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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 November 7 2007
Pasley TRA Hall, Stopford Road, SE17

Please note all text in italics is an addition to the minutes after the meeting.

Present

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

The meeting opened at 7.10pm.

1. Apologies

Apologies for absence were submitted on behalf of Councillor Pidgeon and Councillor Ladipo (lateness).

3. Notification of any items the Chair deems urgent

None were notified.

4. Disclosure of Members' interests and dispensations

None made.

5. Chair's announcements

- SERCO, the Council's information technology contractor is disposing of redundant computers to Southwark voluntary organizations.

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6. Confirmation of minutes from the last main meeting

RESOLVED: That the minutes of the Main meeting held on October 3 2007 be approved as an accurate record of the meeting.

7. Deputations

No deputation requests were lodged.

8. Announcements/stalls:

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Licensing Policy 2008-10 – Richard Parkin

Residents were invited to comment on the draft Licensing Policy for 2008-10

Aylesbury Area Action Plan update – Daniel Hill

Residents were invited to critique the documents on the re-development of the Aylesbury area, and to get involved in the changes to their estate and its surroundings

Local Development Framework Annual Monitoring Report 2006-2007 and the Sustainable Design and Construction Supplementary Planning Document – Suzanne Johnson

Residents were invited to inspect and comment on the Annual Monitoring Report and Sustainable Design & Construction SPD.

National Art Collections Centre – Donald Hislop (Tate galleries)

Residents were told about the National Arts Collections Centre, which will be located in Nelson Mandela Way, and invited to register for further information.

Main Business**9. Stead Street redevelopment – Jon Abbott**

Jon Abbott apologises for his absence from the last Walworth Community Council meeting.

Stead Street is one of fourteen sites in Southwark for rehousing Heygate estate residents, and is being developed by a partnership of Guinness Trust and Wandle Housing Association. The partners are now funding the design work needed prior to submitting a planning application, which will not be delivered until March 2008 at the earliest.

All residents within 100 metres of the site were invited to a consultation event in a marquee on the Stead Street car park in June 2007, and 40 completed questionnaires were received. A further consultation event will be held prior to submitting the planning application in February/March 2008.

Local residents expressed concern about the potential loss of the local shops, during and after the development of the site. Jon Abbott reassured residents that shop premises would be part of the scheme, including space for the church hall. There will also be temporary premises for the local shops during the construction phase.

A survey of the Stead Street car park was carried out, and it was determined that 90% of all patrons of East Street market arrived by foot or bus. A small number arrive by car during the week, with more driving to the market at weekends. The loss of some off the parking space may result in a small loss of trade, but a larger permanent local population will offset this. Work will be done with Environment & Housing to promote East Street market, which has customers from SE17 and all over Southwark, and work on improving access.

Residents asked a number of questions, as follows:

- There will be an impact on residents who have cars, as the car park and streets are packed at the weekend. Will this development be car-free? Jon Abbott responded that the development would be car-free except for new disabled residents.
- What arrangements are being made for residents' parking? There should be sufficient overnight parking in local streets. Discussions could be held with the CPZ manager to deal with the dual issues of residents' and visitors' parking.
- Mr Beedle said that there would be 1000 new dwellings, not everyone will use bicycles, and he disagreed there would be not be a problem over parking. Jon Abbott responded that there were approximately 250 dwellings, not 1000. New residents of the development would be excluded from parking in a CPZ, so they would not be able to take up parking spaces.
- A resident said that a car-free condition of residence could be overturned by the Courts.

- A resident expressed concern over the fate of Nursery Row Park; he feared there would be a loss of trees, and new access would be required on the north side of the park. Jon Abbott responded that the park had been considered in the Southwark Plan, and part allocated for housing. The routes through to Rodney Road had been designed on the basis of the housing scheme.
- Councillor Lauder expressed concern that visitors and traders to the East Street market would have nowhere to park when the scheme was built. Jon Abbott responded that not many traders park in the car park, and traders could access on street parking through the CPZ. The survey was carried out over a 7-day period; hourly on each weekday and again on the Saturday and Sunday. The survey focused on parking in the car park and adjoining streets. The number of vehicles was counted and 300 people interviewed.
- Councillor Mohamed asked if parking had formed a part of the June consultation. Jon Abbott responded that it had formed part of the consultation. Within the CPZ itself, there were 1200 parking bays available to shoppers and residents, however, it is necessary to promote all methods of access.
- A resident expressed concern that there was a dearth of information available to residents. Jon Abbott responded that information would come from the partners. Councillor McNeill said that the lack of information fed rumours, and was difficult for ordinary residents. Jon Abbott said that the Elephant & Castle team were not directly responsible for informing the public, which was the responsibility of the developers, Guinness Trust and Wandle Housing Association. A number of processes have to be completed prior to submitting a planning application, including consultation by Southwark's planning unit.
- In response to a resident's question, Jon Abbott said that the results of the June consultation will be available as part of the planning application.
- Mr Clark asked where disabled people would park, as there are limited single yellow lines and the market traders block the roads with vans. Jon Abbott said that the priority would be residents from the area; there is a need for cycling routes and pedestrian access.
- In response to the accusation of a fait accompli, Jon Abbott said that the February/March consultation would need to have the scheme represented in its totality, with all the information available.
- Norma was concerned that the market would have no car park. Jon Abbot said that this was not an unusual situation for urban markets.
- In response to the accusation that the Council was trying to close down East Street market, Stephen Douglass said that there are definitely no plans to close the market.
- Concern was expressed that trees have already been lost in the park. Jon Abbott said that the strip of land on Brandon Street is allocated for housing under the Southwark Plan, but how many houses will be built and how many trees lost will be part of the survey required for the planning application.
- A resident expressed concern that the trees on Sites 3 and 4, either side of the Crown public house will be lost. Jon Abbott said that the entrances to the park will be retained, but may be moved from their present locations. The recently constructed entrances had been placed to be, as far as possible, consistent with the housing scheme.
- Councillor Seaton said that Councillors would try to help local people get information.
- Councillor Gurling said that the planning application would come to the main Planning Committee, not the Community Council. This would be less likely to cause a conflict of interest for a Councillor on the Planning Committee. Councillor Gurling said that the Liberal Democrats had no plans to close down East Street market.

ACTION: That Jon Abbott return to the Community Council for an item on Stead Street on February 13 2008.

10. **Cleaner Greener Safer scheme – announcements of successful bids**

Decision: That the projects listed below be approved for implementation under the Cleaner Greener Safer Scheme.

Public rating	PROJECT TITLE	AMOUNT AWARDED	Recommendations and any conditions if applicable.
1	<u>Robert Browning Community School Playground Improvements</u>	£10,000	Part fund
1	<u>Elba Place Nature Garden Improvements</u>	£22,000	Full fund
2	<u>East St Lighting Addition</u>	£30,000	Full fund
3	<u>Lorimore Sq Ball Court</u>	£30,000	Full fund
3	<u>St Paul's Primary School Community Garden Phase 2</u>	£8,000	Part fund
4	<u>Art in the park Mobile Planters</u>	£15,000	Part fund
5	<u>Surrey Square Church, Plants and Lighting Scheme</u>	£15,000	Part fund
7	<u>Mardyke House Community Gardens</u>	£15,000	Part fund Funding for Phase 1
8	Community Payback.	£2000	Full Fund
8	<u>Kinglake Ball Court Refurbishment</u>	£60,000	Full Fund
8	<u>Sturgeon Road Pedestrianisation</u>	£10,000	Part fund for an informal feasibility study.
9	<u>Carter Place Phase 3</u>	£20,000	Full fund
10	<u>Pelier Park Full Width Speed Hump</u>	£20,000	Full fund
12	<u>Paragon Gardens Safety Improvements</u>	£40,000	Full fund
13	Alberta St Grot Spot	£2,000	Part fund The funding is for planting and bird boxes
14	Elizabeth Estate Hall, Community Patio	£22,000	Full fund

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14	<u>Southwark Tigers Refurbishment Addition</u>	£6,746	Part fund
15	<u>Pelier Park Lighting Improvements</u>	£12,500	Full fund
15	<u>James Stroud House Anti Dogs and Ball Games Green Area</u>	£28,000	Full fund
16	<u>Minnow Walk Paving Addition</u>	£7000	Full fund
17	Cater Place Rubbish Bins	£600	Full fund

Total = £ 418,000 (inclusive of contingency and fees)

Other proposed decisions

- Penton Place Contra Flow Cycle Lane (CGS 06/07) to be cancelled.
- The Penton Place Cycle Lane Contra Flow Cycle Lane budget of £5k to be re-allocated to Newington Playground (CGS 06/07)
- Requested that Caribb F.C receive £7,500 from the contingency fund of 07/08.

Public Question Time – awaiting responses

1. The books in the Newington Reference library have virtually disappeared; there were only 4 books in the literature section. The bookspace is used for magazines.
2. Mr Glue stated that only an eighth of the bookstock has been brought downstairs, and there are only 6 history books, all dictionaries
3. Norma asked if the Community Wardens could wear red, not fluorescent yellow, as they become indistinguishable from all sorts of tradesmen.
4. Norma complained that the filming in Wansey Street takes up all the parking/disabled parking spaces, and stunt drivers will be doing 'wheelies' etc. No agreement has been reached with the residents of Wansey Street.
5. Jeremy Leach asked if the situation with the Hoarding around Carter Place is it legal? Can the space be claimed back? It causes narrowing of the footpath. Is it of legal height? IS it private property?
6. Mr Noble has a complaint about the allocation of funding for Cleaner Greener Safer projects, and that the Government will be coming into Comus House
7. An Olympic diving hopeful has to travel to Sheffield to train because of the closure of Crystal Palace diving pool, can a facility be provided in Southwark?
8. Is there scope to have more allotments in the Walworth area?

Member Decisions

RESOLVED: That the Community Council endorse the priorities amongst small shopping parades for funding, namely East Str 2 (East Street at the junction with Elsted Street), SF21 (Brandon Estate) and East St 1 (Part of SF19, the junction of East Street with the Old Kent Road).

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