

Open Agenda



DULWICH COMMUNITY COUNCIL

MINUTES of the Dulwich Community Council held on Thursday 16 September 2010 at 7.00 pm at East Dulwich United Reformed Church, East Dulwich Grove, London SE22 8RH

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

OTHER MEMBERS

PRESENT: Councillor Dora Dixon Fyle

1. INTRODUCTION AND WELCOME

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

2. APOLOGIES

There were no apologies.

3. DISCLOSURE OF MEMBERS' INTERESTS AND DISPENSATIONS

None were disclosed.

4. ITEMS OF BUSINESS THAT THE CHAIR DEEMS URGENT

The Chair agreed to accept item 16, Community Councils Highways and Lighting Capital Investment 2010 - 2011 as urgent business in order to consider this item in conjunction with the theme of the meeting which was

transport and road safety issues. The reason for delay in placing it on the agenda was that the engineers were awaiting the results from the borough-wide condition surveys.

5. MINUTES FROM THE PREVIOUS MEETING

The Minutes of the Dulwich Community Council held on 22 June 2010 were approved as an correct record of the meeting and signed by the Chair subject to the following amendment:

That item 6, concerning the deputation request on Croxted Road parking issues should refer to the spokesperson, as a Lambeth resident representing both Southwark and Lambeth residents.

6. DEPUTATIONS

The community council heard the deputation from spokesperson, Halina Ward representing residents of Casino Estate on Red Post Hill to address issues of excessive traffic noise and vibration in the upper part of Red Post Hill.

The spokesperson outlined:

Since the introduction of speed humps as part of the implementation of the 20mph zone there are a number of the traffic calming features situated on Red Post Hill between its junctions with Sunray Avenue and Herne Hill that had been incorrectly positioned.

Members heard that simply moving the relevant traffic calming features to their correct positions in those cases where these were clear would not address residents' concerns to minimise nuisance from noise and vibration whilst achieving overall safety objectives.

The deputation highlighted the following proposals:

1. To ask officers to ensure that, contrary to a report in a local newspaper, none of the incorrectly positioned traffic calming features in Red Post Hill would be moved before the next Dulwich Community Council (DCC) in November 2010, so as to allow time for residents to discuss possible alternative approaches to the current arrangements and for necessary data collection on the impacts and effectiveness of the existing traffic calming features to take place.
2. To receive advice, including insights from residents' own consultations on alternative means of securing effective respect for a 20mph speed limit and for integrating consideration of measures to deal with congestion in the upper part of Red Post Hill (currently under consultation with frontagers and due for report at the next DCC in

November) with those to deal with speeding problems.

3. To request officers to install noise and vibration monitoring equipment in homes adjacent to speed cushions and the raised pedestrian crossing, where requested and/or consented to by residents, so as to clarify noise and vibration levels and to share results with affected residents in a timely manner prior to the next DCC Council so that resident discussion of alternatives could be informed by the data.
4. To request officers to share with Dulwich C Members and with residents existing traffic survey data relating to the part of Red Post Hill between the junction of Sunray Avenue and Herne Hill, including any baseline(s) of traffic volumes, types, and speeds prior to the implementation of the North Dulwich 20mph zone.
5. To order a post traffic calming? survey of speeds, volumes and types of traffic in that same area of Red Post Hill.
6. Request that the data should be disaggregated for different times of the day and night so as to account for Red Post Hill's intermittent congestion problems, and ask officers to carry out the survey with all possible haste so as to allow for proper consideration of the findings in advance of the November Community Council meeting.
7. To write to TfL (Transport for London) to ask that they clarify the timetable for removing double-deckers from the 42 bus route. Also reinstate single-deckers and consider issues raised by the deputation presented at community council on 16 Sep 2010 to the next meeting in Nov 2010.

Following the completion by officers of the post-20mph zone speed and traffic volume survey in the part of Red Post Hill between Sunray Avenue and Herne Hill, the deputation requests that the Chair of Dulwich community council undertake the following:

- a) write to TfL to ask drivers on the P4 and 42 bus routes to respect the 20mph speed limit in the North Dulwich 20mph zone, and
- b) request Village Safer Neighbourhood Team to carry out speed-gun spot-checks on speeding cars in the relevant part of Red Post Hill.

AGREED:

DCC requested a report back from Officers at the next community council in regard to all of the options given above.

7. COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS AND PRESENTATIONS

Dulwich Community Council noted the following community announcements:

1. Dulwich Leisure Centre memories campaign for the re-opening of Dulwich Leisure Centre - September 2010. This was to ask people to highlight any historical and interesting things to say about the swimming baths, contact: Julie Vindis Investing in Leisure Programme at Southwark Council.
<http://www.southwark.gov.uk/InvestingInLeisure>
2. A representative from the Volunteers Centre Southwark gave an announcement about the Active Citizens Awards which took place on 24 September 2010.
3. Dulwich Helpline agreed to give a presentation at a future community council meeting.
4. Officers from the markets and street trading unit intend to commence a consultation regarding North Cross Road Street market. They would be consulting on a) to keep the market the same, b) expand the number of stalls on the market on weekends and c) to open market on the weekends. Officers were available at the meeting to discuss with residents.
5. Representatives from the Dulwich Islamic Centre were present to give feedback on the recent Eid Festival which took place at Dulwich Park.

8. UPDATES ON MATTERS RAISED AT PREVIOUS MEETINGS

Dulwich Community Council notes the updates provided by officers which were raised at the previous meeting:

- Road safety issues along Red Post Hill
- Croxted Road parking issues – initial first stage consultation
- Update on the resurfacing of Gallery Road, including update around parking issues
- Holmdene Avenue – 2nd stage CPZ consultation

A copy of this document is appended to the Minutes.

9. FAIRER FOR ALL IN SOUTHWARK

Councillor Dora Dixon Fyle, Cabinet Member for health and adult social care presented the item a Fairer Future for All in Southwark where she outlined this will be the first of three visits to talk about the framework of the budget, setting out the process, setting out the timescales for consultation and decision.

Councillor Dixon Fyle explained that the council need to engage with members of the community, as there were huge challenges ahead as local government are expected to receive a 25% cut in funding from central government but the council would know more following the announcement of the Comprehensive Spending Review on 20 October 2010. The council has already had to make £5 million worth of cuts in 2010/11.

Councillor Dixon Fyle stated that it was important to note the cuts were likely to be quite significant in the voluntary sector. The council will continue to work together with communities, voluntary sector and other services as well as protecting the most vulnerable residents. Cabinet members have agreed seven budget principles which will underpin the council's next budget.

Comments and questions were taken from the floor about the cuts coming from the coalition government and what the cabinet was doing to keep the community engaged.

It was noted that Members of the cabinet would visit community councils again in November 2010 where residents would be invited to get involved in the process and make suggestions on how to deliver services and where improvements could be made.

There would be other opportunities for residents to get involved via the council website, Southwark Life and by speaking to their local ward councillor.

10. PRESENTATION ON STREET LEADERS FROM OFFICERS IN ENVIRONMENT & HOUSING

Dave Taylor, StreetLeader Co-ordinator was present to talk about the Street Leaders scheme and how residents could get involved. The Street Leaders programme is an active citizen scheme consisting of local volunteers focusing on reporting and helping to resolve local environmental issues. For example, conducting visual audits, reporting issues to the council and removing graffiti. Dave explained that the scheme was initially launched in 2003 but has recently been revived to attract more volunteers to become street leaders.

There is also a junior street leader scheme which was piloted in 2004 which currently has 2000 street leaders across the borough. The junior Street Leader also conduct visual audits and report to a senior Street Leader.

A local street leader who covers Burbage Road was present at the meeting to explain that she has been a street leader for four years. Any concerns are run through the council via the website, email or phone she feels her role is an important one because residents feel they have a voice.

The kind of things that get reported are dead foxes, general street clean, issue with traders and signs that have gone missing. As a result the street is cleaner, greener and safer. The time spent on this is at least two hours a month depending on the number of people reporting

The Chair thanked the representatives for their presentation.

11. COMMUNITY SAFETY UPDATE

Sgt Warran conveyed his apologies to the meeting.

The Community Council noted the safer neighbourhood teams ward priorities for the Dulwich area:

Priorities for Village Ward:

- Robbery youth violence
- Motor vehicle crime
- Anti-social behaviour across the borough.

- 36 offences were reported in July which the SNT consider high and as a result increased patrols around Dulwich Park in conjunction with the wardens during the day and mostly at weekends. Offences dropped drop to six during the month of August.

- Two PCSOs detained a suspect who was identified as committing various robberies in the area

- Other reported offences were twenty two incidents of motor vehicle crime which range from stealing to damaging vehicles.

- There were seven cycle thefts and nine assaults.

The next ward panel meeting was on 22 September 2010 at St Barnabus Church.

Priorities for College

- Anti-social behaviour – Lordship Lane Estate and Croxted Rd Estate
- Illegal raves taking place in the Woods
- Dangerous dogs seized

A local resident asked for a night patrol police car between the hours of 10pm until 11pm as large groups of young people were gathering around

College ward. The Police agreed to relay this to Sgt Warran.

The next ward panel was on the 10 October 2010 on the Croxted Road Estate.

Priorities for East Dulwich SNT

- Burglary – there has been a 44% reduction in burglary. People were urged to display their neighbourhood watch scheme stickers to deter potential burglaries
- Motor vehicle crime – 11 offences of motor vehicle crime were reported however these could be higher as some go unreported
- Robbery – 5 robberies were reported over a 3 month period - none of these were considered violent (i.e. no weapons used)
- Youth engagement – longer term priority

To view full list of priorities for the three neighbourhood teams please go to: <http://www.met.police.uk/teams/southwark>

12. TRANSPORT PROJECTS PROGRAMME 2011 - 2012 (TRANSPORT PLANNING POLICY)

Summary of presentation

Barbara Selby, Head of Transport Planning explained the funding process would be much simpler than the previous local implementation plan (Lip) approved in 2006. The Mayor's Strategy would be a five year transport plan involving various local schemes being put forward for funding. Transport for London (TfL) had provided an indicative sum (costing scheme) so there was no way of knowing what schemes will be funded.

Types of schemes which would receive funding are:

- Simple infrastructure – to use in a more sustainable manner
- Approve traffic flows
- Improving journey times for buses and smarter travel (School Travel plan – school initiative)
- Looking at data – i.e. collisions, improving accessibility for buses /cycling and identifying clusters or hotspots.

The schemes which have been identified as having priority are those roads with the highest number of collisions or improving school travel for children. Other schemes will include:

- Upgrading the existing Pelican crossings
- Goose Green Primary School – improve bus stops and crossing within that locality
- Paxton Green – improve pedestrian crossing facilities, review roundabout, reduce speed etc. (this scheme is going forward to TfL for next year)
- Electric vehicle points, cycle training (part of the Mayor for London's hire scheme)
- 20mph zones, key walking routes and dropped kerbs near local shops.

Cllr Toby Eckersley stressed that high priority should be given to the extension of the 42 bus route which has been a long standing issue in the area.

Cllr Robin Crookshank Hilton asked if it were possible to install a bus terminus within the grounds of Dulwich Community Hospital. Barbara Selby agreed to speak to the planning officers about this.

AGREED:

DCC asked for a written report back at the next community council on the funds allocated for 20mph zones in the DCC area.

13. SOAP BOX SESSION - PUBLIC QUESTION / ANSWER TIME

The community council received two soap box questions/comments from Kenneth Hoole concerning:

1. Further information on Southwark Council's case in the High Court regarding allegations of illegal tipping in a Southwark Cemetery. Also what the Council are doing to prevent future illegal tipping taking place in Camberwell old cemetery and Camberwell new cemetery.

AGREED:

That the above question should be referred to Environment and Housing for a response.

2. The Government's White Paper - proposing fundamental changes to the National Health Service. Ken attended a meeting with the general practitioners committee of the British Medical Association where the above paper was discussed. The consultation period ends on 6 October 2010 which gives little time for Southwark to consult on the proposals.

AGREED:

DCC asks for a delay in the consultation period.

14. LOCAL PARKING AMENDMENTS - DULWICH COMMUNITY COUNCIL

EXECUTIVE FUNCTION

AGREED:

The following local parking schemes were approved as set out in the report subject to the outcome of any necessary statutory procedures:

- Lyall Avenue (1011Q2006)
- Heber Road (1011Q2024)

15. LEA SCHOOL GOVERNOR APPOINTMENTS (CLOSED AGENDA)

RESOLVED:

That the public be excluded from the meeting for the following items of business on the grounds that they involve the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in paragraphs 1 and 2, Access to Information Procedure rules of the Constitution.

AGREED:

DCC agreed that Edward Fenton be re-appointed as a LA governor representative at Goose Green Primary School.

16. LATE ITEM - HIGHWAYS AND LIGHTING CAPITAL INVESTMENT

EXECUTIVE FUNCTION

AGREED:

Officers agreed that a revised list of the highways and lighting schemes for Dulwich Community Council be presented to DCC at a future meeting giving particular regard to the roads suggested by local Councillors in order of priority and breakdown of costing for each scheme.

The meeting ended at 10.00pm

CHAIR:

DATED: