which had occurred in one Camberwell school and suggested that this be looked at in relation to the point raised about improving contact and relations.
- Cllr Friary raised the point of the need for a rolling program rather than the boom and then bust approach and the need for more gradual withdrawal of services when they are running out. Cllr Friary also asked that the Network inform members of their priorities so they are in a position to lobby for them.

10. Cleaner greener Safer

Cllr Ward varied the order of business and asked members to consider the information before them on Cleaner Greener Safer and asked members if they were happy to agree the schemes as set out.

RESOLVED:

Members agreed to the funding of the following cleaner greener safer schemes for 2004/05

- Daneville Road – Upgrade and improve visual appearance; Replacement of bollards, trees, raised beds - £20k
- Grosvenor Terrace Play Area £35K
- Lighting around and leading to the Blue Elephant Theatre £50K
- Lighting - Cul de sac (off Camberwell Station Road) £10K
- Oglander fencing (allocation in addition to the £1.8k budget remaining for this scheme) £1.2k
- Camberwell Town Centre - trees £1k
- Marsden Road Wildlife Gardening Centre £3.5k

- Sunray Avenue – Litterbins
£0.5k

Total allocated	£121,200
Total allocated previously	£298,000
Total Budget for 2004/05	£419,200
Funding unallocated 2004/2005	£5,800

Members then considered the report back on the reallocation of funding from the 2003/2004 schemes.

RESOLVED:

Members agreed that funding of £135,000 from the 2003/04 Cleaner Greener Safer funding for Camberwell be reallocated to the following schemes (due to various delays and changes with the Pitman St proposal, it has been decided that £98k be re-allocated to other proposals. This along with other project under-spend from 03/04 can go towards funding the following proposals).

- £10k – Pruning trees in and around Brunswick Park
- £5k – Cleaning up of Pitman St site.
- £20k – Funding of feasibility study for improvements to Camberwell Church Street shops.
- £90k – to be added to S106 match funding of £20k to improve Brunswick Park tennis courts, including repair/re-lay surface, provide seating and repair to fencing.
- £10k – As the costings put forward for CGS proposals are estimates, it is proposed that this money be set aside and used for any overspend that may occur on the various proposals put forward.

Break

The meeting adjourned for a break to allow people to have a bite to eat and to view the stalls and talk with Members, and officers.

9. Democracy Week and the Electoral Commission

Alex Markham (youth out reach officer) from the Electoral Commission was present at the meeting to promote local democracy week between the 18th and 24th October. Events during the week will include “I’m a Councillor get me out of here”. Alex had brought along a stall and a political game of snakes and ladders which young people present had been playing just outside the meeting.

Alex stated that Politics affects everything in our lives and informed the young people present that they can register at 16. She invited people to join her outside and take part in the game.

8. Southwark Community Games

Vernon Neve-Dunn from the Community Games team introduced the Community Games that have been running in Southwark for 9 months. Community Games are a borough wide event covering several sports based on Community Council areas and are a chance for Competitive sport. Vernon showed a fantastic video of the Community Games which highlighted some of the key aspects and events from the first 9 months. Rio Ferdinand attended the launch event and an award ceremony is scheduled for November. Camberwell area had finished third overall in the first year of competition. Next year will see more schools and more sports (adding swimming and basketball). Vernon encouraged those present to make sure that their local school was taking part in the events.

Questions and comments raised included:

- Are the events open to all age groups ? The Community Games have started with a focus on Primary school age groups but this is being extended.
- Is the estate football free? Yes
- What role can youth clubs play in the Community Games or is it restricted to schools? Youth clubs please contact with ideas etc main role at the moment is for 12 years plus in estate football

The Chair thanked Vernon for attending and for the work the Community Games have been doing and asked how people could get hold of the promotional video and other information. Vernon invited people to contact him on 07971927925 and also gave a plug for Southwark Tigers rugby club.

4. Matters Arising

Cllr Ward ran through the items on the information update sheet (see appendix 1) from the July meeting of the Community Council and asked for any comments. Cllr Wingfield stated that a member of the public from Muscatel Place was present and wished to speak. The resident stated that no enforcement seemed to have been done and that the residents of Muscatel Place had several conversations with enforcement and felt like they were being fobbed off. The hotline number they had been given was to the parking shop. She asked what next steps could be done to get enforcement? Cllr Wingfield suggested that the committee note the comments and information on enforcement action and request that the community council receive a schedule of future enforcement work in the area be provided.

RESOLVED:

To note the information on enforcement action taken in Muscatel Place and request a schedule of future enforcement work in the area be provided to the next meeting.

The meeting also agreed to take the Oglander Island update at the next meeting in October.

11. Public Question Time

Next Steps on Youth Issues.

Jo De Berry asked what steps would now be taken to move forward the suggestions and issues raised by the young people? Cllr Ward stated that a report would be produced and considered by the Community Council and at that stage look at how the individual items could be progressed. The legal officer suggested that this could take the form of a special minute to the next Community Council meeting and that a report on progress could be sent to all those involved.

It was requested that the youth forum video be played again as the meeting drew to a close and viewed the stands.

The meeting closed at 2:10PM.

Chair:

Dated: