



Walworth Community Council

Minutes of the Walworth Community Council meeting held on Tuesday 16 March 2010 7.00 pm at Thurlow Lodge Community Halls, 1 Thurlow Street SE17 2US

PRESENT: Councillor Lorraine Lauder (Chair)
Councillor Paul Bates
Councillor James Gurling
Councillor Abdul Mohamed
Councillor Caroline Pidgeon
Councillor Jane Salmon
Councillor Martin Seaton

1. Introduction And Welcome

2. Apologies

Apologies were received from Councillor Ladipo.

3. Disclosure Of Members' Interests And Dispensations

The Chair declared that she lived in East Street, very close to the East Street Market.

4. Items Of Business That The Chair Deems Urgent

There were none.

5. Chair's Announcements

Colleagues from Southwark's local education partnership, 4 Futures, were in attendance and displayed information about the proposed new secondary school for Trafalgar Street, at the back of the hall. The team invited comments and could provide more information on request.

The agenda item, 'Services for Older People' will go to the next Community Council agenda.

6. Minutes:

The minutes of the meeting held on 8 February 2010 were agreed as a correct record with the addition that Councillor Bates gave his apologies for that meeting.

7. Deputations/Petitions

There were none.

Main Business

8. Matters arising from previous meetings

A meeting attendee mentioned that the Walworth Community Council meeting didn't endorse all of the plans for the Elephant and Castle at the last Community Council meeting. There was some confusion over what Cllr Stanton had said at a London meeting the next day.

A meeting attendee also asked what the position was regarding the Joint Heygate meetings (demolition board). He wanted to know if people were being invited to take part in the steering groups.

9. Community Council Fund

Pauline Bonner

The Community Council Fund was launched on the 1 March and is closing on 30 April. This is open to residents, organisations and new and emerging groups. This is revenue fund and can be used for things like workshops and sports activities. Application forms were made available at the back of the hall for those interested in applying.

10. Cleaner Greener Safer 2010/11

The chair went through all of the bids and Members agreed them. Members of the public raised concerns however, that the information that was being considered had not been made available for public view before the meeting. See appendix for the list of agreed projects for this year.

11. Veolia Services

Ian McGeough

Ian McGeough went through the changes to the recycling services in Walworth. He outlined what was recyclable and what was not.

The good news was that the recycling rate for Walworth has almost doubled. There were still targets to hit however with 30% of households needing to recycle by next year. Currently Walworth is on 21% so we still have some way to go.

Ian McGeough clarified the various types of waste that needed to go into the corresponding banks for recycling.

Tetra packs are not to be recycled in the usual way. These now have special designated spots set up within the borough. At the moment there are 3 with another 1 on the way.

Veolia are rolling this programme of new recycling ward by ward throughout Southwark.

12. Community Wardens Update.

Sergeant Steve Brown

Sgt Brown gave an update on his ward, Faraday and on those of Newington and East Walworth.

East Walworth: There is now partnership funding for Victory House Youth Club for music and games equipment.

The Safer Neighbourhoods team are working with agencies to provide bollards outside Browning Nursery School.

The next Safer Neighbourhoods meeting will be on the 13th April at the Brandon Nursery and everyone is welcome to attend.

In Newington there's partnership funding of £2,000 to be donated to their youth clubs and the residents association for new equipment for their arts and crafts club.

Traffic calming measures are going ahead and there is good joint partnership work going on with rough sleepers in the area.

Youth engagement continues to grow and vandalism is effectively being dealt with.

In Faraday there is continuing work to deal with drugs paraphernalia on the Aylesbury Estate with the issuing of drugs warrants. There needs to be continued efforts to ensure that local residents are aware that there is work being done to combat crime in their area and that there is a lot of help at hand if it is needed.

Sgt Brown said that they were not just enforcing the law but they were also using outreach officers to combat such problems as the drinkers on the Walworth Road.

There will also be joint plain clothes operations with Newington to address the problems of pick pocketing and there are more follow up visits to victims of crime giving them information on bogus callers and other advice they may need.

There is also more work being done with banks and building societies to help prevent robberies.

Break - Opportunity For Residents To Chat To Councillors And Officers

13. East Street Market

Harriet Harman was invited to speak for a short while on the state of the roads and pathways in East Street Market.

She said that Cllr Lauder had been very kind to ask her to the meeting and that she was aware that the tenants associations and Councillors had all been working very hard to make the market the jewel in the crown for Walworth. The area offered a variety of goods and should be a nice place to go to. It has a long tradition and a variety of culture. The biggest problem is that the road and the pathways have been allowed to fall into disrepair and this was not fair to traders and other people in the area. It was common knowledge that when pot holes are filled in, they are not done properly and soon collapse, allowing waste matter and other unhygienic things to gather in them.

The market should be invested in because often, it gives a lot of people their first opportunity to start a business enterprise. There should be improved lighting and road and pavement surfacing. It should lift peoples spirits to go there. Harriet Harman paid tribute to Johnny Rollingson who had worked very hard to improve the situation of the market. She said that it was all taking too long to sort this out and that she backed the Councillors and the traders in trying to get this sorted out.

Bob Barber, an officer from the Housing department, said that the Council owns 41 shops in the area and has responded to concerns about subletting. He met with Johnny Rollingson and they identified booths that appeared to be sublet. Letters have been sent to those responsible for the booths, informing them that if this is the case, they are in breach of their user clause. There was general appreciation from all at the meeting.

John McHenry said that he had been in post for 8 weeks but was committed to making improvements for the traders. He echoed what Harriet Harman said and went on to say how important it was to ensure that there was sustainability when thinking about the regeneration of the market. There was now £350,000 to put into improvements such as lighting, pedestrian access and footways. There has been a review and Officers are consulting the findings of the review, using those consultations to develop the strategy.

The market is currently struggling and Officers and traders need to look at what is being sold on the market and how we might attract more customers and encourage new traders to come into the area, giving a good balance of trade goods. John McHenry said that he wanted to listen to all and will be attending the trader's conference to get more ideas.

People and traders were very concerned that market traders were adequately consulted on plans and that they were informed of who was taking overall responsibility for the work. There had been a strategic review which took place 18 months ago but it seemed to have been buried and the traders were fed up of being fobbed off with the promise of work that never happens or if it did, was of poor quality and didn't last very long. It was reported that other boroughs had invested millions to redevelop their markets and Southwark's commitment had been poor, consequently, the trader's morale was at rock bottom.

Speakers from the floor ended by saying that they were very grateful to the Councillors on the committee, Harriet Harman and Val Shawcross for all the work they've been doing.

John McHenry responded that he was sure that things could be turned around and hopefully improvements would be seen over the next 12 months. He recognised that there had been problems at Brandon and Portland Street and that everyone had to work together to find solutions to the problems.

There were speakers who said that were proposals to put more fruit stalls in East Lane despite the fact that there were 14 already. They called upon Matt Steel, to come to the meeting in order to explain why things hadn't been done after promises from the Council that improvements would be carried out. All agreed that a good plan must be developed, along with consultations with the traders on any designs that might be in development.

There was also concern and a call for clarity on who can revoke trader's licences. There was anecdotal evidence that some traders were having their licences taken away for minor misdemeanours whilst others traders who were acting in a similar way, were being left alone. There was a perception that the Council had delegated the power to take away licences over to individual Officers. Both Councillors and meeting attendees asked for clarification on what the actual procedure for revoking licences was, and what the process of appeal involved. John McHenry said that he would find out and ensure the information was conveyed to the community council.

There was a general feeling that the market would be better served if it were to come back under the umbrella of the Council and not under the powers of contractors.

Val Shawcross said that there has been a lack of senior political focus on what is known to be needed for the area. She felt that it was a good strategy and that the Council needed to take responsibility at a senior level to take things forward. It seemed that the Council saw East Street as just another ordinary street which meant that it never gets priority in the investment programme.

Simon Hughes MP spoke and said that this issue needed to be put above party politics and that it was frustrating that the momentum had not been sustained in making improvements to the market. He felt that priority should be given to this work and that it would be a corporate failure if work was not delivered. He said that it would be helpful if a meeting was called sometime in the last two weeks in May, dedicated to discussing this issue, open to all and inviting the Chief Executive Annie Shepherd to attend. The date should be advertised in good time so people can get it into their diaries.

On the matter of licences being revoked, Simon Hughes said that if someone's livelihood was at stake, it should not be that one officer was responsible for the decision to take that licence away.

The Chair thanked all for coming and closed the main part of the meeting at 9.20pm

12. Members' Decisions:

School Governors

The committee agreed to appoint Rebecca Holyhead to the position of School Governor at St Paul's Church of England Primary School.

Item number	Summary of the actions / decisions	Action by
5.	DECISION: That the minutes of the Walworth Community Council meeting held on 8 February 2010 be approved as an accurate record of that meeting.	Walworth Councillors
10. EXECUTIVE DECISION	AGREED: Members formally agreed the Cleaner Greener Safer funding allocations. (See table below)	Eleonora Oliva / CGS team
9.	ACTION: Re East St Market, clarification is sought on what the procedures are for the revoking of market trader's licences.	John McHenry
9.	AGREED: Members agreed that there should be a public meeting arranged sometime in the last 2 weeks of May, to discuss what progress has been made to the commitment to repairs undertaken in East Street by the Council and to discuss any future plan that may be developed to ensure that all work, agreed by the Council, is completed.	Members/John McHenry
14 EXECUTIVE DECISION	DECISION: That Rebecca Holyhead be appointed to the role of School Governor at St Paul's CE Primary.	Pam Rayment

Walworth funding allocations

Brandon Estate Children's Play Area	Newington	The idea is to allow children to mix and for parents, or guardians to communicate. The basis to unite and integrate people and children. Locate in area away from residents in centre of green	60,000
Renovation to make access for disabled callers ramp and clear entry for main entrance and fire exit in Tiria Meeting Rooms re Health & Safety.	Newington	To make the area safer for all attending the TRA rooms. What is needed is a permanent ramp on both entrance and fire exit and internal ramp on fire exit. Also paving slabs are a safety hazard. To the value of £11,500	11,500
Makeover/Regeneration of the Newington Butts Communal Garden.	Newington	To have the dilapidated boundary fence around the garden either repaired or entirely renewed. Within the inner fence boundary, low maintenance shrubs/plants to, grasses or trees will be planted. Wooden benches, bird tables and boxes installed.	6,500
Environmental improvements at Walworth Garden Farm	Newington	New front gate. Hardwood seating. Rainwater harvesting systems. Poisonous plants area. Green Roof for main building. Garden lighting. Turing. Mosaic paths. To a total value of £10,000	10,000
KOS Small Planting Project	Newington	The idea for the space is to obtain funding for some small, but sturdy shrubs and bulbs for spring planting. With the substantial number of surrounding housing, there is local capacity for community involvement in this planting.	2,500
A plan for the rejuvenation of Pasley Park – First priority	Newington	To fund a study to make Pasley Park an accessible, appealing and safe hub for the people in West Walworth. To address 1) the poor layout which leads to low usage, 2) poor security resulting from inadequate lighting and poorly designed entrances and 3	15,000
Chapter Road Safety Scheme	Newington	To introduce traffic calming in the form of 100mm high full width humps (buses do not run along this stretch of road) along Chapter Rd SE17 from Westcott Rd south to Carter St.	10,000
Brighter and safer lighting	Newington	We would like brighter lights on our Penrose Estate. We would like the lights on our estate to be brighter and also we would like more lights added to our system.	10,000
The Bridport Fence and Gate Project	Faraday	To construct a 90cm decorative iron fence on top of the existing 70cm brick wall with iron gates for protection. This will dissuade the local street harlotry from using both sides of the building for transacting their business and protect our gardens.	17,000
Playground at Bronti Close	Faraday	This playground which has a football pitch needs to be redesigned and also needs new wire fencing round it.	77,000
1. Planting and greening 2. Planting greening & fencing	Faraday	1. At back of Lulworth has been empty for years. It would be nice for people in the block to have a better outlook, rose beds or other planting 2. The flower beds need redesigning. The tubs used to be seats, replacing would attract groups at night.	12,200
East Street Market Sustainable Shopping Bags (Faraday and E Walworth wards)	Faraday and East Walworth	Previous CGS scheme for reusable bags was a success. The bags were handed out by SAST over 9 months. They were not wasted and were readily used. To ensure bags are stronger and well designed.	15,000

Nursery Row Park /East St Tree Lighting	East Walworth	Our proposal is to provide in-tree LED lighting to four of the historic Plane Trees adjacent to East St and to Orb St, with the following objectives: a) to provide a decorative visual highlight for the East St market end of the park	52,720
Mardyke House-Noticeboard and Planters Scheme.	East Walworth	To place a free-standing noticeboard in the vicinity of Mardyke House. Currently, neither Mardyke and Bricklayers residents are aware of local issues as there is no noticeboard. To provide 2 heavy planters outside the entrance to Mardyke Hse.	3000
The Kick-start Programme for the New Life of Surrey Square Park.	East Walworth	The programme to secure access will be complete in the Spring of 2010. The next phase will be to create activity zones bounded by hedgerows & woven timber fences with improvements to the memorial garden, sports field, play incl.disabled facilities.	30,000
Planting and Greening At The Church Of The Lord - Aladura	East Walworth	The church has just renovated its buildings, which is in standard to other buildings on the street. The greening area (Front, back and sides) will need some plants to make it look more attractive in the area. Garden benches will encourage park use.	6,000
Landscaping of green space at Congreve & Barlow Estate	East Walworth	Metal Fencing, Shrubs, plants, trees, footpath and benches to be placed in bare and neglected area.	4,000
Landscaping of green space between Broomfield & Boarly house	East Walworth	plants, shrubs benches and footpath in greenspace	11,500
Victory Community Park Fencing and Planting Improvements	East Walworth	We have a border featuring plants from all over the world in our park. there is some low level vandalism here like littering and dog fouling so we propose a project to erect a 500mm wooden fence along the length of this 140m border.	2,800
Salisbury Communal Gardens	East Walworth	Planting of flowers and rose bushes on neglected grass areas.	3,500

Total: 360,220

PROJECTS TO BE ADDED TO CPB LIST

2010 CGS submissions to be added to CPB	
CGS 104365	Burgess Park NE Rejuvenation – Glengall Road/Trafalgar Avenue/Surrey Canal
CGS 104332	Sturgeon Road Pedestrianisation
Projects from the Minor Project Prioritisation with confirmed member support to be added to CPB	
Open Space	Aylesbury AAP – creation of new spaces and upgrading existing Outdoor gym at Brandon Estate (Surrey Gardens)
Public Realm	Improvements to East Street Market New Walworth Square (adjacent to Walworth Town Hall) Works to Red Lion Row as part Aylesbury Phase 1 Julian Markham building gateway arts project
Economic Development	East Street 1 Investment in Local Retail Environments (ILRE) East Street 2 ILRE Shop front improvements – lower Walworth Road Shop front improvements – Westmoreland Road phase 1a Brandon Estate ILRE
Education	Townsend School environmental improvements Surrey Square Schools – pavilion for extended school/community use Robert Browning School – eco-classroom on rooftop playground Keyworth School – safety measures Pooled investment to Aylesbury Community Pre-school
Transport	Albany Road – speed reduction, walking and accessibility West Walworth walking improvements Pedestrian improvements to junction of Camberwell Road and Addington Square Remodelling of northern roundabout and associated public realm improvements

Note: Community facility projects already in CPB