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Peckham Community Council

Minutes of Meeting
6 July 2005

Peckham Park Baptist Church, 121 Peckham Park Road, SE15

PRESENT

1. Councillor Graham Neale – Chair
Councillor Jonathan Hunt
Councillor Richard Porter

INTRODUCTION AND WELCOME

2. The meeting commenced at 7:03pm.
3. The Chair welcomed those present to the Peckham Community Council and highlighted the housekeeping rules and the availability of feedback forms.

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

4. Apologies were received from Cllr Hunt for lateness.

NOTIFICATION OF ANY ITEMS OF BUSINESS WHICH THE CHAIR DEEMS URGENT

5. There were none.

DISCLOSURE OF INTERESTS AND DISPENSATIONS

6. There were none.

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CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 11 MAY 2005

7. That the minutes of the meeting held on 11 May 2005 be deferred.

PECKHAM COMMUNITY SLOT

Pauline Bonner of the Peckham Programme introduced -

Community Planting Day

8. Patrick Yorke said that the aim was to enthuse the youth to cultivate plants. They could plant and then check the progress of their ideas. Patrick thanked those involved on behalf of the community. He said that what was now needed was a place to keep tools with access.
9. Chair thanked Patrick and said that it was good to hear such goodwill from the community.
10. Belinda (Livesey TRA) said that money was wasted when things were planted but not maintained. She suggested that flowers that could not be maintained could be put somewhere else.

Vegetable Garden

11. David Pencoek said that he was the manager of the happy faces community nursery part of the Sojourner Truth Centre. He said the nursery involved 42 children and families. One of the things they emphasise is healthy eating and gardening. They have a nice enclosed area at the back but no open earth. The children were now growing their own vegetables.

David asked about the piece of land at the back of the Sojourner Truth Centre approximately 20 yards x 30 yards. He said they had asked Southwark property who owned the land and wondered if the Community Council could support the acquisition of the land.

12. Chair said that he would speak to David afterwards.

West Peckham Community Development Project

Mukharram Mirbabaeva –Ekaya Housing Association

Background

- Operates in the Peckham Partnership area to work with residents of housing associations

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- Community development co-ordinator in post
- Housing Corporation and joint housing associations funded
- Working in partnership with Peckham Programme
- Project ends in July 2006

Aims of the project

- To secure a significant increase in the involvement and participation of the residents to improve the quality of life in the area.

Resident group in place, organising a Fun Day (30th July), database of active tenants, door-to-door outreach work, fundraising opportunities for residents, training opportunities

- To provide co-ordination of the community projects and activities that already exist in the Peckham Partnership area.

Working in partnership with Peckham Programme Project on community projects, working with statutory and voluntary organisations.

- To further develop relationships with key agencies in the area, including local employers.

Directory of local services, identifying local employers that provide work placement / volunteering opportunities, links with support and employment agencies

- To ensure seamless delivery of services across tenures and landlords, with the involvement of residents.

Advocacy on behalf of residents to influence landlords' decisions.

- To give particular support and encouragement to those from BME and hard to reach communities.

Outreach work, providing training opportunities

- To assist in training and work placements for local residents.

Providing training and work placement opportunities, link with Southwark works, Red Kite, Learning Direct, Business Extra, Children's Information Service, Adult Learning.

Issues raised by the tenants and actions taken by the project

- Lack of youth facilities
- Poor traffic clamping measures
- Parking problems

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- Anti-social behaviour – i.e. noise pollution, vandalism, opening of new betting shops, rubbish dumping, neighbour intimidation
- Lack of information on types of tenure
- Safety, i.e. poor street lighting
- Lack of childcare facilities
- Lack of community resources, i.e. venues
- Decrease in feeling of involvement in local communities

How can you help us ?

- Suitable venue for the community
- Work placement opportunities
- Anti-social behaviour
- Parking problems
- Childcare provision
- Further ideas ?

13. Patrick said that for the first time in Peckham landlords were doing a presentation. Yet it was not advertised and there was no telephone number for residents to contact. He asked that the Community Council hold them to account.

Mukharram said that it had been advertised in Peckham newspapers. He added that he would leave contact numbers at the meeting.

14. A man from the community asked what was the aim of the project ? He asked how it supported BME in the community ? He also wanted a suitable venue for the community.

Mukharram said that the issue of a suitable venue was a problem which should be discussed.

15. David (from Housing) said that previously Neighbourhood Housing offices were used but now there were fewer facilities.

Mukharram said that he would discuss with the housing officer and make the information available.

16. A man from the community asked which groups the organisation worked with ?

Mukharram said the group tried to address local needs and provide training opportunities. They had worked with Somali women.

17. Roger said that the Housing Associations were not properly represented.

18. Chair said that as a tenant he was disappointed by how the Housing Association trusts did not engage.

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19. Christine from the Peckham Voluntary Sector Forum said that they were not aware of the project. She said that if they were trying to engage with local people they could not expect people to pay. She welcomed the review of the use of tenants halls.
20. Patrick said that Housing Association landlords should patronise meetings. They should be written to and asked to attend.
21. Cllr Hunt said that some sort of dialogue with Housing Associations should be looked into.

Cleaner, Greener, Safer Update

Pauline Bonner

22. Pauline said that there had been 58 applications received from residents, TRAs and local groups. 25 bids were unsuccessful so 33 would be considered at the special meeting on Cleaner, Greener, Safer on 26th July 2005.

Pauline added that Environment & Leisure were responsible for co-ordinating the project and it was at the costing stage.

23. Chair asked about Item 30 on Willowdene Gardens ?

Pauline said that there were issues around that project and they were liaising with Housing currently.

David (Housing officer) said that he was aware they were looking at ways to design out the problem.

COMMUNITY STRATEGY REVIEW

Eamonn Lalley

Southwark 2016: Overview

- Community Strategy sets a 10 year vision and priorities for the borough
- Aim is to provide the priorities of all partner agencies and local organisations
- Topic Papers are to help us think beyond the here and now to what Southwark may be like in 10 years time – big picture big challenges
- Themes
 - The changing place, economy and opportunity for all
 - Housing, education, health, safety, active involvement of citizens and modern, accessible public services
- The consultation process – final Strategy for March 2006

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We are a diverse and complex borough

- BME (37%) faith (66% Christian, 28% no faith, 7% Muslim)
- Diversity of households – larger households, more children & young adults
- 21st most deprived borough by number of poor neighbourhoods
- Some groups affected more than others by hate crime, unemployment, low educational achievement, poor health
- But also highly qualified, high earners, vibrant economy in NW Southwark

Ten years from now we might expect

- Population likely to rise, with 120,000 – 126,000 households by 2015
- Further increases in diversity from 37% BME to about 43% BME
- Economic and physical development pressure likely to continue in north of borough – yet Southwark may remain a deprived borough
- Employment growth will mainly need highly skilled mobile people
- Social housing now 53% of Southwark homes – up to 80% in some areas

Change could have different impacts depending on

- Economic fortunes of London & levels of public investment
- National policies
- How we tackle the educational achievement and adult skills gaps
- How we deliver 'choice' in public services like housing, health, education – so access improves for those who are excluded
- Whether a 'three zone' Southwark is reinforced or neighbourhoods become more economically and socially mixed

What do you want Peckham to look like in ten years ? A place which is noted for its:

- sense of community safety and low level of crime ?
- well kept environment which is fostered by its community spirit ?
- prosperous local businesses, particularly BME ?
- choice of low cost leisure services, particularly for young people ?
- commitment to arts and culture ?

Discussion in Peckham

- What do you think the future might and should hold for Southwark as a whole, and Peckham within ?
 - exploring Peckham as a place, its people, and its services

Contact Details:

Email thoughts, opinions, suggestions by end of July 2005 to:

- Responses.southwark2016@southwark.gov.uk
- Fax 020 7525 7324

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- Or visit www.southwarkalliance.org.uk/southwark2016

24. Chair asked residents if the presentation was how they expected to see Peckham in 11 years ?
25. A man from the community said there was no mention of muggings or anti-social behaviour.
26. Patrick said in the next generation the City would be coming to Elephant & Castle, then to Camberwell. The tram will be run through before the Olympics. He added that Peckham people should be employed in the projects.

Patrick said that much of the crime in the community came from people outside the community.

27. Linda said that no-one ever asked the people who live in Peckham their views. She said that children on a new estate had been told not to play football. Where could they play ? There was nothing for the teenagers to do and that was why there was crime on the estates.
28. Cllr Hunt said that there were elements missing. The level of social housing in the area was high. About 60% in the borough, perhaps 70% in Peckham.

He asked how much of a gentrification programme was wanted ? Did we want to oust people and bring in the middle classes ? There needs to be an affordable element.

He said that the whole economic structure was now very different. The poor schools used to produce workers for the factories and docks but jobs from the City required a higher educational level. He said it didn't mean that our kids could not achieve that level. There were tougher questions to answer: would the local children have a place to live in a gentrified Peckham ?

29. Donald enquired about Youth provision and said that Eamonn should bring something to a future meeting in October / November to get a discussion going.
30. Chair asked how people could make sure their views were taken on board for the Community Strategy Review ?
31. Eamonn said that the process was about the people and tonight was about gathering views. It was going to Council on 27th July 2005. He said that individuals and groups were encouraged to respond directly on issues of concern to them.
32. Roger said that a phone number was needed to have rubbish removed for example when a bed was dumped in the road.

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Chair agreed.

33. Patrick asked what was going to Executive ?

Eamonn said that at the moment it was a series of discussion documents. It was important to collect the views of those that worked in Southwark. The Southwark alliance will use the feedback to develop a draft strategy and there would be further consultation.

34. Christine said that there was perhaps confusion over the form taken and that it would be better to have some key facts followed by questions or different options.

Eamonn said that it was important for him to know from residents what the issues were. He said that issues such as crime and anti-social behaviour were prominent in Peckham.

35. Pauline said that she would speak to interested individuals and put forward their views.

36. A woman from the community said that she had lived in the area for more than two years and would like to have one quiet weekend at home.

37. Cllr Hunt said that it was hard for people to absorb all the information and that people were interested in shaping the future so it should be done in chunks. He added that unless we get a chance to draw the big picture one stage at a time we would get a Peckham we don't understand.

38. Susan suggested that a questionnaire be sent out to residents.

39. Daniella asked if we could learn from other successful stories such as Bellenden renewal and what went on there.

Cllr Porter said that a Bellenden style project was coming to Peckham soon.

40. David Eatwell said on Friday there was a Streetleaders conference involving 200 people.

41. A man from the community said that it was important to get the youngsters involved and to educate them.

42. Stephen Douglass said that there were three elements. Clearing up, Education and Enforcement. The final part was not easy but was being done where possible.

43. Christine suggested there should be competitions with areas divided and children should be offered prizes for achievement.

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44. Linda said that she lived in a block and enquired what was being done about licensed premises such as pubs and restaurants, and also schools ? She added that in some schools the children collect rubbish in bags.

Chair said that he would find out about that.

LOCAL CRIME UPDATE

PC Nigel Quinn

45. PC Quinn said that generally crime was down though violent crime was slightly up. Common Assault was reported more as a power of arrest was attached.
46. Cllr Porter said that he was aware of two problems – Drugs on the Friary Estate had been raised and also Prostitution on Meeting House Lane.
47. PC Quinn said that the Safer Neighbourhood Team had made a phenomenal difference for the better. Instead of there being two officers serving the area there was now eight. There were four PCs and four PCSOs all responsible for the Peckham area as a whole.

Drugs in Cardiff House was a particular problem. There was one main suspect. The Safer Neighbourhood Team had spent time in the hotspot area. Regarding the Friary Estate there were increased patrols and the issue would hopefully be resolved shortly.

Meeting House Lane was known by some as cannabis row. Two addresses were raided last week. An operation had been ongoing for two and a half months. Prostitution was harder to deal with but the Police were aware of the problem and tackling it.

48. A man asked about the cannabis issue.

PC Quinn said it was about closing down venues. Crack or heroine places could be raided under protocols and the Council had helped by sharing information. But cannabis was class C so there were no protocols but the Police were looking at a way.

49. Lalu thanked PC Quinn for coming. He said that he was dubious that crime was down in Peckham and that the waiting time at Peckham Police station was horrendous. Also many victims of crime did not report it. He had been assaulted and had not reported the fact. He suggested an email address be set up for reporting crime.
50. Gareth Wilde said that eight officers on patrol were still not enough. He said he ran a club and they had asked for a Police presence to combat anti-social behaviour. One was promised but had not turned up. The club may have to

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close.

51. A man from the community said the Police should help out with problems near the library.
52. PC Quinn said that regarding waiting times, some people wait 5 or 10 minutes but a crime report could take one hour. He gave a telephone number for reporting crime – 020 7378 1212.

Nigel suggested that people asked for Southwark Police Station and then the Crime Management system. Most crimes could be reported over the phone.

Re officers not attending Gareth's group, hopefully it was not shut yet. He apologised for lack of support and offered to take further details after the meeting.

Re the library, there were issues with groups of youths who were congregating in open spaces after clearance from stairwells. He added that most were no problem at all.

53. Roger said that they were not seeing any visible presence around his area. He added that people were smoking drugs and more visible officers were needed.
54. A man from the community said that in terms of reporting crime the Police should come up with a solution. He suggested beat officers with mobile phones that could be contacted.
55. Christine asked about the canal walk. She said that there had been rape incidents and now volunteers she worked with did not want to take that walk. She said there had been substantial improvements in the lighting. She thought that more police were needed and asked about the role of the One-stop shops.
56. PC Quinn said that they would go in and out of the One-stop shops regularly.

Re the canal path there had been several assaults and he added that stranger rape was very rare. He said that where there was anti-social behaviour the Police would patrol regularly.

Also serious assaults were dealt with by CID. Your community officers had a designated area which was ring fenced so they were not abstracted to other areas.

He said he had a mobile number, a landline, an email address and these would be circulated.

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57. Donald said that re Peckham Square and the 5% who behaved badly, Peckham Community Council had supported the Boyhood to Manhood scheme and some of those youngsters could come and speak at future meetings.
58. PC Quinn said they were looking for representatives from Tenant and Residents groups to be part of the Sector working group. They meet every three months and the community panel was very important.

The next one was due to be held at the Sojourner Truth Centre at 7pm on 21st July 2005.

TOURISM TEAM

Elizabeth Pratt and Arthur Hayward

59. Elizabeth said that tourism was the second largest industry in London and it was important that Southwark maximised tourist money. Lots of people come to the area to visit friends and relatives. There were lots of overseas links. There was a questionnaire in Southwark life which could be completed and returned.

She explained that what they were really looking for from tonight was volunteers to keep diaries of where visitors go and what they do, spend etc.

They would be hosting four focus groups where people could spend one hour with them and make suggestions.

There was an opportunity to target the campaign at residents. If you would like to help speak to me or contact the Tourism Unit within Southwark Council.

60. Arthur said that up to one third of people in the UK didn't take a holiday and part of the research would be what they did instead. It would help in the marketing of Peckham. The intention was to reach diverse communities so if you had family coming this year please take a pad and provide some useful information.
61. A man from the community said the Council should attract small businesses which would attract people from other areas.

Arthur said that the aim was to get data from families with a track record of people staying with them over time.

SOUTHWARK TRANSPORT STRATEGY 2005 – 2010

- Southwark's transport strategy will also be known as the Local Implementation Plan (LIP)

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- The LIP is required under the GLA Act 1999
- It will set out how an integrated package of transport improvements from 2005 through to 2010
- It will identify Council's own priorities
- It will show how and when we will deliver the Mayor's Transport Strategy

What does the transport strategy include ?

- Core Document
- Road Safety Plan
- Walking Plan
- Cycling Plan
- Parking and Enforcement Plan
- School Travel Plan Strategy
- Strategic Environmental Assessment
- Equalities Impact Assessment

What are our transport objectives ?

- Improve accessibility throughout the borough
- Promote sustainable travel and improve travel choice
- Improve safety and personal security
- Promote greater integration of land use development and transport
- Improve quality, efficiency and reliability of transport
- Improve efficiency, reliability and safety of freight distribution
- Promote and improve social inclusion, economic development, education and housing
- Improve visual amenity and the quality of the environment
- Reduce energy use
- Work with partners to progress and promote transport improvements

What are our transport priorities ?

- Road safety
- Sustainable Travel
- Accessibility to public transport
- Personal safety and security
- Integrating of transport and land use

What does our strategy say and what are we going to do ?

Road user Hierarchy

- Pedestrians
- Cyclists
- Public transport and community transport
- Powered Two Wheelers (PTWs)
- Taxis
- Freight Vehicles
- Private Cars

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Major transport and regeneration projects

- Cross River Tram
- East London Line Extensions
- Thameslink 2000
- Walworth Project
- Elephant & Castle
- London Bridge
- Canada Water
- Bermondsey Spa
- Peckham and Camberwell

Walking

- Pedestrian audits
- Promote walking (Walk to School Week, Walking Wednesdays, etc)
- Walking improvements (strategic routes such as Thames Path / Green Chain and local routes)
- Improve access to transport & services (transport nodes and key centres of services, employment and attractions)
- Improve safety and security (where this is a barrier to walking)
- Monitoring and review programme

Cycling

- Complete the London Cycle Network (LCN+) by 2009
- Improve the local network (review signalised junctions, install advanced stop lines (ASLs), convert 1-way streets to 2-way)
- Provide more cycle parking
- Improve safety
- Review enforcement practices
- Promoting cycling
- Undertaking training in schools and for adults

Public Transport

- Implement bus priority improvements and make all bus stops accessible by 2009
- Review bus services in major and district town centres
- Investigate potential for new or extensions to existing bus routes
- Establish a programme of station access improvements and lobby the DfT and TfL to make all stations fully accessible
- Lobby to increased capacity and extend tube and rail networks
- Investigate potential for greater utilisation of ferry services
- Work in partnership to improve levels of service

PTWs and motor vehicles

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- Promote the BikeSafe training programme
- Review new ways to reduce PTWs casualties
- Review design of speed reductions measures
- Review theft hotspots implement secure parking facilities
- Support congestion charging
- Implement a range of different CPZs, charging and enforcement in accordance with the Parking and Enforcement Plan
- Preparing a programme of road maintenance on borough roads

Road Safety

- Lobby for funding for area wide traffic management studies
- Reduce speeds (20mph zones) and undertake local safety schemes
- Utilise new powers to enforce moving traffic offences and work with the police to improve enforcement
- Establish programmes of road safety promotional activities and education and training for all modes of transport
- Lobby for funding to implement home zones
- Implementing safer routes-to-school initiatives

Maintaining the network

- Continue programmes of principal and borough road maintenance
- Continue programme of bridge assessment and strengthening
- Continue to improve our underpasses and rail arches
- Prepare guidelines for the design and maintenance of our streets
- Prepare an asset management register of all street infrastructure
- Continue programme of winter maintenance
- Work with TfL to minimise disruption on our streets resulting from highway works

Accessibility

- Provide safe and easy access to recreational facilities
- Continue programme to improve pedestrian crossing facilities and linking places of interest
- Review accessible parking throughout the borough
- Review accessible transport services and consider accessible transport brokerage options
- Support Taxicard and work with partners to the service
- Investigate opportunities to fund an accessibility planning pilot

Air, Noise and Freight

- Continue air quality monitoring programme
- Develop the Biodiesel Fuel in partnership with other boroughs
- Support the London Low Emission Zone (LEZ) by 2007
- Use low noise emitting surfaces in all road renewal schemes
- Manage freight through Freight Quality Partnership

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Land Use

- Develop a transport Supplementary Planning Document (SPD) to guide future development
- Preparation of a Green Travel Plan for the council
- Require green travel plans for all new developments as well as for existing land uses
- Establish Local Travel Planning Groups to assist the delivery of green travel plans
- Promote car free development, car clubs and car sharing

What happens next ?

- Full strategy mid-July for public consultation throughout the summer
- Questionnaires and feedback forms will accompany the public consultation. Final plan will be influenced by your contributions
- When approved by Executive, it will be submitted to the Mayor of London for his approval – sometime in the autumn
- In the meantime, for more information you can contact:
The Transport Group,
Southwark Council
Chiltern House, Portland Street, SE17 2ES
Tel – 020 7525 5317 / Email – transport@southwark.gov.uk

62. Officers said that resident should read the circulated documents and come back with ideas
63. A man from the community said that he worked with the elderly in Southwark. He takes them on minibus trips and they get hurt and upset by bumps on the road. There were too many.

The transport officer said that accessibility was a key area and they were hoping for accessible pavements and the reduction of street clutter.

64. A man from the community said that the road outside the Pulse was disgraceful.

The officer said he would report that back to his department.

LOCAL PARKING ISSUES

Open report for Member decision

65. Cllr Hunt said that the issues were waiting restrictions at junctions and disabled parking bays.
66. The Legal officer said that to clarify, the decision Members faced was whether to go ahead with the consultation on the parking issues.

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67. Cllrs agreed for the statutory consultation to go forward.

EPILOGUE

68. Chair thanked everyone for coming along and the Church for allowing use of the Hall.

The meeting ended at 9:45pm

Chair:

Dated: