



## **DULWICH COMMUNITY COUNCIL**

MINUTES of the Dulwich Community Council held on Tuesday 8 March 2011 at 7.00 pm at Dulwich Picture Gallery, Gallery Road, London SE21 7AD

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**PRESENT:** Councillor James Barber (Chair)  
Councillor Helen Hayes (Vice-Chair)  
Councillor Robin Crookshank Hilton  
Councillor Toby Eckersley  
Councillor Jonathan Mitchell  
Councillor Michael Mitchell  
Councillor Lewis Robinson  
Councillor Rosie Shimell  
Councillor Andy Simmons

**OFFICER SUPPORT:** Mark Whitehouse, Community Council Development officer  
Beverley Olamijulo, Constitutional Officer

### **1. INTRODUCTION AND WELCOME**

The chair welcomed members of the public, councillors and officers to the community council meeting.

### **2. APOLOGIES**

Councillors Andy Simmons and Lewis Robinson submitted their apologies for lateness.

### **3. DISCLOSURE OF MEMBERS' INTERESTS AND DISPENSATIONS**

There were none.

### **4. ITEMS OF BUSINESS THAT THE CHAIR DEEMS URGENT**

There were none.

## **5. MINUTES FROM THE PREVIOUS MEETING**

### **RESOLVED:**

That the minutes of the meeting held on 24 January 2011 be agreed as a correct record of the meeting subject to an amendment under item 10, that the transport issues relating to road safety within the locality of Paxton Green roundabout were not discussed in detail.

## **6. DEPUTATIONS/PETITIONS (IF ANY)**

There were none.

## **7. CHAIR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS**

The chair announced:

There would be a multi cultural film screening of and discussion about the Mosque: The Story of Islam in Southwark on Saturday 2 April 2011 between 5pm – 8pm.

There would be a Council Assembly meeting on 6 April 2011. Part of that meeting would consider a document called the future for Southwark developing our plan for the Borough. Information on how to make your views known for the Council Assembly meeting was available on the Southwark website: <http://www.southwark.gov.uk>

## **8. DRAFT AIR QUALITY STRATEGY AND ACTION PLAN**

Bill Leggasick, Principal Environment Officer presented this item.

Air quality affects us all in our daily lives and we breath in pollution from a variety of sources which cause health effects. As part of reviewing and assessing air pollution the process which identifies all pollutant concentration objectives were met in Southwark with the exception of NO<sub>2</sub> (nitrogen dioxide) and PM<sub>10</sub> (particulate matters) dust particles. The air quality map in 2002 shows high levels around Elephant and Castle and Camberwell. This is being addressed through the Council's air quality strategy and improvement plan which is now being updated. The London Mayor has also come out with their air quality strategy emphasising the importance of reducing emissions from vehicular transport and protect public health and monitor air quality.

The main objectives to improve air quality:

- To tackle carbon emissions – transport sources i.e. pollution coming out of diesel engines.
- To protect public health and monitor air quality.
- To reduce emissions from new development.

People were encouraged to go online so their views could be heard or email: [environment@southwark.gov.uk](mailto:environment@southwark.gov.uk) or telephone 0207 525 2000. The period of consultation was between the 1 March until 20 April 2011

## **9. COMMUNITY SAFETY UPDATES - VILLAGE WARD UPDATE**

Sergeant Jeff Jenkinson from the Police safer neighbourhood team responsible for Village ward presented this item.

Sgt Jenkinson outlined the work which the team did in December 2010 with regards to neighbourhood policing and operations which were done in conjunction with Lambeth Police. He also reported on the priorities that was discussed at the police ward panel meeting on 28 January 2011 which includes:

- Robbery
- School dispersals
- Night patrol, burglary
- Crime prevention and
- anti social behaviour.

The Sergeant spoke about the crime figures, 54 were reported last year and vehicle crime was on the increase which the SNTs are currently addressing.

The safer neighbourhoods teams' consultation took place in January 2011 whereby the chief inspector Rob Harper spoke at all the ward panels; feedback and updates would be given at the June community council.

The meeting were also informed on other policing matters such as long term crime, mental health issues, community sentences and police monitoring.

The SNT has a problem solving process which gets recognition as a London wide scheme.

There is a regular youth and policing meeting at Herne Hill Baptist Church to discuss issues young people have concerns about and officers from fire arms unit, territorial army and other groups are invited to the meeting.

Sgt Jenkinson responded to questions on the main elements of crime i.e. motor vehicle crime or malicious damage.

The safer neighbourhood panel took place on 9 March 2011 at St Barnabus Church.

## **10. VILLAGE WARD FOCUS**

This part of the meeting was a theme on Village ward which covered:

**Welcome introduction from the Dulwich Picture Gallery**

The Director of Learning and Public Affairs from the Picture Gallery was present to welcome those present at the meeting. She spoke about the history of the Gallery and that it was celebrating the 200<sup>th</sup> anniversary of opening, 1811 – 2011. Galleries around the world have modeled the Picture Gallery and it hosts series of events and provides community support by holding a number of educational activities for older people like arts and craft classes, work in partnership with local GPs for those who prefer not to attend a day centre. The Gallery offers support to local people by running a programme called 'urban group' on local housing estates to keep young people off the streets and to ensure they stay creative.

A lot of the programmes are possible due to overwhelming support they have received, they also rely on donations. On average around 120,000 visitors attend the Gallery annually many are local school children.

The representative spoke briefly about the Norman Rockwell's America exhibition which was on show at the Gallery.

### **Dulwich Festival 2011, Dulwich Fayre on 15 May 2011**

Representatives from the Dulwich Festival were present to outline that the festival has been running since 1993 which consists of arts, artists and local performers.

During the festival part of The Village. The representatives are looking for volunteers and stewards on the day and they hope to receive the necessary licenses to host the event. It is fully supported by the local residents and Councillors which would also host a community council event. For details of the events please refer to website: <http://www.dulwichfestival.co.uk>

### **Presentation from the Director of the Dulwich Helpline**

Barbara Scott, Director of the Dulwich Helpline presented this item and spoke about her role and the main aim of the project which is to help older people to ensure they are less lonely and support them in their living environment.

There are twenty two activity groups every week like gardening projects and other similar activities. The project also helps with minor decorations and tasks in the home.

Barbara talked about the intergenerational work with local Schools, technology classes, e.g. mobile and email which is very popular. She said it is very important to break down barriers and to help social cohesion. Social interaction promotes good mental health for the older age group. They recruit local people to help with the classes and day to day running of the office.

The project receives local donations and funding from the Council and Primary Care Trust to help with running costs. They also organise fund raising events and are always looking for volunteers to help Dulwich Helpline. More information is available on the website: <http://www.dulwich-helpline.org.uk>

## **Mark Evison Foundation**

Margaret Evison was present to talk about the Mark Evison Foundation set up in memory of Lieutenant Mark Evison. He was a British army officer who died from a gun shot wound whilst serving in Afghanistan. His school friends are trustees and have helped raise a quarter of million pounds. The aim of the foundation is to create grants to fund the dreams and adventures of disadvantaged youths. More information is available on the website:

<http://www.markevisonfoundation.org/the-foundation/the-idea>

## **Save the Velodrome Campaign**

Hillary Peachey, leader of the Velodrome Campaign was in attendance and spoke about the Herne Hill Velodrome which sits on Burbage Road. The campaign started six months ago, it is a non profit organisation which were awarded charity status and has received a lot of support. However more support and finances is needed to keep securing its development and progress.

The campaign has been formed to save a former Olympic stadium from closure. The Herne Hill Velodrome is the oldest cycling track in the country and the home of the 1948 Olympic Cycling Championships. But now it faces closure due to deterioration and lack of funding. The trustees would like to recruit more volunteers and to establish as much support as possible. Meetings are held regularly in the local area.

Hillary responded to questions from those in attendance.

For more information please refer to the website link below:

<http://www.hernehillvelodrome.com/save-the-velodrome>

## **Village Ward Councillor**

Councillor Robin Crookshank Hilton was present to talk about support for local groups in the area and said she was most proud of the Millwall Community Football scheme. Representatives from the football scheme were also available to highlight what they had achieved i.e. received their coaching certificates and how they would like young people to become involved in order to keep them off the streets. There are sessions that take place every Friday at JAGS (James Allen Girls' School) that has football facilities and astro turf pitch. Any group between the ages of 15 – 19 years of age could attend no matter what their gender.

The chair thanked the representatives for attending and contributing to the meeting.

## **11. VILLAGE WARD FOCUS CONT.. AFTER BREAK**

John Major, chief executive from the Dulwich Estate introduced his item with a power point presentation..

A summary of this presentation is attached to the minutes.

John Major responded to questions which covered topics: Tree works, solar panels, maintaining the streetscape in general and its relationship with the Dulwich Society.

He also listened to the concerns expressed by local residents about looking after community facilities, the increased cost of rates and rent, shortage of allotments in the area and the possibility of changing small areas of playing fields into allotments.

The chair thanked John Major for his presentation and responding to questions.

## **12. PUBLIC QUESTION TIME**

Q1: How much money has been spent on the alterations at the roundabout end of Burbage Road, which were wrongly aligned and have been dug up and realigned. Residents in Burbage Road were not consulted and there has been a massive waste of tax payers money. A pedestrian who crosses the Dulwich Village Road is blocked on the bank side. As well as being inoperable it is also in the wrong place?

A1: Chair requests that a response from officers be given at the next meeting.

Q2: We have heard this evening of the various works that are made possible by volunteers and grants from the Council. Does the PELO Sports Club in Burbage Road receive any help?

A2: Chair requests that a response from officers be given at the next meeting.

Q3: The Transport Plan draft of December 2010 on 20mph streets, cycle lanes are not be provided or removed; what action does the Council propose to take to ensure drivers obey the 20mph limits e.g. in College Road?

A3: The 20mph zones are self enforcing design with speed humps whereas those that are not 20mph zone are police enforcing.

The meeting ended at 9.40 pm

**CHAIR:**

**DATED:**