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## Peckham Community Council



Notes from the meeting on Monday December 19 2005  
St John's Church Hall,  
10A Meeting House Lane, SE15 TUN

Issue no. 3

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### Main items at this meeting

- Fast Forward youth project deputation
- Calling the shots: a film by Lynx Productions
- From Boyhood to Manhood Foundation: peer mentor programme
- Community wardens update
- Peckham healthy living network
- Peckham Community Fund launch
- Motion on the sale of council resources

### Calling the shots

A film highlighting the impact of guns on families and local communities was shown at the meeting.

Calling the Shots recently won a Best British Film award and it has the backing of the Mayor of London. Along with an educational resource pack, the film will be distributed to and shown in schools to raise awareness and generate discussion around this serious issue.

Althea Smith, who introduced the film, explained that this fits into schools' citizenship curriculum and it has already been piloted in 15 schools.

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## Fast Forward youth project

Fast Forward is an organisation which provides important health, social care and sexual health advice and support to Peckham school children.

The group currently shares its premises with another project, and with 30 members, their facilities are not adequate to enable them to carry out their work properly.

Members of Southwark Youth Council, who spoke at the meeting on behalf of Fast Forward, asked Peckham Community Council for its support in getting Fast Forward their own premises. This would help them to provide a better service to their 14 to 19 year clients.

Councillors said they would work with the group to put the case to Southwark Council.

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## From Boyhood to Manhood: peer mentor programme

From Boyhood to Manhood Foundation (FBMF) was set up in 1996 in response to parental concerns over the high number of young black boys being excluded from school.

Excluded pupils are most at risk of being drawn into criminal or anti-social behaviour and in so doing deny themselves, their families and communities of their potential contribution as productive members of society.

FBMF offers a programme that enables young men to access education, while developing their skills and the ability to confront life as an individual and deal with their issues. The programme also provides them with positive role models and consistent disciplinary and behavioural patterns they may not have at home.

Jacob and Edmond from the Boyhood to Manhood Foundation outlined the self-development programme for problem kids and offered the services to anyone working with young men. The help on offer ranges from maths and science to exercise and relationship issues.

The foundation is tackling the current problem of 'happy slapping'. A similar programme for young women had been closed down due to a lack of funding and residents felt this should be reinstated.

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## £15,000 community fund cash for Peckham

Peckham community council has a £15,000 community fund to spend on projects and activities that will bring benefits to local people.

We want your ideas on how to spend the money. The possibilities are endless, but for instance, it could be sports gear for a local youth club, toys for a playgroup, a street party or publicity for a local community group.

Grants of between £100 and £1000 are available for community groups or groups of neighbours to apply for.

We also want your ideas for a community event or festival which you would like to see take place in Peckham. Anyone who submits an idea will be entered into a prize draw to win an iPod shuffle!

Please send your applications and ideas for the community fund by February 17 2006. If you would like more information about the fund and support in making an application, please contact Pauline Bonner.

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## Councillors' motion

A motion to Southwark Council's assembly, asking for local people and community councils to be consulted prior to council artefacts, land or buildings being put on the market, was agreed. The community council asked Southwark Property department to draw up plans on the form of consultation.

The motion was proposed by Cllr Jonathan Hunt, seconded by Cllr Barrie Hargrove

## Community Wardens update

From April 2006, Peckham will get its own dedicated community wardens service, separate from Peckham Rye.

John O'Reilly from the council's community warden service explained that community wardens, in their visible red jackets, are the 'eyes and ears' of the community, and they help to enforce the council's green agenda.



Wardens seize illegal DVDs from the street and work with the business community on 'Together Action Zones' to tackle crime, anti-social behaviour and share information. They have reduced graffiti in Rye Lane and there has been a 95% reduction in abandoned vehicles. Wardens do a lot of work with young people, building trust and respect. There is a surgery every Friday morning between 10am and 1pm. John emphasised that wardens are a point of contact and encouraged members of the community to approach them with ideas or concerns.

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## Peckham Healthy Living Network

Dan McIntyre explained that the Peckham Healthy Living Network includes organisations delivering twelve health projects and was part of the national healthy living scheme. Peckham Pulse is one example, while others are for senior citizens or deal with mental health. Dan highlighted that there are high levels of cancer, heart disease, sexually transmitted diseases and depression in the area. A recent national report concluded that the government cannot afford to fund ill-health and so people should choose health first. Dan said that in the future more services would be provided by private companies and the voluntary sector. He asked anyone with project ideas to contact him.

**Contact [dan@peckhamforum.org.uk](mailto:dan@peckhamforum.org.uk) or call 020 7635 7448**

## Don't miss it!

Local elections will happen on Thursday May 4. If you don't vote, you don't have a voice.

You need to be registered to vote by Monday March 13!

Registering to vote is easy. Call us on 020 7525 7373, or download a registration form from [www.southwark.gov.uk/vote](http://www.southwark.gov.uk/vote), or visit the electoral services office next to the town hall on Peckham Road.

**Next meeting February 1 2006, 7pm**  
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**Up for discussion: Kelly Avenue and Commercial Way development update**

**Everyone welcome!**

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