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## Walworth Community Council

### Main Meeting

Draft Minutes of the meeting of Walworth Community Council  
subject to approval at the next meeting  
Wednesday October 3 2007  
Heygate TRA Hall, Brandon Street, SE17

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#### Present

Councillors: Abdul Mohamed (Chair), Lorraine Lauder (Vice-Chair), Paul Bates, James Gurling, Jelil Ladipo, Kirsty McNeill, Caroline Pidgeon and Jane Salmon

The meeting opened at 7.10pm.

#### 1. Apologies

Apologies for absence were submitted on behalf of Councillor Ladipo for lateness.

#### 3. Notification of any items the Chair deems urgent

The Chair accepted a late item on Stead Street redevelopment.

#### 4. Disclosure of Members' interests and dispensations

None made.

#### 5. Chair's announcements

- There was a stall held by an officer from the Equalities Section, who are undertaking a survey. Residents were invited to take part.

#### 6. Confirmation of minutes from the last main meeting and the Special meeting

**RESOLVED:** That the minutes of the Main meeting held on July 4 2007 and the Special meeting held on July 23 2007 be approved as accurate records of the meetings.

#### 7. Deputations

##### The Newington Library Campaign Group

Mr David Glue spoke for the Campaign group for 5 minutes. He expressed concern that the Newington Library was closed; and asked where people should return their books. People were now walking into the Children's Library (which is still open), which they had never done before. The planning application had been posted on September 14 2007 and the

closedown of the Library had happened on September 14 2007. It will take 13 weeks to put the lift in.

Stephen Douglass spoke as a representative of Environment & Leisure in response to residents' questions:

- Schools were still able to use the Children's Library.
- A full report on the Newington Library was going to the Overview & Scrutiny Committee on October 8 2007.
- All registered members of the Library and any campaigners have been advised of the plans in writing.
- There are additional opening hours at the John Harvard Library.
- Planning permission is not required for the changes, but Listed Building Consent is being sought.
- The building will re-open on November 1 2007.

Mr. Glue said the Council should retain a two-storey building; the work should be stopped now. There would be a protest meeting at St Matthew's Church at Elephant & Castle at 6.45 pm on Monday October 15 2007.

#### **8. Aylesbury Area Action Plan**

A consultation is taking place on the various issues and options, including street layouts, building heights, residential densities, leisure facilities and improvements to Burgess Park.

Residents are asked to get involved, and can do so by reading the report and filling in the questionnaire. These are available at libraries, the One Stop Shops, the Area Housing Offices, the Council offices at Chiltern and on the Council's website. Or residents can telephone 020 7525 5380, and ask for a copy to be sent to them.

There will be an Exhibition entitled 'Building Futures Exhibition', which will be held at Thurlow Lodge Community Hall, Unit 1A, Wendover, Thurlow Street, London SE17.

Councillor Gurling asked residents to look at the documents already produced, as they are important for the future of the area.

*For further information, please contact Tim Cutts at [tim.cutts@southwark.gov.uk](mailto:tim.cutts@southwark.gov.uk) or telephone 02 7525 5380.*

#### **9. Licensing 'Saturation policy'.**

The Licensing Unit is currently consulting on whether residents feel there are too many premises where alcohol is for sale, including public houses and off-licenses. The Walworth area borders on Camberwell, where there may be an issue. The saturation policy would enable applications for licenses for new premises to be refused; on the grounds there are enough licensed premises already.

#### **10. Cleaner Greener Safer programme**

The numbers of applications for projects under the Cleaner Greener Safer scheme has increased slightly from last year, and the type of projects have become smaller. Whilst this

has benefits for the community, there are implications for the officers carrying out the feasibility studies.

Discussions have been held between the officers administering the Cleaner Greener Safer projects, and officers administering Section 106 projects. A Community Projects Bank will be developed, allowing good ideas for projects to be kept on file, ready vetted for developers to fund as part of their Section 106 liability. It is possible that there will be a joint launch of the 2008-09 Cleaner Greener Safer scheme together with the Project Bank.

Residents then spoke in support of the projects they had put forward for funding.

## 11. **Stead Street redevelopment**

Residents made the following comments:

- there has been a massive developmental impact from development in Brandon Street on East Street and the park, how should residents contribute to the planning process?
- There is concern about the security of the park, as the two wide entrances are being replaced by one narrow alley.
- Nothing has been said about the local shops, and residents would like them kept.
- Two officers were asked to come, but no one has come.

Councillor Gurling said that the infill sites had been consulted on. Councillor Pidgeon said that there would be further consultation through the planning process. The residents of the Heygate Estate need somewhere to go. There is an issue round the park.

Councillor Gurling also suggested that perhaps there could be a pre-application exhibition prior to the developers making a planning application.

Further comments include:

- The two developments on either side of Crown Path were designed in ignorance of each other. There was no co-ordination in planning.

**RESOLVED:**

- (1) That the suggestion of a pre-planning application exhibition open to residents be endorsed, and;
- (2) That officers from the Elephant & Castle Regeneration Team be invited to the next Walworth Community Council meeting.

## 12. **East Street market environment**

Stephen Douglass told residents there had been a very successful meeting with residents, traders and business people the previous week. Many ideas and issues were brought out into the open. Action had already begun on cleaning the street, with a wash every Monday.

There will be a further meeting on these topics on November 27 2007 at the Inspire Centre. It would be helpful if people could let the Council know what issues they had.

- Councillor Lauder said there was an ongoing problem with the road and pavement. When could improvements be expected? Stephen Douglass said that a new system of cleaning was being tried out. Environmental health officers were working with

businesses, which were also being encouraged to recycle more, especially cardboard and food waste.

- She also asked how many accidents have there been, where Portland Street crosses East Street? She was told there had been 9 accidents, but these were mainly car collisions not involving pedestrians.
- Councillor Lauder asked if there were going to be Christmas lights in East Street, and was assured that there were going to be new Christmas decorations this year.
- Carol asked why there were too many butchers, and too many stalls selling the same thing. Stephen Douglass said that the Council had no control over the number of butchers' shops, however stalls could be considered. No stall should trade in the market without a license, either permanent or casual.
- Stephen Douglass said, in response to a question, that he could not comment on the suspension of the Market Team.
- Norma said that the sign to the lavatories is pointing the wrong way down Walsey Street and people keeping moving signs. Stephen Douglass said he would look into the matter, there is a Council policy of removing redundant signs. There are lavatories in the One Stop Shop and Cuming Street.
- Councillor Salmon said that some signs had been removed by the public lighting contractor, and had not been replaced. Stephen Douglass said he would find out when they should be put back.

### Public Questions

- (i) A resident asked if it were true that only one disabled parking space was allowed in a street.
- (ii) A resident asked when speed humps were going to be put in Browning Street.

### Members' decisions

**RESOLVED:**

- (i) That Miss Valerie Collins be reappointed to the Governing body of St John's Walworth Church of England Primary School.
- (ii) That Miss Rachael Bayliss be appointed to the Governing body of Surrey Square Infants' School

**The meeting closed at 9.05pm**

**Signed:**

**Date:**