



NUNHEAD AND PECKHAM RYE COMMUNITY COUNCIL

MINUTES of the Nunhead and Peckham Rye Community Council held on Thursday 26 April 2012 at 7.00 pm at St Mary Magdalene Primary School, 48 Brayards Road, London, SE15 3RA

PRESENT: Councillor Victoria Mills (Chair)
Councillor Mark Glover (Vice-Chair)
Councillor Sunil Chopra
Councillor Rowenna Davis
Councillor Nick Dolezal
Councillor Gavin Edwards
Councillor Renata Hamvas
Councillor Althea Smith

OTHER MEMBERS PRESENT: Councillor Veronica Ward

OFFICER SUPPORT: Ben Finden, Project Manager
Paul Gellard, Transport and Projects Officer
Michael Herd, Transport and Projects Officer
David Littleton, Environmental Health and Trading Standards Manager
John Kissi, Flood Risk Manager
Marian Farrugia, Neighbourhood Co-ordinator Nunhead and Peckham
Alexa Coates, Principal Constitutional Officer

1. INTRODUCTION AND WELCOME

The chair welcomed everyone to the meeting and asked councillors and officers to introduce themselves.

2. APOLOGIES

Apologies were received from Councillor Fiona Colley and apologies for lateness from

Councillors Mark Glover and Renata Hamvas. Councillor Rowenna Davies apologised as she would have to leave the meeting early.

3. DISCLOSURE OF MEMBERS' INTERESTS AND DISPENSATIONS

Members made declarations regarding the following agenda items:

Agenda item 7 Deputations/Petitions.

Councillor Sunil Chopra, Personal and Non Prejudicial, as a business owner on Rye Lane.

4. ITEMS OF BUSINESS THAT THE CHAIR DEEMS URGENT

There were none.

5. MINUTES

RESOLVED

That the minutes of the meeting held on 15 March 2012 be agreed as a correct record and signed by the chair.

6. UPDATES FROM PREVIOUS MEETINGS

The chair advised that the issues raised at previous meetings would be dealt with at item 7, petitions and deputations and item 16, cleaner, greener, safer revenue fund.

7. DEPUTATIONS/PETITIONS (IF ANY)

The chair advised there were no deputations but one petition which requested a month trial of free parking at the Peckham multi-storey car park.

The chair invited the lead petitioner to address the community council. The lead petitioner informed the meeting that 1,200 signatures had been collected which supported the trial. She stated that the car park needed to be brought back to life to increase footfall for the shops and cinema. It was also raised that there was a lack of signage into the car park and people did not know it was there as a result. The petitioners requested a one month trial of free parking to encourage use.

Members discussed the petition and the presentation. It was noted that the car park was underused and that the signage was inadequate. Councillors supported a free trial on the basis that it was properly monitored to ascertain if any increased parking was having a positive effect on shopping in the area. Councillors also suggested that the retailers apply to the Community Restoration Fund to cover the costs of the trial. Residents were advised that the deadline for applications was 11 May 2012.

Cllr Glover suggested that the community council take a vote on supporting the trial and an application to the fund which local councillors would assist the retailers in doing.

RESOLVED

That the community council support the one month free parking trial at Peckham multi-storey car park and that Lane ward members assist the retailers in making an application to the Community Restoration Fund to cover the costs of any trial.

8. OLYMPICS

Councillor Veronica Ward, cabinet member for culture, leisure and the Olympics introduced the item on the Olympics by explaining some of the aims of the council to encourage visitors to the borough and to increase opportunities for residents in Southwark in terms of: sports, arts and culture.

Ben Finden, Project Manager, added that there were 92 days left until the Olympics and although Southwark was not a host borough there would be a huge increase in visitors. In a normal year London expects around 8 million visitors but this would increase by 4 million. There would be an extra 20 trips taken during the Olympics using public transport and 80% of travel associated with the games would be by rail.

There would be a significant impact on travel in Southwark during the games, with London Bridge and Canada Water stations being on the route into Stratford. Southwark was also an Alternative Route Network, for athletes and VIPs – this meant that if the Olympic Route Network was not viable the route through Southwark would be used across to Stratford. The marathons would also pass through Southwark on 5 and 12 August and this would also cause a disruption. The council would not be carrying out any road works from 1 July to 9 September 2012. The torch relay would also pass through Southwark prior to the opening ceremony which would cause road closures, the specifics of the route had yet to be announced.

Residents were encouraged to plan ahead for journeys during the Olympics. If people did not change their travel behaviour during the Olympic games there would be significant waiting times to get on trains at London Bridge Station and Canada Water Station. Officers directed people to the following websites:

- www.getaheadofthegames.com
- www.London2012.com
- www.Southwark.gov.uk/2012

Councillors asked about the best route to events from Peckham and the impact on burial services during the games.

Ben encouraged people with tickets for Olympic events to use the get ahead of the games website and that he would look into the impact on burial.

Ben added that there was also lots going on in terms of young people and the Olympics.

The schools team at the council had encouraged schools to sign up for free tickets to events. 130 young volunteers had been supported which surpassed the target of 120. Lots of cultural events were taking place such as Big Dance 2012 and events at the Globe. The council had also set up a £2 million capital legacy and money had been allocated to encourage sport and physical activity in the borough. Money had been allocated to Peckham Pulse for a new disability hoist and for new football pitches on Peckham Rye.

A resident asked if there would be public screening of Olympic events in Peckham. Cllr Ward advised that the only public screenings in Southwark would be at Potters Field.

9. COMMUNITY COUNCIL CHANGES

The chair updated the meeting on the proposed changes to community councils which were due to be implemented from the end of May 2012. The changes agreed as part of the budget process meant that:

- community council areas would be reduced from 8 to 5
- Nunhead and Peckham Rye Community Council would merge with Peckham Community Council
- the number of meetings would reduce from 6 per year to 5 per year
- planning decisions would no longer be taken by community councils
- school governor appointments, to primary schools, would no longer be considered
- and neighbourhood staff support to community councils had been reduced

Councillors added that it made sense to merge the Peckham areas.

10. HEALTH SERVICES IN THE DULWICH AREA

Rebecca Scott from NHS Southwark informed the meeting that there was a consultation on health services in the Dulwich area. NHS Southwark were consulting widely in recognition that people from further afield were users of services in Dulwich. The initial stage of the consultation was to find out what kind of services people used and needed, further work would then be done on the type of facilities which were needed in the area. There was a questionnaire available at the meeting and this could also be accessed online.

In response to questions from the floor Rebecca explained that there were no final plans for the Dulwich hospital site and that the consultation would provide information on what services users wanted – this would then inform decisions on facilities, including the hospital. Rebecca explained that this was the first part of the consultation and any changes which resulted would be in around 3 years time.

11. COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

Bowel Cancer UK – Claire Stephenson explained that the charity had been running for 25 years and aimed to raise awareness of bowel cancer and provide support. Bowel cancer was the third most common cancers in the UK, but one of the most treatable if diagnosed at an early stage. Claire advised people to visit their GP if they had any symptoms. The chances of developing bowel cancer could be reduced by a healthy and active lifestyle.

There was a screening programme for people aged between 60-69, Claire encouraged anyone who received a screening pack to use the testing kit.

Apprenticeship programme – Ann Cochrane from the council's organisational development team informed the meeting about the council's apprenticeship programme which had been running since 2006. The deadline for applications this year was 1 May 2012 and applications could be completed online. There were different types of jobs available from: engineering, plumbing to community liaison roles. The council were encouraging their partners/contractors to take part in the scheme. 168 people had completed the programme since it began.

Community Council Fund – Marian Farrugia explained that the community council fund had now been launched for 2012/13. Local people and groups could apply for grants from £100-£1,000 for community events. The fund would be assessed against Olympic themes, and applications had to meet at least 3 of those. The deadline for applications was 25 May 2012, new and emerging community groups were encouraged to apply. Groups had to be properly constituted to be successful – if people were not part of such a group Marian encouraged them to get in touch as she could help individuals find organisations who could deliver the events they wanted.

Local Theatre – the Royal Court Theatre would be putting on two plays in Peckham over the summer at the Bussey Building: Vera Vera and Belong.

Peckham Power – Lesley explained that Peckham Power had been awarded funding from the national lottery for a feasibility study for sustainable projects in Peckham. Peckham Power aimed to: reduce gas and electricity bills, help repair and reuse items, develop new types of jobs locally and to help people grow their own food. Lesley asked people to complete the questionnaire to help them understand what were important issues for people in terms of sustainability.

Safer Neighbourhoods Team – Linda advised that there would be changes to local policing structures with the introduction of local policing teams but she did not have any more information at that time. She encouraged people to report any suspicious behaviour in terms of metal theft as things like man hole covers were being stolen.

12. FLOOD RISK MANAGEMENT STRATEGY

John Kissi, Flood Risk Manager, explained that Southwark had been effected by flooding between 2004-2007, particularly Herne Hill. Due to new legislation local authorities are now responsible for managing a flood risk. As a result the council is developing a surface water management plan and was asking for residents help. The council was conducting detailed investigations to identify areas at risk of flooding and were seeking local knowledge. John encouraged people to contact him if they wanted to get involved. He explained that the strategy had two dimensions: there would be capital investment to reduce the risk of flooding but also measures to reduce the impact when flooding did occur.

A resident asked about flood modelling and whether there was information available online. John explained that some mapping had been developed but it did not factor in what structures were in existence, so it showed where water might collect but did take into

account that it might create problems elsewhere – e.g. if buildings pushed water to other sites. He invited people to come and see the modelling at the council offices and explained he was keen to learn from local people in order to update the map.

13. QUEENS ROAD CPZ - FIRST STAGE CONSULTATION

Executive Function

Members considered the information in the report. It was suggested that recommendation a. was not endorsed as local ward councillors had canvassed local opinion which was opposed to the introduction of any CPZ in the area.

A local resident asked about the implications of the new council offices at Queens' Road Peckham and what the council was planning to do to reduce the impact on local residents. The chair asked that a detailed response be provided by officers for the next meeting.

RESOLVED

1. That the community council does not endorse recommendation a. to approve the extension of Peckham B Controlled Parking Zone (CPZ) to include Gordon Road (between Harders Road and Brayards Road) and Harders Road subject to second stage (details design consultation and statutory consultation).
2. That the community council endorse recommendation b. not to approve a CPZ in those remaining that were consulted as part of the Queens Road first stage consultation but to carry out minor changes to declutter and refresh existing restrictions and to install yellow lines on junctions where currently absent.

14. PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

A resident highlighted that apprenticeships schemes were only available to young people who did not have a degree and asked what the council was doing to help graduates who were unemployed.

Action: Information to be provided by officers to the next meeting.

15. LOCAL PARKING AMENDMENTS

Executive Function

Members considered information in the report.

RESOLVED

That the following local parking amendments, detailed in the appendices to the report, be approved for implementation subject to the outcome of any necessary statutory procedures:

- Linden Grove – install waiting restrictions (at any time).
- Waveney Avenue, Bushey Hill Road, Woods Road and Lugard Road – install one disabled persons (blue badge) parking bay at each location.

16. CLEANER GREENER SAFER REVENUE FUND

Executive Function

Members considered information in the report.

RESOLVED

That £5,000 of cleaner, greener, safer revenue funding be allocated to the Nunhead's Voice Newsletter.

The meeting ended at 9.45 pm.

CHAIR:

DATED: