



DULWICH COMMUNITY COUNCIL

MINUTES of the Dulwich Community Council held on Monday 13 December 2010 at 7.00 pm at Dulwich Grove 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 Michael Mitchell
Councillor Lewis Robinson
Councillor Rosie Shimell
Councillor Andy Simmons

OFFICER SUPPORT: Abdi Mohamed Ibrahim, Neighbourhood Coordinator
Mark Whitehouse, Community Council Development Officer
Beverley Olamijulo, Constitutional Officer

1. INTRODUCTION AND WELCOME

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

2. APOLOGIES

Councillor Jonathan Mitchell submitted his apologies for absence and Councillor Rosie Shimell submitted her apologies for lateness.

3. DISCLOSURE OF MEMBERS' INTERESTS AND DISPENSATIONS

A Member declared an interest in relation to the following agenda item:

Agenda Item 11 – Health Service Provision in Southwark

Councillor Andy Simmons, personal, because he works for the NHS.

4. ITEMS OF BUSINESS THAT THE CHAIR DEEMS URGENT

There were no urgent items.

5. MINUTES FROM THE PREVIOUS MEETING

RESOLVED:

That the minutes of the meeting held on 10 November 2010 be agreed as a correct record of the meeting, and signed by the chair.

6. FEEDBACK FROM PREVIOUS MEETINGS (IF ANY)

None were given at the meeting.

7. DEPUTATIONS/PETITIONS (IF ANY)

None were received at the meeting.

8. CHAIR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS AND COMMUNITY PRESENTATIONS

The following were noted:

A representative from Patient Experience, NHS Southwark Primary Care Trust was present to talk about the complaints process, concerns expressed by patients on general health issues and getting a G.P.

Information about winter gritting and consultation on the Dog Control Order were available at the meeting. Cllr Toby Eckersley requested a formal agenda item at the meeting on the winter gritting programme to encourage self help on grit use and grit boxes. In addition to gritting encourage residents to band together to clear paths and pavements within their area.

Members agreed that this should be addressed at the next meeting.

9. COMMUNITY SAFETY UPDATES

The Community council noted the safer neighbourhoods teams ward priorities for the Dulwich area.

Priorities for College Ward SNT:

Burglary, crime prevention advice, targeting those who are vulnerable to communities, like the elderly. Also knocking on doors to check what the residents concerns are and how best to deal with problems in that area.

Sgt Warran reported that there is a on going consultation for local communities on how they want their local community policing to be. For example, how to deal with offences regarding underage drinking in the ward.

Priorities for East Dulwich Ward SNT:

Burglary: The SNT have suggested that residents that have sash windows in their homes should be extra vigilant as burglars are targeting these type of properties. The Sergeant talked about preventative measures like free marking kit available for Southwark residents and a pub watch scheme was set up to monitor licensed premises in the area.

Youth priority: There is to be a youth engagement day in March 2011 that would tackle the controversial debate on stop and search.

Speeding and using a mobile phone whilst driving: The SNT would issue tickets to those caught using their phones and speeding motorists sent a letter cautioning them for the offence. Those speeding excessively would be charged to court.

Sgt Jenkinson for Village Ward submitted his apologies at this meeting.

Further updates are to be given at the next meeting.

Safer neighbourhoods teams priorities should be available to view on the Southwark Police website: <http://www.met.police.uk/teams.southwark>

10. SOUTHWARK PENSIONERS CENTRE

Neil White from the Southwark Pensioners Centre was present to talk about the role of the centre which is a registered charity located in Camberwell, SE5. The project works with other pensioner groups across the borough, provide administrative support, offer room hire at the centre and training courses for older people. Many of the users are from Camberwell, Walworth, Dulwich and Peckham.

The centre offers advice on writing out wills and debt advice and publishes a monthly newsletter which many people find it as a valuable source of information. The centre also offers excursion trips and monthly shopping trips.

They run an extensive range of activities at various times during the week which include, a well attended dance and fitness class at the Aylesbury centre and Information Computer Technology classes. In addition run classes which focus on health and wellbeing by working in conjunction with local health organisations.

Neil explained that the lease on the premises runs out next year however the lease is likely to be renewed for a further 12 months. He said he would like to see a pensioners hub that could provide a whole range of services for older people. He concluded by stating that there needs to be more joined up and cross border working.

The chair thanked the presenter for attending the meeting.

11. HEALTH SERVICE PROVISION IN SOUTHWARK

Susanna White, Strategic director for health and community services spoke about the health provision in Southwark. This includes the changes that are due to take place which is a national government led reform programme of the Primary Care Trust that would cease to exist in 2013 and is to be replaced by the GP health commissioning.

The GP health commissioning would be responsible for some of the health services like local hospitals from early as next year.

NHS Southwark has produced a Balanced Performance GP score card: which lets you know how well your local GP practice is performing in a number of key areas. It is a performance framework which is reviewed each quarter giving patients more choice and providing more information like the patients charter and forum so people are better informed, have more of say with a much better service.

Susanna responded to questions concerning the current problems with GP Practices in that it there is no continuity of care, doctors surgeries are already oversubscribed, to ensure there is adequate cross borough working with other health organisations, e.g. Lambeth health care, having a better delivery of services and to have in place a Patient Forum in most GP Practices across the Borough.

Susanna explained that some services at King's College would discontinue at Dulwich Community Hospital. As it stands long term plans at DCH is still undecided and subject to further consultation and discussion with local residents.

Further information about NHS Southwark can be viewed on the website via the link below:

http://www.southwarkpct.nhs.uk/patient_information

12. CONSULTATION ON THE RESTRUCTURING OF THE SAFER NEIGHBOURHOODS TEAMS

Chief Inspector Rob Harper was present to introduce this item.

The Chief Inspector spoke about his role and responsibilities for all Safer Neighbourhood Teams in the Borough, the Safer School and Public Transport schemes.

He confirmed that there is to be a review of all SNTs which involves seeing how each one is resourced and whether it has the best structure for each ward – particularly for those wards that might experience some higher levels of crime in comparison to other neighbouring wards.

The Chief Inspector was hopeful that frontline services would not be axed which is the reason why he would like to hear the views of local residents. Questionnaires were available at the meeting for residents to complete and were encouraged to attend their local ward panel meetings. The general consensus was that the present model on community policing works well in the Dulwich area.

The chair thanked Chief Inspector Rob Harper for attending the community council meeting.

13. PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

None were highlighted.

14. LIGHTING AND HIGHWAYS REPORT

Executive decision

In addition to this year's £100,000 allocation for highways, there was an under spend from 2009-10 of £58,796 and in addition to this year's £75,000 allocation for lighting there was an under spend from 2009-10 of £12,748.67. These under spends were available for the community council to allocate this year.

AGREED: that the following schemes in the Dulwich Community Council area be undertaken with the estimated costs set out in Appendix 2 of the report:

Highways Schemes:

Village ward

£60k for surfacing works in Howletts Road and Warmington Road, this leaves £6,666 for the repair of potholes on roads which would be decided in consultation with the Village ward councillors.

East Dulwich ward

Deferred highway schemes until the next meeting.

College ward

Resurfacing works in Bowen Drive.

Lighting Schemes:

College ward

Crescent Wood Road

Village ward

Howletts Road
Warmington Road

East Dulwich ward

Friern Road
Crystal Palace Road
Dunstons Road
Barry Road

15. NORTH CROSS ROAD MARKET CONSULTATION RESULTS

A report on the North Cross Road market consultation was carried out in October 2010 to ascertain the views of the local community, traders, and businesses on extending the current Market from 20 to 30 pitches, and adding Sunday as an extra trading day. An advert was placed in the press in September 2010 to advise of the consultation, and questionnaires were distributed to residents in the streets around the market. The questionnaire was also put up online.

The consultation results came out in favour of both questions agreeing to add 10 pitches to the existing 20 and to add Sunday trading to the existing designation of Monday to Saturday.

Members noted the report.

Meeting ended at 9.35 pm

CHAIR:

DATED: