



DULWICH COMMUNITY COUNCIL

MINUTES of the Dulwich Community Council held on Monday December 14 2009 at 7.00 pm at Christ Church, 263 Barry Road, London SE22 0JT

PRESENT: Councillor Nick Vineall (Chair)
Councillor Toby Eckersley
Councillor Robin Crookshank Hilton
Councillor Michelle Holford
Councillor Jonathan Mitchell
Councillor Lewis Robinson
Councillor Richard Thomas

1. INTRODUCTION AND WELCOME [CHAIR]

2. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors James Barber and Kim Humphreys.

3. DISCLOSURE OF MEMBERS' INTERESTS AND DISPENSATIONS

Councillor Jonathan Mitchell declared a personal and non prejudicial interest in respect of item 12, Dulwich Community Hospital (update) in his capacity as Chair of the "Keep Dulwich Hospital Campaign" which he holds as a resident and not a Councillor.

4. ITEMS OF BUSINESS THAT THE CHAIR DEEMS URGENT

None were received.

5. CHAIR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

DCC noted the following announcements from the Chair:

- (1) Cleaner Greener Safer programme for 2010 – 2011 was launched at the meeting. Details of how to apply and the criteria were

highlighted at the meeting. The programme has supported a range of environmental and community improvements, and any local person or community organisation can apply. The deadline for submitted applications was **January 8 2010**.

- (2) Global Xchange Programme is a international youth exchange programme run in partnership by VSO (Voluntary Service Overseas) and the British Council. Geors Richards from the Xchange Programme announced that a team of international volunteers will be arriving in **Southwark** this summer to spend a certain amount of time engaging in voluntary work and on local community projects. They are appealing for community hosts to accommodate 2 volunteers (aged between 18-25yrs from 6 different countries – 6 month programme) Website: www.globalxchange.org.uk

6. MINUTES TO BE AGREED FROM THE PREVIOUS MEETING

DECISION:

Minutes of the Dulwich Community Council held on October 28 2009 were approved as an accurate record of the meeting subject to a correction that Cllrs Mitchell and Holford were present at this meeting.

7. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE PREVIOUS MEETING NOT COVERED ELSEWHERE ON THE AGENDA

1. Lambeth Recycling Facilities (Environment theme)

Cllr Thomas confirmed this is a London wide deal across the board so if residents living on the border are turned away from using Lambeth's recycling facilities they should contact their local councillor.
<http://www.southwark.gov.uk/YourCouncil/CouncillorsHome/>

2. CCTV in Norwood Rd /Herne Hill

Cllr Thomas stated he checked with the executive member for environment re: ILRE funds being used on surveillance cameras instead of shop frontages. He confirmed no executive decision was taken on this. If funding is being used in a different way – then good reasons need to be given.

3. Public Question Raised

Question by Maureen Cunningham: The hostel above Somerfield now houses ex-prisoners including sex offenders who should not live within one mile radius of a school. However there are Schools 500 yards away: Grove Vale, Heber Road, Goodrich, Alleyns Girls and Boys Schools, and St Thomas Moore Primary/ Junior Schools.

Cllr Jonathan Mitchell agreed to take this up with the East Dulwich Ward Police Panel.

At the Meeting of the Dulwich Community Council on 14 Dec 2009 Cllr Mitchell provided the following response:

"I have investigated this matter with the local Police and the East Dulwich Police Panel.

There is no evidence that any sex offenders are living above Somerfields in Lordship Lane. In any event according to Police Practice no sex offenders would be housed anywhere near our local schools.

As a matter of Policy the Police do not disclose information as to where such offenders are housed, other than to support a policing objective or where a strict information sharing Protocol exists.

There is a wide range of Acts of Parliament dealing with this issue, and a raft of statutory measures both preventative and punitive to deal with any problems anticipated or real connected with both sexual and violent offenders. All such offenders are rigorously checked by the MAPP (Multi-Agency Public Protection) arrangements when prisoners are released. Our local Police, working with the Courts and the MAPP agencies, are fully aware of what is happening concerning sexual offenders in Dulwich.

8. DEPUTATIONS /PETITIONS

Deputations: CPZ consultation North Dulwich Triangle

DCC heard two deputations from local residents concerning the Council's proposal to introduce CPZ in the North Dulwich area.

DECISION:

DCC received the deputation and asked officers from environment and housing (public realm) to under take a traffic survey along Holmdene Avenue and surrounding roads to check vehicles coming in and out of the area and those parked (i.e. local residents, commuters and short stay visitors). Any data collected by officers will be conveyed to residents at a later date.

It was noted Members will need to see results of the survey first (on a street by street basis) before a formal decision is made.

9. CROSS BOUNDARY ISSUES NOT COVERED ELSEWHERE ON THE AGENDA

None were identified.

10. REPORTS FROM THE POLICE (SNTS) AND DULWICH COMMUNITY WARDENS

Wardens update

Sue Hunter from the Warden Service (Dulwich & Camberwell) outlined the recent work undertaken by the wardens in Dulwich area which include:

- Targeting littering and dog fouling
- Leafleting and advising residents not to become victims of crime
- Southwark Young Advisors won an award (organised by the Damilola Taylor Trust) at the Spirit of London Awards ceremony in recognition of their work in the community

Sue responded to questions on the number of wardens in the DCC area. She said there were 6 wardens but unfortunately due to a recent incident (two wardens injured as a result of a van driver who deliberately drove into them). The wardens are okay now – but are yet to find the culprit.

SNTs updates

Sgt Jenkinson (Village ward) submitted his apologies for this meeting.

The following priorities for **Village ward** include:

- burglary (working across the board on this), motor vehicle crime, bicycle theft (mostly from sheds and flats) and anti social behaviour also Herne Hill Triangle – still tackling crime in the area

Questions:

What is Village SNT doing about youth crime – particularly for robbery and muggings around Red Post Hill, Beckwith Rd and Dulwich Park?

Response: Since the last crime web mapping 2 months ago this has decreased. Website: <http://maps.met.police.uk/>

Recent circular came round from the Dulwich Society to open up routes which are considered unsafe due to the number of break ins namely in Burbage Road. Before these routes are considered will the Police be consulted? Sgt Jackson confirmed they would normally be consulted about this.

The following priorities for **East Dulwich ward** include:

- Youth engagement
- Drugs Search – cautions and arrests were made
- Issuing crime preventative merchandise for bicycles – e.g. 120 locks to give out to cyclists
- 'Operation bubble bee' involving licensed premises is currently in force

It was noted the Police will no longer be enforcing (e.g. issue tickets) for motorists who park on zig zag lines.

The following priorities for **College ward** include:

- Residential burglary – carried out door-door visits asking people to be on their guard
- Youth engagement
- Meeting with Lambeth Police to deal with cross border issues
- Reports of anti social behaviour along Lordship Lane
- College SNT has 2 new PCs and 1 PCSO
- Set up neighbourhood watch – suggest meetings are held at Kingswood Hse

11. PRESENTATION FROM COMMUNITY COUNCIL FUNDED PROJECTS

Presentation from Cool Tan Arts – Art Exhibition

12. DULWICH COMMUNITY HOSPITAL - UPDATE ON PROGRESS

Members noted the officer's presentation details of which are included in the Take Note for this meeting.

13. LAUNCH OF THE CLEANER GREENER SAFER PROGRAMME 2010 - 2011

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14. PLANNING CORE STRATEGY UPDATE

The officer announced that the planning core strategy is now at its final stage of consultation which is out until February 26 2010. The document is accessible on the website where people have the opportunity to give their views and comments.

15. SOAP BOX SESSION /PUBLIC QUESTION & ANSWER TIME

Soap Box questions raised

PQ1

Roy Fielding: Is there any further information about the extension of the 42 bus route?

A1

Cllr Eckersley: There are no further developments on this which has been disappointing particularly with the recent change in personnel at TfL.

PQ2

Resident: Introducing a CPZ scheme may not be a preventative measure of controlling traffic in Holmdene and neighbouring roads particularly for those who work late at night – controlled parking may not be solution?

PQ3

Resident (Holmdene Avenue): Is this proposal revenue neutral in that no money is to be made from parking – are you able to reassure residents that this would not be the case?

Response to Q2 and Q3: Officers will analyse traffic road by road including Holmdene. The results of this will be presented to DCC at a later date.

16. MEMBERS' DECISIONS

LEA School Governor Appointments

School Governor appointment: Goodrich Primary School [withdrawn]
Officers agreed to re-submit report and supporting papers at a future community council meeting.

CHAIR:

DATED: