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Peckham Community Council

Minutes of Meeting
26 July 2005

St. John's Church Hall, 10A Meeting House Lane, SE15 TUN

PRESENT

1. Councillor Graham Neale – Chair
Councillor Barrie Hargrove
Councillor Billy Kayada

INTRODUCTION AND WELCOME

2. The meeting commenced at 7:05pm.
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 Cllrs Hunt, Porter and Situ.

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.

STATEMENT OF COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

Julie Seymour

A new planning system

- In July 2004 a new planning system was introduced under the Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act.
- A key theme of the new planning system is community involvement.
- A key document of the new planning system is the Statement of Community Involvement.

What is the Statement of Community Involvement ?

- It is a document that sets out how and when Southwark Council will involve the community in planning applications and planning policy development.
- All planning policy documents produced under the new system need to provide a 'Statement of Compliance' showing how the requirements of the Statement of Community Involvement were met.

Why should you get involved ?

- By getting involved in the development of the Statement of Community Involvement you are helping us to make sure that the consultation carried out by the planning department is reaching the community in the most effective way.

What can you do ?

- Fill in the form to be added to our mailing list. This will keep you up-to-date on all the documents planning policy are consulting on.
- Fill in a representation form and let us know what consultation methods you would like included in the Statement of Community Involvement.

What happens now ?

- Initial consultation is from 22 July to 2 September 2005
- During this period we want to find out from you what you think good consultation methods are.

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What happens after that ?

- We will then use your feedback, government guidance and our current practices to write a draft Statement of Community Involvement.
- The draft Statement of Community Involvement will go on public consultation in late September and October.

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8. A woman from the community said that she had been consulted previously but nothing much happened. She suggested that the consultation from last time should be followed rather than re-inventing the wheel.

Julie said that the comments from the consultation were taken on board and views were needed before moving forward.

CLEANER, GREENER, SAFER SCHEMES

Dave Ware

9. Dave said that it was the third year of the programme. Schemes from recent years included a BMX track, lighting schemes, planting on canal walk and hanging baskets.

Dave said that projects were featured around the room and included schemes on traffic management, security measures, tree planting, lighting and play areas.

In total there were 44 schemes costing £939,000 for consideration from a budget of £443,000. Dave explained that everyone would get 3 coloured dots with which to indicate their preferences and no more than 2 dots could be put on any scheme by an individual. The process would then be a guide for Councillors. Dave added that there would hopefully be another budget next year and unsuccessful schemes could roll forward.

10. Dave said that another issue was alternative sources of funding. In East Peckham there would be renewal and several projects could be eligible for grants.
11. A man from the community said that the BMX track was an idea from the previous Labour administration.

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12. A man from the community said that potholes and pavements should be repaired within 28 days. He said that he had fallen over a paving stone two and a half years ago and still there was no change.

Dave Ware asked for the details and said he would follow that up.

Individuals present were given the opportunity to promote a Cleaner, Greener, Safer Scheme

13. Austin said he would like to promote a new building for Leyton Square playground. He said that he had two boys and a baby and the facility was packed with kids. When the hut closes the kids leave.

He said that his wife worked there for six months and 80,000 children pass through it every year, (not different children). The proposal was for a simple permanent two storey building on the same site as the portakabin.

He said that the facility had a pool table, table tennis and arts & crafts and was fantastic. He added that the playground hosts a successful football programme.

Austin said that a programme could be developed for later hours in the evening (after 7:30pm). At the moment children roam the streets from 7:30pm – 9:00pm so the programme would benefit the community.

14. A man from the community asked if Austin was running the lunchtime club ?

Austin said that it was a separate organisation.

15. Cllr Kayada asked if alternative sources of funding had been considered for the project ?

Austin said that he had not looked into that. He was just an interested local parent. He added that if Cllr Kayada knew some possibilities then he would like to speak to him.

16. Chair said that perhaps the Lottery fund could help with the scheme.

17. Barbara from Northfield House TRA spoke in support of the £3,000 grant for gardens. She said it would be a nice place to sit and smell the herbs. Local school children could be invited to come and grow food then take it back to school and cook it.

She added that the area also needed new fencing as it was in a bad state of repair. It looked grotty so people threw their rubbish there which made things worse.

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Barbara said the perimeter was 140 metres and there was room for three herb patches. The idea was for an unlocked gate that other non-Northfield House residents could enter.

18. Cllr Hargrove said that he appreciated the presentation and said that Northfield House had a good record on environmental projects. He added that the fencing was from the First World War period and that it was a pity that it was no longer in a good state.
19. Geraldine spoke in favour of the green space in Meeting House Lane. She said they should encourage people to go out. It was a good place to sit for those who did not have a garden. She added that youngsters would like a mini football pitch.
20. Roger showed a newspaper cutting of a local man recently assaulted and put in a wheelchair and asked what was going to make things better ?
21. Geraldine said that it was important that people got to know their neighbours and get out there and enjoy each other's company.
22. Russell Profitt said that the Government's active citizen project would help stop muggings and violence in the area. They aim to take control of the streets. They wanted to revive the East Peckham consortium. He said there was money coming in to build up the community.

Russell agreed that it was important for residents to go out and that some areas needed to be turned around. He said the area benefited from money as a priority neighbourhood and improvements should be visible over time.

23. Dave Ware said that regarding the Cleaner, Greener, Safer schemes they had tried to be as fair as possible with both East and West Peckham receiving roughly the same amount of money.
24. Cllr Hargrove said there was quite a lot of tree planting schemes. He asked who would be maintaining the trees ?

Stephen Douglass said that Environment & Leisure were responsible for maintaining the trees and they would keep an eye on related schemes.

A man from the community said that there should be one or two people permanently engaged in looking after the trees.

25. Members agreed the following –

That Peckham Community Council Members approve the delegation of responsibility for the delivery of the Grotspot element of the 2004/5 Cleaner, Greener, Safer Programme to the Peckham Programme Team.

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26. That Members agreed the following schemes to be funded under the Cleaner Greener Safer scheme for 2005/06, subject to further information from the Peckham Programme.
- a) Remove dangerous wooden fencing and replace with new fencing / feature. At: Holbeck Row – rear Furly Road.
 - b) Adventure playground – replace hut. At: Leyton Square Playground.
 - c) Create a sensory garden in the enclosed courtyard. At: Queens Road Day Centre.
 - d) Extend front gardens reducing football playing, to close to residential units. At: Acorn Estate – Willowdene Gardens.
 - e) Upgrade nature garden. At: Goldsmith Nature Garden.
 - f) Lighting in park to be improved. At: Peckham Park Road.
 - g) Install security fence around perimeter. Automatic gates. Reduce letter. At: Northfield House.
 - h) Improve garden and play areas. Develop herb / vegetable garden and composting scheme. At: Northfield House.
 - i) Walter Rodney Memorial Tree planting in Peckham Square. Plague and lights for free. At: Peckham Square.
 - j) Upgrading shop fronts and security grille grants for a parade of 10 businesses. At: Peckham High Street.
 - k) Proposed play and family area. Clearance of site and litter area. At: Canal Walk – land adjoining Glengall Road next to travellers site.
 - l) Creating a special park for animals. At: Haslam Street, Sumner Road, Cator Street & Stopes Road.
 - m) Children slow signs and planting. At: Sumner Road & Nutt Street.
 - n) Rewards for Green Business. Rewarding environmentally friendly.
27. Cllr Hargrove said that it would have been preferable if Members had been able to view and consider the schemes in advance of the time of the meeting.
28. Members asked that a meeting be arranged before the 3rd October 2005 Community Council so that Cleaner, Greener, Safer schemes could get under way.
29. Russell suggested that people should speak to Sheena Starrett re East Peckham projects and Pauline Bonner re West Peckham projects.

EPILOGUE

30. Chair thanked everyone for coming along.

The meeting ended at 9:08pm

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Chair:

Dated: