



PECKHAM COMMUNITY COUNCIL

MINUTES of the Peckham Community Council held on Tuesday 12 July 2011 at 7.00 pm at Bells Garden Community Centre, 19 Buller Close, London SE15 6UJ

PRESENT: Councillor Cleo Soanes (Chair)
Councillor Michael Situ (Vice-Chair)
Councillor Chris Brown
Councillor Richard Livingstone
Councillor Catherine McDonald

OFFICER SUPPORT: Simon Bevan, Interim Head of Planning and Transport
John McHenry, Markets Development Manager
Rumi Bose, Planning Policy Officer
Kate Johnson, Planning Policy Officer
Barbara-Ann Overwater, Planning Policy Officer
Nick Wolff, Project Development Manager
Marian Farrugia, Neighbourhood Co-ordinator Nunhead and Peckham
Nadine James, Community Council Development Officer
Alexa Coates, Principal Constitutional Officer

1. INTRODUCTION AND WELCOME

The chair welcomed councillors, including the newly elected Councillor Chirs Brown, members of the public and officers to the meeting.

2. APOLOGIES

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor Barrie Hargrove.

3. DISCLOSURE OF MEMBERS' INTERESTS AND DISPENSATIONS

There were none.

4. ITEMS OF BUSINESS THAT THE CHAIR DEEMS URGENT

The chair accepted a supplemental agenda containing an updated appendix 1 for agenda item 11, Community Council Fund 2011-12. The item was accepted as late and urgent as application information had been omitted from the original report.

5. MINUTES

RESOLVED:

The minutes of the meeting held on 12 May 2011 be agreed as a correct record and signed by the chair.

6. DEPUTATIONS/PETITIONS (IF ANY)

There were none.

7. COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

Youth community councils

Shakira from Children's Services informed the meeting about the Peckham and Nunhead and Peckham Rye youth community councils which were an opportunity for young people aged 13-19 to get involved and have their say on what the council does. Cllr McDonald added the young people involved were connected to the community and helped the council to understand the views of young people.

Veolia Job Fair,

Marian Farrugia, Neighbourhood Co-ordinator, announced that there would be a Veolia Job Fair on Thursday 14 July 1-5pm at the Jobcentre Plus on Peckham High Street.

St James the Great – CGS Project

Michelle Normanly, from Public Realm, was at the meeting to consult residents about the St James the Great Primary School CGS Project which had previously been approved by the community council. The project was to update a cycle track along Sumner Avenue and Michelle had brought along some initial designs to get people's views on. A mail out of the consultation information would also be sent to residents in the vicinity of the project.

Democracy Commission

The chair announced that the second phase of the Democracy Commission was to review the role and purpose of community councils. A questionnaire would be sent to all residents on the mailing list and people were encouraged to share their views on community councils. Comments could also be submitted to democracy@southwark.gov.uk

8. FEEDBACK ON YOUTH ENGAGEMENT MEETING

Marian Farrugia, Neighbourhood Co-ordinator gave some feedback on the previous community council meeting 'Peckham's got Talent' in terms of how the event was

managed. Generally people thought it had been a good event for celebrating the achievements of young people in Peckham and the opportunity for young people to directly question councillors was well received. It was suggested that in the future young people were given an even greater role in the meeting.

A film from the meeting was then screened.

9. PECKHAM AREA ACTION PLAN

9.1 PRESENTATION ON THE AREA ACTION PLAN

Rumi Bose, Planning Policy Officer, explained that the Nunhead and Peckham Area Action Plan was currently being consulted on, until 30 September 2011. The plan would set a planning framework for the area and was an opportunity to develop the good work already started such as: the Peckham Partnership, Peckham Pulse and Peckham Space. There were a number of stages to preparing the area action plan and the document was moving towards a 'preferred option' for the area and it was important to get people's input at this point. There would be events through the consultation to get people's views and an online questionnaire could be completed at: www.southwark.gov.uk/futurepeckham

In response to questions from residents Rumi explained the consultation was moving towards a preferred option this meant that some aspects of the plan had two options and some still had more work to be done. The document out for consultation was not the final plan.

Cllr Livingstone added that the Council had agreed to fund works to improve Peckham Rye Station.

9.2 GROUP DISCUSSIONS ON THE ACTION PLAN (Pages 1 - 2)

Rumi invited residents to take part in some brainstorming sessions on:

- Housing
- Retail
- Employment

The notes from the discussions are attached as an appendix to the minutes.

10. FARMERS' MARKET PECKHAM SQUARE

Annette and Atarhe from the Urban Farmers' market informed the meeting that the market which was held every Sunday between 9am and 1pm in Peckham Square. The market had been running for over 10 years and produce sold included: meat, buffalo cheese, honey, vegetables and bread. The produce was seasonal and grown in the UK. Annette and Atarhe were keen for more people to visit and use the market and were hoping to get more involved with schools to encourage families to visit.

Residents asked questions and made comments on: the prices at the market, the use of

taster sessions to draw in customers, the need to go into estates to promote the market, developing taster boxes to deliver to local people, the need to involve parents in any attempts to engage with young people and to incentivise the involvement of young people.

It was suggested that the market show young people where and how the food is produced so they understand the benefits of eating seasonal produce and arrange visits with schools to the farms where the food is produced. Residents asked if any volunteer or work experience opportunities were available in the market or with the farmers.

David Reid from Peckham forum offered to talk to Annette and Atarhe about publicising the market.

Annette and Atrahe thanked residents and councillors for their suggestions which they would look into and take forward.

11. COMMUNITY COUNCIL FUND 2011-12

Cllr Brown did not take part in the Community Council Fund 2011/12 decision and sat in the audience for the duration of the item.

Executive Function

RESOLVED

That the following funding is awarded from the Community Council Fund for 2011/12:

Arts Express	£1,000
Burgess Park Food Project	£998
COVO Connecting Voices	£960
Free Film Festivals	£900
Friary Environmental Network	£310
GLOT Fashion Academy	£1,000
Gloucester Grove TRA	£450
Little People's World	£900
Macro Basketball Club	£876
MCSAS UK	£998
Sickle Cell & Young Stroke Survivors	£1,000
Southwark Black Parent's Forum	£643
Sumner Road Residents Association	£1,000
Surrey Canal Allotment Society	£775
The Ernest Foundation	£1,000
Wickway Community Centre	£450
Wisegem	£1,000
World of Hope	£1,000

12. PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

Democracy Commission

In response to comments made earlier in the meeting Cllr Soanes explained that the Democracy Commission had made no recommendation on community councils but was considering their role and functions and how they could be improved. The Commission was also investigating ways to make a budget saving of £344,000. An item would be considered at the next Peckham community council meeting where residents could give their views on the review of community councils.

Cllr Livingstone added that savings were required across the council because of the scale of government cuts. Soutwark was required to make savings of £34 million.

Community Council Fund

Some questions were asked relating to the Community Council Fund and how funding was allocated.

Councillors explained that criteria is applied and things like who will benefit from the activity is considered. Not all schemes can be funded as the fund was over subscribed. Information was not always complete in applications forms and officers could be contacted if applicants needed help when completing the forms.

Provision of youth services

Joe Dobson, who represented a consortium of voluntary and community groups who use the Damilola Taylor Centre asked if councillors would support a proposal being collectively submitted by the groups in partnership with the Damilola Taylor Trust to have the management and delivery of services at the venue allocated to a committee made up of the groups plus the Police, local TRA, a ward Councillor and a representative of the Youth Service. Joe also asked if Cllr McDonald, Cabinet Member for Children's Services, would agree to meet with the groups to discuss their proposals.

In response Cllr McDonald stated she was happy to meet with the groups and explained that universal and targeted youth services were vitally important. Services had suffered budget cuts but £2.3 million was still available this year. The service was looking to transform as resident survey results suggested the service was in need of improvement. She stated the council would need to work more closely with voluntary and community groups in the future and the challenge was to improve services with a reduced budget.

Older people's services

A resident asked about services for older people, particularly as day centres were closing.

Cllr Livingstone explained that work was being done to help the day centres to work together to provide better value for money. Sometimes the day centres had not provided value for money, he gave an example where one meal provided cost £65. Funding was available for older people's services though: the social services innovation fund and the voluntary sector transition fund

Teenage Pregnancy Commission

Esy Oluwafemi, from Wisegem, informed the meeting that the report of the Teenage Pregnancy Commission which she had chaired had been approved and that the

recommendations would help reduce the rate of teenage pregnancy in the borough. She also commented on the presentation equipment at community council meetings and requested the laptops be updated.

A written question was submitted and the chair advised responses would be provided at the next meeting relating to bricking up a back garden entrances at the quenington block to prevent access through the gardens to the road by motor cyclists. It was also requested that the council deal with anti-social behaviour near Tuke school.

A further question was submitted for council assembly which has been passed to officers.

The meeting ended at 9.30 pm.

CHAIR:

DATED: