



DULWICH COMMUNITY COUNCIL

MINUTES of the Dulwich Community Council held on Wednesday 28 January 2015 at 7.00 pm at Herne Hill Baptist Church, Half Moon Lane, London SE24 9HU

PRESENT: Councillor Andy Simmons (Chair)
Councillor James Barber
Councillor Jon Hartley
Councillor Helen Hayes
Councillor Anne Kirby
Councillor Michael Mitchell
Councillor Jane Lyons
Councillor Charlie Smith

OFFICER SUPPORT: Matt Hill, Public Realm Programme Manager
Rebecca Scott, Programme Director, NHS Southwark
Malcolm Hinds, Property Services, NHS Southwark
Andrew Strange, Property Services, NHS Southwark
Julian Allen, Youth Development Officer
Richard Kalu, Licensing Enforcement Officer
Grace Semakula, Community Council Development Officer
Beverley Olamijulo, Constitutional Officer

1. INTRODUCTION AND WELCOME

The chair introduced himself, and welcomed councillors, members of the public and officers to the meeting.

2. APOLOGIES

Apologies for absence were submitted on behalf of Councillor Rosie Shimell.

3. DISCLOSURE OF MEMBERS' INTERESTS AND DISPENSATIONS

The following member made a declaration regarding the agenda item below:

Councillor Jane Lyons, declared a non pecuniary interest in respect of item 19, the local parking amendment for 60 Dulwich Village because she lives within close proximity of the

site address.

4. ITEMS OF BUSINESS THAT THE CHAIR DEEMS URGENT

The chair agreed to accept the main agenda as late and urgent because it was not circulated within five clear working days due to IT, nor was it available for public inspection during this time.

The chair also accepted the supplemental agenda as urgent business which contained a late deputation report from the East Dulwich safer neighbourhood (SNT) ward panel team.

5. MINUTES

RESOLVED:

That subject to amendments, the minutes of the meeting held on 3 December 2015 be agreed as an accurate record of the meeting, and signed by the chair.

Matters arising from the minutes

Item 7 - Police base for Dulwich

Chair announced that as an action from the last meeting, he had asked the Borough Commander whether he had changed his mind about a police base for Dulwich. The chair confirmed he had not changed his decision in regard to this matter.

Item 15 – One hour free parking at the shopping parades

Councillor Mitchell said he requested at the last community council, further information on the location maps, and details of the consultation for the one hour free parking at shopping parades. It was agreed that this would be brought back to the next meeting.

Item 16 - Highways schemes in East Dulwich ward:

Councillor Barber provided an update on the highways schemes which were not accurately described in the minutes. The information was noted as follows:

£38,095 on:

- £24,843 on renewing the pavement along Lordship Lane eastern side going northwards from North Cross Road to Puffin Crossing.
- £13,252 remaining on repairing the pavement on Landells Road not repairs this financial year. The total cost would be £37,257 Goodrich Road to Lordship Lane along Landells Road.

6. DEPUTATIONS

Dulwich and Herne Hill Safe Routes to Schools group

Laurie Johnston, spokesperson for the deputation, introduced herself as a member of the Dulwich and Herne Hill Safe Routes to Schools group.

The representative was at the meeting to talk about the Townley Road junction and accepted the council's withdrawal of the proposed scheme which was to ban the no-right turn into Townley Road due to the strong opposition from the local community and the impact of rat running in these roads. Laurie addressed the issue of safety for the children that use the junction and the high number of child pedestrian movements that take place each school day. The Dulwich and Herne Hill Safe Routes to Schools was an inclusive volunteer community group that works in partnership with all the local schools, parents, residents associations, local councillors, the Dulwich Society and the council.

Laurie explained that their goal was to create safer environment on school journeys, whether it was walking, cycling or using scooters. She said accident statistics did not highlight the danger of the junction. She talked about the experiences of people who use the junction every day and more people would walk if the junction were made safe. The Safe Route to Schools group had gone before the community council four years ago to express concern about the dangers of the junction. The group were grateful that the council had acknowledged this and were able to help secure funding to improve road and traffic safety in this area.

Laurie said it was important that all groups and interested parties to work together to resolve road safety issues in a constructive way. She said the Safe Routes to Schools was committed positively and collaboratively to that process. Laurie asked that the council help groups pull together to accomplish that goal.

Dovercourt Road residents

Barbara Richardson, spokesperson for the deputation addressed the meeting on behalf of residents in the local community which included those that were present for the deputation. The representatives objected to the council's proposal for the junction at Townley Road.

Many residents were in favour of improving the safety for pedestrians and cyclists but had concerns there had been no study to examine the impact of a 'no right turn' ban on the wider area which would mean diverting traffic onto residential roads. She said it went against the council's policies making streets in and around Dulwich less safe for cyclists and pedestrians. Barbara outlined that residents were delighted that the cabinet member for regeneration, planning and transport, Councillor Mark Williams, had listened to the concerns of the local community and had instructed officers to explore alternative proposals that did not include a ban on turning right.

Barbara said that the cabinet member took note that there should be transparency and engagement for any future proposals for the junction. She said she would like the council to provide a clear engagement plan in order to gather the views of the local community and ensure there were set timescales during the consultation process. Barbara said

background documents and research should be provided as standard. It was noted the deputation organised paper petitions which contained signatures from residents in the neighbouring roads before the original consultation deadline and an online petition which contained signatures from both residents and local businesses.

The community council noted the deputation would like the council to take action on the following:

- Put forward a revised proposal for the Townley Road junction that would be properly modelled and for it not to divert traffic to other local junctions or onto residential roads that did not include a right turn ban.
- Consult widely and transparently on the revised proposal in accordance with a public engagement plan that has a clear timescale to ensure all users of the junction have an opportunity to express their views.
- Commit to working with the wider community and to establish a consultation procedure for the future that has a clear process and that seeks broad and representative input from residents.

East Dulwich Safer Neighbourhood Team (SNT) ward panel

Martin Cambridge, spokesperson for the deputation introduced himself as the chair of the East Dulwich SNT ward panel. He was joined by members of his committee including the East Dulwich SNT ward panel, Village SNT ward panel and the chair of the Dulwich Society. Martin said the deputation was supporting a cleaner greener safer bid of £40,000 that the Dulwich Society submitted to the council. The funding would be used to convert an unused annexe that was adjoined to Dulwich Library, so it could be used a touchdown community safety hub which could be used by the police so they could meet with local residents in the area.

Martin explained that they might not have a dedicated police team in their ward but did accept the necessary changes that took place within the Metropolitan Police service and changes to the way those local services were delivered. However their primary concern was to ensure that a police presence remained in the area and the local community had access and contact with neighbourhood policing. In addition the community had access to meeting facilities with the local police.

Martin further explained that East Dulwich and Village wards had not been offered an acceptable replacement police hub since the closure of the police station in East Dulwich. He said the current police contact was the lobby in Dulwich Library. This did not offer any privacy and meetings were often interrupted by other users of the library. People who had arranged to meet with police were at times intimidated being in an open space environment. The other issue was the travel time for residents in Village and East Dulwich wards going travelling to and from Camberwell police station.

In response to a query relating to the borough commander's views on a local community safety hub in East Dulwich, Martin explained that one of their members from the East Dulwich SNT ward panel confirmed that the borough commander welcomed this proposal.

The Friends of Dulwich Park

Trevor Moore, a local resident presented a deputation on behalf of Dulwich Park friends and as vice chair of the group. He explained that as a cyclist and dog walker, he wanted to speak about the current cycling strategy paper which was available for consultation. The required responses for the consultation which were required by the 1 February 2015 provided a distinction between the quietways and a proposed cycle spine. The strategy document described this as a completely new 'high capacity strategic cycling corridor' which would provide a clear space for cycling. Trevor explained that neither Dulwich Park Friends nor the manager of the park itself were aware that Dulwich Park would be part of this new cycling corridor. He requested people that were not aware of the proposal should check the council's website to put in their responses. He also asked the council to extend the deadline for responses to the strategy as many people only became aware of this recently. Trevor said many of the group's members would normally communicate by letter through the post and also included the Dulwich Society. He asked how would people, influence the principle if they are not aware of it in the first place.

In response to this issue, the chair explained that he was happy to rule out any proposals for traffic (including big traffic lanes) going through Dulwich Park. He said a Southwark spine or quietway would not be going through the park in the way people had feared. This followed a conversation the chair had with Councillor Mark Williams, the cabinet member for Regeneration, Planning and Transport.

The chair thanked all of the representatives for their deputations.

7. COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS AND PRESENTATIONS

The following announcements were noted at the meeting:

Neighbourhood Funding 2015

The chair announced the launch of the neighbourhood funding at the meeting. The neighbourhood fund was for projects that would help the local community. There would be £542,000 to spend on a wide range of projects that support local action by communities to bring people together and make neighbourhoods come to life. Information leaflets were available at the meeting. The deadline for submitted applications was on the 16 February 2015.

Southwark quietway routes

It was announced that the council wanted to hear people's views on the Southwark Quietway routes, and what the council could do to improve safety conditions for all road users along this route.

The views and comments from the local community would determine the design of the proposals along the route. The council would like to work with residents, cyclists, pedestrians and motorists who use this route to develop proposals that would benefit all road users.

Southwark Carers

William Hervey from Southwark carers spoke about the role of the charity that is based in the Camberwell area but offers a service to the whole borough. It provides support and advice services for carers that looked after disabled relatives. William explained that Dulwich introduced a project that offers support to carers, so they could be seen by a G.P. particularly those who have not had access to these services. He said in terms of support Southwark carers refer people to a range of support groups and agencies like Age UK.

Draft Southwark statement of licensing policy

Richard Kalu, licensing enforcement officer spoke about the public consultation on the latest revision of the draft Southwark statement of licensing policy 2015 – 2020. The council were seeking views from the local community on the policy statement that was responsible for dealing with entertainment licensing on late night alcohol, regulated entertainment and late night refreshments.

Richard outlined that the council wanted to obtain the views of local residents and businesses:

- To find out if the policy was clear and easy to understand
- Was it fair and balanced
- Did the policy adequately deal with the licensing objectives of crime and disorder, public safety, public nuisance and the protection of children from harm.
- The council's approach on the borough's saturation areas.

Consultation forms were available at the meeting, and on the council's website.

Welfare Reform update

Sally Causer from the citizens' advice bureau (CAB) spoke about the two main offices the organisation had in Bermondsey and Peckham. In the Dulwich area, the advice centre provided an outreach session on the Kingswood Estate on a weekly basis. The CAB is also part of a network of advice agencies in the borough. They work with agencies like the Blackfriars advice centre and Southwark law centre.

In response to the changes to the benefits system the centre works with the most disadvantaged residents in the borough and also work along side the local job centre and Southwark works to help unemployed young people.

Sally also informed people about a five year project called "money savvy" which helped social housing tenants and young people to manage their money. Sally said if anyone was interested in becoming a money champion, they should speak to her during the break.

Charity Trustees

The council were looking for volunteers to become charity trustees on various charities that operate in the borough to assist Southwark residents that might be in financial need. Forms and further information was available at the meeting.

Fair trade fortnight

The chair announced fair trade fortnight which was held on 23 February to 8 March 2015.

Southwark was a fair trade borough and was committed to bringing people together to promote the use and sale of fair trade products. There were a number of activities and events that took place in the borough.

Jonathan Mitchell spoke briefly about the event as a representative and circulated information at the meeting which was a list of twelve well known shops in the Dulwich area that sold fair trade products. An event called the “big breakfast” was organised by Christ Church (Bread of Life) which helped to promote fair trade fortnight.

Further information could be found on the council’s website: www.southwark.gov.uk/fairtrade

Police update

Inspector Richard Barton reported that he had taken over as the local cluster inspector for Dulwich and Camberwell since the 5 January 2015.

He said the three sergeants that covered the Dulwich area were, Sgt Tau Benbow (East Dulwich), Sgt Ian Bartley (Village), and Sgt Warren Gregory (College).

Policing issues

Inspector Barton reported that there was a huge problem with burglaries in the area, especially along main bus routes going through Dulwich. One of those routes was Lordship Lane.

Most of the burglaries took place during the day. He urged residents to invest in light timers and an alarm for their homes. The senior management team at Southwark police station discussed the issue of burglaries matter at a recent task meeting.

Inspector Barton announced he was the first point of contact for the local neighbourhood watch in the area which he said meet once a month. He urged people to get involved and take part in the scheme to help neighbourhood stay safe.

The other issues that were highlighted were:

- Motor vehicle crime – incident occurred in Croxted Road where petrol was siphoning at a local petrol station.
- Community action day – took place across local policing teams from various boroughs which were involved in community engagement with local schools and libraries etc.

In response to questions, concerning a mugging that occurred in College ward, where it took police three weeks to respond to the elderly resident. Inspector Barton acknowledged that there was a delay, with this particular call because it did not go through the local policing team. The issue has now been addressed. He said further updates would be given at the next meeting.

8. YOUTH COMMUNITY SLOT

Julian Allen, youth development officer for Dulwich spoke about the young people who were undertaking a youth consultation which was funded by the cleaner greener safer funding programme. Julian mentioned some of the work the young people had done successfully which was to request Transport for London (TfL) to increase the bus frequencies to and from school.

The youth community council also contributed to the community council meetings by presenting items and relaying their issues to the meetings. The Dulwich youth community council are going through a transition at the moment as the older tier group were now at university. There are six members whose ages range from 11 to 19. Julian said they would like to recruit more members to the youth community council and were open to suggestions on how they could do this.

The YCC meetings take place every two weeks at the Belair recreational room in Dulwich.

It was noted that the YCC would present the youth consultation at the next meeting.

9. UPDATE ON DULWICH HEALTH CENTRE AND HOSPITAL SITE

Rebecca Scott, programme director NHS clinical commissioning group (CCG), Malcolm Hind and Andrew Strange from NHS property services provided an update and summary on the Dulwich health centre and hospital site which had now been approved by NHS England.

- In 2013 they had consulted with local people on the two options about the kind of health services that were needed.
- The feedback that was received was to have a health centre.
- A firm of architects were compiling a business case. The business case would determine whether the centre should be refurbished or if it should be a new build.
- An analysis of where the health centre should be would be looked at – an option was the south east corner of the site.
- Produce a financial appraisal that would include – timescales to build the health centre and the cost to build or refurbish. The plan was that it should be completed by 2017.
- The council would need to look at proposals for the rest of the site.
- NHS capital funding – a small amount of capital funding would be used for the development of the centre.
- Some services like Seldoc would remain on the site.
- Time frame for planning permission would be approximately 3 months, subject to a survey, community impact statements and the business case.

It was noted that a further update would be at a future community council possibly in the

summer.

10. TOWNLEY ROAD / EAST DULWICH GROVE / GREEN DALE JUNCTION IMPROVEMENTS

The chair explained there some unfair comments had been made about representatives from the safe routes to schools group. It seems there was some misunderstanding that the group were involved with the council's proposals to ban the no right turn at Townley Road.

In light of this, there should be better consultation and engagement with the council and the local community so that local businesses and residents could express their views at an earlier stage.

The chair confirmed the council had no funding responsibility for this sort of road safety proposals; it was the responsibility of the mayor of London. The point was that they might have misunderstood where the funding came from. The point was also made about the traffic lights at the junction of Townley Road The meeting heard tha they were managed by Transport for London (TfL).

Matt Hill, public realm programme manager spoke about the strong opposition from residents regarding the council's proposals which was to improve safety for people using the junction and for motorists turning right out of Tinley Road.

Officers understood the concerns and made a decision to review this, so an alternative scheme could be implemented and would be line with the council's road strategy and the quietway cycling proposals.

The timetable for consultation would take place in February and March 2015 with a report being to the community council meeting on the 17 March 2015.

11. OVERHILL ROAD - PROPOSAL CONTRA FLOW AND HIGHWAY IMPROVEMENTS

The community council noted the concerns of local ward members about the loss of parking, and the general parking pressure on Underhill Road. Matt Hill explained that the introduction of double yellow lines would be provided as a safety element for pedestrians that cross that section of the road. He added that not all respondents to the proposal were in favour of this.

The other issue was when motorists turn left down Underhill Road towards the one way stretch of the road could be considered quite treacherous during the winter months.

RESOLVED:

That the community council deferred the contra flow and highway improvements in Overhill Road pending a site visit with local ward councillors.

12. CLEANER GREENER SAFER CAPITAL FUNDING - CHANGE CONTROL REPORT

Note: This is an executive function.

Members considered the recommendations contained within the report.

RESOLVED:

That Dulwich community Council allocated funding to the following schemes:

- £1,287 of available funding to existing project 106059 Long Meadow play area.
- £2,986 of available funding to existing project 106296 East Dulwich street trees.
- £750 of available funding to trial project – Dulwich Village verge greening.
- £1,500 of available funding to Lordship Lane Baptist Church – accessibility works.
- £34,237 of available funding to 2015 -16 cleaner, greener safer funding for Dulwich Community Council.

13. CLEANER GREENER SAFER CAPITAL FUNDING PROGRAMME 2015 - 2016

Note: This is an executive function.

RESOLVED:

That the following cleaner greener safer schemes were approved:

Village ward

Name of Project	Amount awarded
Dulwich Library the annex	£6,500
Dulwich property marking kits	£4,400
Crossing on Lordship Lane (near Sainsbury's/ post office at Barry Rd	£800
Deventer Crescent improvements	£3,500
Glengarry Trossachs	£2,400
Juidth Kerr Primary School play area	£8,000
Dulwich park vegetable garden	£9,000
Herne Hill area – tree planting programme	£5,000
Village notice boards	£800
Greening Dulwich Village	£4,100
New bench in Half Moon Lane	£1,500

Pedestrian, particularly disabled movement	£7,500
(Half Moon Lane and Ardbeg Road)	£3,000
The bulbs – dig the park	
The playground in Dulwich Park	£9,100
Lighting in Sunray Gardens	£6,500
Delawyk paving project	£7,000
Tree planting in the ward	£2,000
Elmwood Road lighting project	£8,000

College ward

Name of Project

Amount awarded

Dulwich Library Police CGS bid	£6,500
Dulwich property marking kits	£4,400
Access to Nature 365	£2,000
Brighter Kingswood	£540
Kingswood Estate TRA project	£4,000
Kingswood community shop eco-hub	£3,000
Croxted Road community garden	£8,300
Lordship Lane Estate	£18,000
Restrictor post in Hunt Slip Road	£1,900
Crystal Court lighting enhancement project	£10,800
Lighting in Little Bornes SE21	£7,500
College Community notice boards	£3,000
Mount Adon Park parking feasibility study	£1,000
Kingswood Drive / Fountain Drive safety for cyclists	£3,000
Mount Adon Park mirror	£500
Rouse Gardens safety lighting	£540
St Peter's /Deeper Life Bible church	£6,000 (inc. match funding)
Kingswood Estate play area	£5,000
Dulwich Library the annex	£6,500

East Dulwich ward

Project

Amount awarded

New Fence between Dulwich Library and St Thomas	£6,500 (with Village ward)
Moore RC Church	£6,500
Dulwich Library annexe	

Goose Green School entrance	£3,035
Heber Primary School – upcycled garden	£2,485
The Physic Garden	£2,700
Norcroft gardens fencing	£6,850
East Dulwich Community centre floor	£7,000
East Dulwich crime prevention fund	£7,604
East Dulwich street trees	£7,500
Traffic calming for Whateley Road – feasibility study	£2,000
Lordship Lane crossing at junction of Crystal Palace Rd	£1,200
Friern Road play area	£7,500
Norcroft Road garden lighting improvement	£8,500
North Cross Road /Lordship Lane junction	£25,000

14. GALLERY ROAD ZEBRA CROSSING

Note: This is an executive function.

Members considered the recommendations in the report.

RESOLVED:

That the community council approved the scheme for implementation as set out in the report subject to the outcome of any necessary statutory procedures.

15. CRYSTAL PALACE PARADE JUNCTION IMPROVEMENTS

RESOLVED:

That Dulwich Community Council agreed to the following recommendations that were to be made by the cabinet member for Regeneration, Planning and Transport:

- Due to a significant majority of respondents supporting the scheme (80%) and the council's on-going commitment to improve and promote cycling and pedestrian safety in the borough, it is recommended that the scheme proceeds to implementation subject to necessary statutory procedures.

16. NORTH CROSS ROAD / LORDSHIP LANE JUNCTION IMPROVEMENTS

RESOLVED:

1. That the Dulwich Community Council noted the results and comments set out in appendix of the report and approved the implementation of the scheme, subject to

the necessary statutory procedures.

2. That the community council noted the requirement for additional cleaner greener safer (CGS) funding of £25,000 to implement the scheme.

17. PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

Public question which raised at the previous meeting in relation to the green space near Judith Kerr School.

The chair reported on the feedback from officers which was that local residents should submit their views to the consultation on the Southwark plan. This was the process the council had for making policy designations.

It was noted that a report would be considered at a future community council meeting.

18. COMMUNITY COUNCIL QUESTION TO COUNCIL ASSEMBLY

The following was put forward as a community council question to the council assembly meeting:

“To ask the cabinet member for Regeneration, Planning and Transport – How will the council improve consultation on traffic and transport schemes in the Dulwich area?”

A response to the question would be provided at the community council meeting.

19. LOCAL PARKING AMENDMENTS

Councillor Jane Lyons left the room when the local parking amendment for 60 Dulwich Village was considered.

Note: This is an executive function.

Members considered the recommendations in the report.

RESOLVED:

1. That the local parking amendments be agreed in principle, if officers were able to determine whether a more minimal arrangement for the installation of the double yellow lines was feasible and safe to implement. If not, officers should discuss this at the next meeting:
 - Dulwich Village – access to No. 60
 - Friern Road – access to No. 143
 - Overhill Road – access to No. 83.
 - Upland Road – access to No. 377.

2. That the following parking amendments be approved for implementation subject to the outcome of any necessary statutory procedures:

- Shawbury Road – to convert existing single yellow line to loading only bay and to install two destination blue badge disabled parking bays outside and opposite the Gurdwara Temple.
- North Dulwich Triangle – to install double yellow lines to improve inter-visibility and safety at junctions on Elmwood Road, Danecroft Road, Frankfurt Road, Elfindale Road, Wyneham Road, Beckwith Road and Ardborg Road.

The meeting ended at 10.40 pm.

CHAIR:

DATED: