



PECKHAM COMMUNITY COUNCIL

MINUTES of the Peckham Community Council held on Tuesday 10 January 2012 at 6.30 pm at St Luke's Church, Chandler Way, Peckham, London, SE15 6LU

PRESENT: Councillor Cleo Soanes (Chair)
Councillor Michael Situ (Vice-Chair)
Councillor Chris Brown
Councillor Richard Livingstone

OTHER MEMBERS PRESENT: Councillor Fiona Colley, cabinet member for regeneration and corporate strategy

OFFICER SUPPORT: Michael Tsoukaris, Group Manager Design & Conservation
Marian Farrugia, Neighbourhood Co-ordinator Nunhead and Peckham
Nadine James, Community Council Development Officer
Alexa Coates, Principal Constitutional Officer

1. INTRODUCTION AND WELCOME

The chair started the meeting by inviting the welcome singers to perform, led by Conductor and Music Director Sue Heath-Downey.

2. APOLOGIES

Apologies were received from Councillors Barrie Hargrove and Catherine McDonald and for lateness from Councillor Michael Situ.

3. DISCLOSURE OF MEMBERS' INTERESTS AND DISPENSATIONS

There were none.

4. ITEMS OF BUSINESS THAT THE CHAIR DEEMS URGENT

There were none.

5. MINUTES

The minutes of the meeting held on 31 October 2011 were agreed as a correct record of the meeting and signed by the chair.

6. DEPUTATIONS/PETITIONS (IF ANY)

There were none.

7. COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

The following community announcements were made.

Civic awards – the chair invited Kenneth Hayes to explain about the civic awards and application process. The association was formed in 1995 to promote the civic acts of people in Southwark. Kenneth invited people to make nominations using the forms provided at the meeting or to complete online. There were different awards available such as a letter of commendation for 5 years active in the community or the Southwark life time award for 20 years active. Kenneth explained that for some of the awards the length of time involved in civic life were being waived in order to recognise those who carried out exemplary acts during the disturbances in the summer. The closing date for applications was 31 January 2012.

Adam Walker - the curator of the Through the Peckham Glass exhibition spoke about a sculpture he was commissioned to complete which was inspired by the Surrey Canal. The sculpture had been on display at Whittles Timber Yard. Adam wanted to build a strong sculpture using wood which would have been transported along the canal in the past which would sit in a non-traditional art space. People could find more information and pictures at www.adamwalkerart.co.uk or www.peckhamglass.co.uk

Holocaust Memorial Day 2012 - Southwark will be marking this day by an event hosted by the Mayor of Southwark, Councillor Lorraine Lauder MBE at The Imperial War Museum on Friday 27 January 2012 from 10 am which will include a programme of music, testimony, poetry, and film. People can book by contacting Sonia Sutton on 020 7525 7303 or emailing Sonia.Sutton@southwark.gov.uk.

Big Lunch Champions – the big lunch was looking for champions. For more information contact call Kate on 0207 255 6455 or email kate.groves@thebiglunch.com or visit www.thebiglunch.com

Council Assembly – would be taking place on 25 January with a themed debate on environment.

Link Leadership group – LINK Southwark is a local involvement network made up of local

organisations and Southwark residents to improve health and social care services.

LINK are looking for people to join the Southwark Leadership group - to ensure that LINK represents the views of Southwark residents / organisations on health and adult social care.

Please contact Alvin or Sec-Chan for more details.
Call 020 7358 7005, or email link@ch1889.org, or
visit www.linksouthwark.org

Peckham settlement – would be hosting a skills market on Tuesday 24 January where local people could find out about local activities and volunteering.

Nicholas from people empowering people – spoke about a project to provide bikes for young people on estates in Peckham. The project had been successful in the Friary estate and the group were hoping to secure further funding to provide more bike workshops. Nicholas explained that the metropolitan police had kindly donated 20 mountain bikes. Nicholas also brought some books to the meeting which he was looking to donate to local community organisations.

The chair thanked Carly Henry, local florist for donating the Christmas tree at Peckham.

Linda Upton from Livesey SNT announced that there was a new borough commander Chief Superintendent Charlie Griggs.

8. **PECKHAM FREE FILM FESTIVAL**

Howard Francis spoke about the Peckham Free Film Festival which had involved free film screenings over the course of the event. The community council had funded (through the community council fund) a young filmmakers competition for 11-25 year olds. It was hoped the festival would run again in 2012. Howard showed clips of some of the films entered into the competition and invited some of the participants Ryan and Megan to speak. They explained what had motivated them to make their films and that they would both like to enter the competition again.

9. **VEOLIA - RECYCLING**

Ian McGeough, from Veolia, spoke about the new waste management facility off the Old Kent Road. The facility was part of a 25 year plan for waste infrastructure in the borough, waste would be dealt with and sorted 'in house' rather than out of the borough. In response to a question from the floor on when the decision had been taken and the consultation process Ian explained that there was a lengthy consultation as part of the pre-planning application process.

Ian took further questions from the floor relating to what would be incinerated and where, the break clauses in the contract between the council and Veolia, redundancies, contact details and food waste recycling.

In response Ian explained that ultimately some waste would be incinerated but that the facility allowed more rubbish to be processed and that more would be recycled. There

were a number of targets which Veolia were obligated to deliver and that they were accountable to the council. There may be redundancies at Veolia and they were subject to budget cuts as other areas in the council. The contact number to arrange bulky waste collection was: 020 7525 2000 and food wood was recycled into soil/compost.

10. PECKHAM SOCIETY

Benny O'Looney, spoke about some of the architectural history of Peckham and the characteristics of different buildings from different era. Conservation areas had been designated in areas in the centre of Peckham to preserve the historic character of the area and ensure developments in the future were of a particular quality. Benny explained that the beginnings of a neighbourhood could be seen in the 18th century at that Peckham began very much as a village on the outskirts of London. As Transport links developed in the 19th century Peckham ceased to be a village and developed into a shopping district in the 20th century.

The Peckham Society was working to breathe new life into the historic buildings in Peckham such as the waiting room at Peckham Rye station and had created a community interest group in the hope of creating a community space for residents to use.

11. PECKHAM CONSERVATION STATUS AND THE REGENERATION UPDATE

Councillor Fiona Colley, cabinet member for regeneration and corporate strategy, introduced Michael Tsoukaris, to talk about conservation areas and what it means for people who live in them. Michael explained that English Heritage produced an important document in 2009 which was a historic study of Peckham and which lead to the designation of two new conservation area in Peckham: Rye Lane and Peckham Hill Road.

Conservation area status meant historic buildings could be preserved and protected and recognised the important character of buildings in the area. It did not prevent new development but development had to enhance the character of the area and improve the design quality.

There were other implications for conservation areas for example planning permission was required for extensions beyond the flanks of a residence and 2 storey extensions at the rear of properties. Permission was also required to demolish buildings in a conservation area. The council had guidance for residents on planning permissions in conservation areas.

New designs would need to complement the area in terms of the grain and proportion, materials, features of the area and typologies of the area. Michael showed some examples of new buildings in Bermondsey which had successfully achieved this, showing how modern buildings could fit well in conservation areas.

Cllr Colley then outlined some of the regeneration projects in Peckham.

- 1) East Peckham and Nunhead renewal area – the renewal status had expired in 2010 but this would be reinstated. Some of the elements of the renewal area

included: low carbon zone on Goldsmiths Road and working towards major improvements at Queens's Road station.

- 2) Woodean – a contract had been signed with Notting Hill Housing Trust who would partner the council in building and maintaining housing.
- 3) Peckham Rye Station Square – the council were working with the Peckham Society to improve the station. The council were seeking funding from the Mayor of London to remove the 1930 shopping centre in front of the station and reveal the traditional facade of the building.
- 4) Outer London Fund – the council were putting a bid into the GLA to deliver improvements to the environment around the station for example on Holly Road and a square on Peckham Rye
- 5) Townscape Heritage Initiative – Peckham Society were working on a bid from the lottery heritage fund to restore some of the historic buildings in Peckham on the High Street and Rye Lane. The council hoped to hear by March if the bid had made it through the first evaluation stage.
- 6) Peckham and Nunhead area action plan – the next draft of the action plan would be published in February, Cllr Colley hoped there would be further consultation through the community councils.

In response to questions from the floor Cllr Colley explained that the quality of buildings on the Woodean estate was very important and new planning policy standards had been adopted to improve the size of rooms in new developments. Notting Hill Trust would be managing properties as well as building them so it was in their interest to deliver quality buildings.

A resident asked about migration into the borough and what the council was doing to ensure there were enough opportunities to work especially for young people. Cllr Colley explained that there were a number of schemes the council was developing, specifically to build skills and careers for example jobs were being created as part of development and Elephant and Castle and Aylesbury. There was also the Youth Fund and Community Restoration Fund.

A further question was asked relating of the size of accommodation and facilities on estates for example bin storage. Cllr Colley stated that this was a particular issue in estates built in the 1960s and 1970s and a key factor in the design of new buildings. Every building has to have adequate waste storage which can be accessed from the road by the council.

12. SOUTHWARK'S BUDGET 2012/2013

Councillor Richard Livingstone, cabinet member for finance, resources and community safety, explained the budget process for 2012/13. Southwark was dependent on a large amount of funding from central government and therefore the impact of the cuts was greater than in some other local authorities. Cllr Livingstone outlined some of the measures the council was introducing. The youth fund would continue to support young people in education and training. The community restoration fund would be introduced to provide youth facilities and assist small business following the summer disturbances. As part of the community conversations many people had identified a lack of facilities for young people as a potential cause of the riots.

The council had introduced the London Living wage for its employees in 2011/12 but was aiming to extend this to contractors and other bodies who worked with the council to ensure that those who worked directly or indirectly for the council would receive a London Living Wage.

A Cleaner Greener Safer revenue fund would be introduced where community councils would decide on funds to award. Free schools meals programme would be extended and the council was looking at ways to assist the voluntary sector. Cllr Livingstone added that the council would aim to freeze council tax again in 2012/13 and that there was some assistance from central government to do this.

A resident asked about the provision of service for the elderly and how they would be affected by the cuts. In response Cllr Livingstone explained that the council hoped to build a centre of excellence to deal with high level needs for the most vulnerable elderly.

A question was asked about why Southwark was hit harder than other boroughs by the cuts. Cllr Livingstone explained that some councils generated more of their income from council tax and business rates rather than from government funding, Southwark was affected more than these authorities due to the level of funding received from central government.

A resident asked about support for the voluntary sector and what the council was doing to ensure organisations were fit for purpose in order to create a positive economy in the borough. Cllr Livingstone explained that the council were giving funds to Community Action Southwark to help them support the voluntary sector and the transition fund was being developed for a second year to help them build for the future and plan ahead. He also identified the need to also think about new and emerging groups in the sector.

13. PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

The following questions were submitted:

What are the plans for development for the open space on Sumner Road?

On commercial way there are two lots of derelict land – what are the plans for these spaces? These are an eyesore and spoil the effect of redevelopment.

14. CLEANER, GREENER, SAFER FUNDING REALLOCATION

Executive Function

Members considered the report.

RESOLVED

1. That the under spend of £51,897 available to allocate to other schemes or to add to next year's Cleaner Greener Safer programme be noted

2. That £6,000 be reallocated to the Bells Garden Youth Group to design and create a new mural in the MUGA on the Bells Gardens estate
3. That £18,397 be reallocated to the play area project at Lynn, Lewes and Reading Houses on the Friary Estate
4. That £5,000 be reallocated for Hanging baskets on Peckham Park Road
5. That £22,500 be reallocated to the Peckham community council Cleaner Greener Safer budget for future years.

15. LOCAL PARKING AMENDMENTS

Executive Function

Members considered the information in the report.

RESOLVED

1. That the following local parking amendment, detailed in the appendices to this report, be approved for implementation subject to the outcome of any necessary statutory procedures:
 - Kincaid Road – install one disabled persons (blue Badge) parking bay

16. EXCLUSION OF THE PUBLIC AND PRESS

Members did not resolved to exclude the public and press as they did not discuss the exempt information and agreed the recommendations set out in the closed report.

17. SCHOOL GOVERNOR NOMINATIONS

Executive Function

Members considered the information in the closed report.

RESOLVED

1. That Ms Gill Penlington be reappointed school governor for Ann Bernadt Nursery School
2. That Mrs Brenda Rodgers be reappointed school governor for St Francis Catholic School
3. That Mr Ti Chen be appointed school governor for Ann Bernadt Nursery School

The meeting ended at 9.55 pm.

CHAIR:

DATED: