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# Peckham Community Council

**Minutes of Meeting**  
11 May 2005

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

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## **PRESENT**

1. Councillor Graham Neale – Chair  
Councillor Tayo Situ

## **INTRODUCTION AND WELCOME**

2. The meeting commenced at 7:00pm.
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 Hargrove, Hunt, Kayada and Porter.

## **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 14 MARCH 2005**

7. That the minutes of the meeting held on 14 March 2005 be confirmed as an accurate record of the meeting (delayed until the end of the meeting).

### **PECKHAM COMMUNITY SLOT**

#### *Win Jordan and the Community Garden*

8. Win Jordan said that Toby Wright, the parish priest was unable to attend but he had given her a message to read out.

The Community Garden had been funded in part by the Cleaner Greener Safer Scheme. The scheme has had a significant impact on local children. They enjoy the plants and the space is used by Surestart. Members of the church have benefited and they hope to host tea parties in future. The grant had led to a sustainable area for community use.

#### *Emma from the Willowbrook Centre*

9. Emma said it was a new initiative about trying to improve consultation in the planning process. The first stage was to send a letter to all voluntary groups. Those involved should receive theirs shortly. They would also be invited to a focus group on Thursday 26 May, which was an opportunity to give ideas on how to improve the process. Emma said that the main message was that even if you were a tenant you could have influence over the future.

### **BLUE PLAQUES SCHEME**

#### *Stephen Douglass*

10. What are blue plaques ?

The blue plaques campaign was launched in 2002 by the council and local paper Southwark News because there are few English Heritage plaques in the borough but many figures worthy of receiving one.

Stephen said that they could honour the living as well as the dead. Heritage plaques were only for those deceased by more than 20 years.

Blue Plaques are about celebrating the borough's rich heritage – its literary, artistic and industrial past and its vibrant, diverse and exciting present.

The campaign is also about involving residents – anyone can nominate, vote for and campaign on behalf of their icons. They really are the people's plaques.

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### Blue Plaques 2003/4

10,000 people voted in 2003 for 20 plaques including those to Michael Caine, Sam Wanamaker, Chaucer and Dickens.

Three more went up in 2004 to Tommy Steele, the Pioneer Centre and Time and Talents.

### Blue Plaques 2005

Voting is open now

Voting closes on 2 September 2005

Vote online at [www.southwark.gov.uk](http://www.southwark.gov.uk), by emailing [vote4icons@southwark.gov.uk](mailto:vote4icons@southwark.gov.uk) or by completing a voting slip and returning it to the town hall.

- This year eight plaques will go up – one for every community council area.
- There are three nominees per area.
- Read the information sheet for details of all the nominees of visit [www.southwark.gov.uk](http://www.southwark.gov.uk)

### Blue Plaques nominees

#### Peckham

- Menze's Pie and Mash Shop Peckham – branch of the famous chain of pie shops and a slice of Southwark's disappearing heritage.
- Colonel Charles Arundel Moody – son of Dr Harold Moody and the first black officer in the British Army during the Second World War.
- Father Potter – social reformer and founder of the Brotherhood of the Holy Cross.

#### How you can help ?

- Publicise the campaign in your area and encourage people to vote – hand out voting cards, put up posters, collect signatures.
- Campaign for one or all of your nominees or encourage local groups to do so.
- Encourage local celebrities to get involved and back the campaign.

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### Resources

- Petitions, voting cards and information sheets are available tonight.
- You can download voter kits with posters, petition forms and voting cards at [www.southwark.gov.uk](http://www.southwark.gov.uk), where you can also read more about the campaign.

Stephen explained that plaques would go up in Autumn / Winter.

### **EQUALITIES SCHEME**

*Jules O'Mahoney*

11. • Not a “stand alone” approach
- Mainstreamed – Community Strategy, Corporate Plan: already incorporate equality and diversity
  - Equality Impact Assessments challenge process: checking we are on track to get things right

Race Relations (Amendment) Act 2000 requires Southwark Council to:

- Eliminate unlawful racial discrimination
- Promote good race relations
- Promote equality of opportunity

Southwark's approach:

Extended to include: Gender, faith/belief, sexual orientation, disability & age

What do we know about Peckham ?

Theme	Peckham	Southwark
<b>Ethnicity</b>		
BME	64%	36.6%
White	36	63.3%
<b>Disability</b>	4%	4.5%

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### Gender

M	49%	49%
F	51%	51%

<b>LGBT</b>	6%	6%
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### Religion/Belief

Christian	64%	62%
Muslim	10%	7%
No Religion	13%	18.5%

### Age

0-17	31%	22.5%
65+	8%	10%

### Possible key issues

How:

- are we impacting on educational attainment of African-Caribbean, White and Traveller children ?
- are we promoting good community relations ?
- are we impacting on services for older people ?
- are we impacting on accessibility to services for people with disabilities ?
- are we impacting on reducing the higher levels of BME young people in the criminal justice system ?
- good is our knowledge of different communities in Southwark ?
- do we impact on BME and other small & local businesses ?
- are we impacting on the level of, and response to, hate crime ?
- are we ensuring access to services for new/emerging communities ?
- are these the right areas we should be looking at ?
- are there any gaps ? What are the big issues for you ?

A copy of the full draft Equality Scheme can be found on the Council's website:  
<http://www.southwark.gov.uk/YourCouncil/Equalities/OtherUsefulResources.html>

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How to let us know

- In writing: by s.a.e. available here
- Email: [equalities.consultation@southwark.gov.uk](mailto:equalities.consultation@southwark.gov.uk)

12. Jules explained that the idea was to look at ways work was carried out and to see if there was a negative effect on the community. Then to look at improving the situation.

Issues included why there were higher incidents of young black males in the criminal justice system and could the way the Council works have a positive effect on that ?

Jules said they work with groups such as community safety, the Police, and wardens to reduce incidents of hate crime. Peckham had one of the three highest number of incidents of domestic violence and homophobic crime.

Jules said that Southwark was a fluid borough with new and smaller groups emerging all the time. She hoped that tonight would lead to feedback from the public so they could address matters.

Jules said that a full draft of the survey was available on the website and feedback would indicate whether they were on the right lines.

*Forms and freepost envelopes were distributed.*

Jules said that it was a lot to cover in one session but the three page summary explained it further as did the website.

13. Cllr Situ asked how they would carry along groups such as the elderly and disabled ?

Jules said that the Southwark policy was not solely on race, though that was where the stringent duty existed. She said she was going to meet the pensioners forum and the disabilities forum. They also worked with the equalities and diversity panel.

14. James from the community asked when was the closing date ?

Jules said the end of June 2005.

15. A woman from the community asked whether there would still be a special meeting with race and equalities.

Jules said yes, SREC was working with them to do a BME consultation exercise within the borough.

16. Lalu asked about faith statistics and said that atheists should not be eliminated from this.

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Jules said that would be flagged up and it was a statutory requirement to acknowledge people not subscribing to faiths.

17. Stephanie from the community said that blind people always seemed to be on the bottom rung of the ladder.

Jules said that they usually worked with the Forums.

Stephanie said that they didn't go to the Forums.

Jules said that when they consult with the Disabilities Forum there were 15 – 20 people who are representative of disabled people in the community.

Jim from the community said that the partially sighted do not get any information.

18. Chair asked how they could be reached ?

Jim said that blind people could be reached through Action for Blind People.

Jules said she would contact Southwark Disabled Association to arrange a meeting and ask how accessible services were for the blind.

Jim said that people tend to think of the disabled as those who are wheelchair bound with a physical disability.

Jules said she would be happy to arrange special sessions where necessary.

19. Mr Krishna said that the Council should have enough information. He said that 40% of the Peckham community was BME and that people had suffered over a number of years. He didn't think that the Ouseley report had been taken into account.

20. Jules said that Jim's point was a good example. She would like to hear directly from blind people. Their experiences could lead to improved services.

Jules said that the new equalities scheme would encompass the 35 recommendations of Lord Ouseley's report. She added that Ouseley would be reflected in the draft scheme. Further that the scheme had been put back two months in order to reflect on the Ouseley report.

21. James from the community said that earlier in the year Peckham Community Council had given £2,200 towards the disability games in Burgess Park. He reported that they had taken place on 28<sup>th</sup> April and were very successful with seven London boroughs having taken part. All Mayors attending had

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given good reviews. He said they were working on a larger games for South London. He added that his board and members would like to present an award to Peckham Community Council.

*James presented Chair with a framed certificate.*

James said that if there was more money next year he could deliver eighteen boroughs to the event.

22. James said that the facilities in Burgess Park were not generally used as there were no trainers and no service. If parks were to be used by women and the disabled there needed to be trainers.

## **BOROUGH SPENDING PLAN**

*Kendal Mackay*

What is the Borough Spending Plan (BSP) ?

- Annual bid to Transport for London (TfL) for transport related projects
- Submitted in July – TfL assess – Notified in November
- From last year's bid, Southwark received £60,000 for projects in the Peckham CC Area.

BSP Schemes for 2005/06

- Bridge Strengthening – Willowbrook Road Bridge (£10k)
- Cross River Tram – Peckham Complementary Measures (£50k)

Shared funding for use across the Borough:

- School Cycle Training (£25k)
- Cycle Parking (£15k)
- LCN+ (£272k)
- School Travel Plans and Safer Routes to School (£145k)
- Travel Awareness (£37k)
- Traffic Monitoring and 'Heaven' (£40k)
- Motorcycle Parking (£15k)

Types of Schemes to Bid for:

- Principal Road Maintenance



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- Bridge Strengthening
- Local Safety Schemes / 20mph zones
- Safer Routes to School
- Walking
- Cycling
- Area Based Schemes (Town Centres / Streets-for-People / Station Access)
- Freight
- Accessibility
- Local Bus Priority Measures
- Bus Stop Accessibility Works

Issues you've already raised:

- Traffic speeds
- Quality of roadways and footways
- Quality of walking environment
- Bus stop locations and accessibility
- Provision and quality of cycle facilities

*Kendal showed pictures of traffic calming measure, including innovative schemes*

23. Kendal said there were forms for people to fill-in. The five issues were listed whilst the back of the form gave people the opportunity to request something specific.

24. Patrick from the community asked if there was a quantifiable amount for a project.

Kendal said they could bid for as small or as large an amount as they wanted. It was up to TfL but Kendal's department would try to be realistic in their bids.

25. Patrick asked that if we bid for a traffic measure in Peckham how do we know how much we can spend ? He said that the quality of work and the time limit would need looking at.

Kendal said that if a proposal went into TfL we would try to match the funding appropriately. TfL may only give a portion of the amount bid for. There were hard decisions to be made.

26. Daniel from the community said that over a year ago he had made the point that at bus stops there was street furniture, a ticket machine and a lot of equipment. He said it was bad enough for the sighted and mobile but worse for the blind, disabled and those with prams. He said that bus stops should be marked on the road not on the pavement and the bus should pull up some way off.

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Kendal said they had to work with London Buses who roll out facilities across London. Kendal agreed that there was too much clutter at bus stops and they had told London Buses. He said that the buses needed to come close to the kerb to enable it to lower the platform onto the kerb. He added that there were about 900 bus stops in the borough and to change all of them would be cost prohibitive.

27. Mr Krishna asked about improvements to Queens Road station and to Peckham station on Rye Lane ?

Kendal said that some changes to Peckham's Rye Lane station were imminent. There would be better accessibility for prams etc. He said that the Way forward report for nationwide stations indicated that the cost of each lift would be about £250,000.

Kendal said that Queens Road was on the cusp of improvement works on the forecourt. An agreement would be signed in the next week or so. New paving, new lighting, new ticket machines and a new community notice board.

Mr Krishna said there were 60 or 70 steps to go up at Queens Road Station.

28. Kendal said that lifts were a long term aspiration to take up with railways at a future meeting with Network Rail and Southern. Southern offer a service for the disabled and offer transport from a given station to an accessible station. He added that the noticeboards in the station would have that information on them.
29. Chair asked if there was an opportunity as a community council to match fund the TfL contribution. If for example they only offer 50% of the cost of a scheme are we able to make up the shortfall ?

Kendal said that it would improve the bid if it stated that the community council would put in an amount of money as well.

30. Stephanie asked about the quality of the walking environment and what would be done to improve the quality of pavements ?

Kendal asked to be told about specific locations and their particular problems. He added that if residents identify areas his department could bid for them.

## GROUNDWORK SOUTHWARK

*Sarah Potter*

31. Sarah, a community project officer for Groundwork Southwark, said she was there to talk about the Greening Southwark awards.

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They worked in partnership with other agencies on open spaces to make the borough a more pleasant place to live.

32. Sarah explained that it was time for nominations for Greening Southwark. That would be followed by London awards and then National awards.
33. Sarah invited people to make nominations. Anyone could enter – local groups, faith groups anything could be considered from a balcony window display to shop fronts, pubs and cafes. Anywhere where people had made an effort.

Sarah said that nominations were to be in by 20<sup>th</sup> June 2005.

### **SOUTHWARK COMMUNITY GAMES 2005**

*Tim Hetherington*

Why are we doing it ?

- Concept created by Cllr Columba Blango
- Increase sports participation and physical activity
- Reduction in Crime, fear of crime and Anti-Social Behaviour
- Improvement in Educational Attainment
- Raise individual self-esteem and confidence
- Promotes and fosters local community spirit
- Creates new opportunities for Young People and adults
- Creates a spirit of local teamwork
- Creates the opportunity to develop leadership
- Creates the opportunity for Young people to strive to excel at their own pace and at what level they choose
- Creates pride in the area

*Creates a sense of pride and shared identity*

What happened ?

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- Largest most inclusive programme attempted in Southwark
- Based on the 8 Community Council areas
- 3,590 10-16 year olds (16% of total age group)
- Delivered on 45 housing estates (1,211 young people)
- 61 primary schools out of 77 (2,379 young people)
- 29,000 coaching and competition hours
- 279 primary school teachers trained
- Walworth won the Community Council Cup

### What's new ?

- More sports – Street Football, street basketball, cricket, street athletics, rugby, dragon boat racing, tennis and volleyball.
- Provisional start date of Southwark Community Games programme begins end of May – March 2006
- All schools involved in the programme
- 60 housing estates
- 350 sport training places available for young people

### Southwark Community Games 2005

- Identify Southwark Community Games sites across the Community Council Areas
- 350 sport training places available for young people
- Part-time employment for minimum of 20 young people
- Working with Sport England to Monitor and evaluate the programme
- All teams kitted out in individual coloured t-shirts
- More people adult support and new volunteers

### Current standings:

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Peckham	20 points
Camberwell	18 points
Walworth	16 points
Rotherhithe	15 points
Nunhead and Peckham Rye	14 points
Borough and Bankside	14 points
Dulwich	13 points
Bermondsey	11 points

Future dates –

### Rugby Prelims

- 12<sup>th</sup> May, Southwark Park
- 19<sup>th</sup> May, Peckham Rye Park
- 25<sup>th</sup> May, Burgess Park

### Tennis

- 28<sup>th</sup> May, Burgess Park

### Cricket

- 20<sup>th</sup> June, Peckham Rye Park
- 21<sup>st</sup> June, Burgess Park
- 22<sup>nd</sup> June, Southwark Park
- 6<sup>th</sup> July, Finals Dulwich Cricket Club

### Dragon Boat Racing

- 7<sup>th</sup> July, Surrey Water Sports Centre

What can the Community Councils do ?

- Come along and support
- Encourage Young people to play more sport in your area
- More kick about areas / Cages up to minimum standard

34. Cllr Situ said he was very happy that Peckham were leading. He asked what could be done to raise the level of awareness in the Games so that people would attend.

Tim said there was a lot happening in local schools. Also he would speak to the marketing team and each community council would list events taking place. Tim said he was doing a mapping exercise to make sure there was no duplication. They were looking at the summer period and early evening activity programmes.

35. Chair said that he had received a question about Northfield House. He would take it up with the housing officer and give a written response.

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### **CLEANER, GREENER, SAFER SCHEME**

*Dave Ware*

Cleaner, Greener, Safer 2005 – 2006 Timetable

- Application forms to be returned by 6 June
- Can text messages in with ideas
- Update at 6 July meeting on progress so far
- Decision making Special Meeting 26 July
- Projects Complete March 2006

Towards a Strategy

- Must meet one or more of the CGS programme objectives
- Should meet concerns of local people
- Could be in an area where little spend has occurred
- May be a focus towards bigger schemes that have an impact
- Want to encourage projects from people we haven't reached as yet. So could devote a proportion of the fund for schemes developed by an outreach programme.

Objectives of the Cleaner, Greener, Capital Programme

- Improve an area by dealing with eyesores and grot spots
- Help make Southwark a greener borough
- Make parks and open spaces more attractive and safer
- Help reduce crime and fear of crime
- Promote safe routes to schools and public buildings
- Add value to other improvements planned in the area

Mori Survey – Peckham

- Bad Things
  - Not enough parks;
  - Lack of facilities for young people;
  - Street lighting;
  - Dog mess;
  - Poor parking;
- Improvements Wanted
  - Cleaner Streets;
  - Better lighting;
  - Parks and open spaces;
  - Facilities for young people

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For further details please contact Chrissie Lowe on 020 7525 0705

36. Dave said that this year there was £443,000 to spend and leaflets were going to every house in Peckham.
37. Danny from the community said that the park attracted so many dogs and their mess asked what were the Council going to do about it ? There was a danger to people's eyesight.
38. Chair said that he would speak to an officer re dog mess and come back.
39. A woman from the community said Stephen Douglass had spoken last year about going to schools and discussing rubbish in the streets.

Stephen said there was an individual in the waste management department responsible for environmental education. It was a long-term process of changing attitudes. He added that there were lots of organisations like Groundwork doing things.

40. A woman from the community said she had suggested on the spot fines for people caught throwing litter.

Stephen said that wardens could issue fixed penalty notices. There had been a number of blitzes and there was a zero tolerance approach.

41. Chair reminded everyone that there was Cleaner Greener Safer money to spend and forms available for residents.

## EPILOGUE

42. Chair thanked everyone for coming along and the Church for allowing use of the Hall. He said that the next two meetings would be -

7.00pm on 6 July 2005 at Peckham Park Baptist Church

7.00pm on 26 July 2005 at St. John's Church Hall

*The meeting ended at 8:30pm*

**Chair:**

**Dated:**