



NUNHEAD AND PECKHAM RYE COMMUNITY COUNCIL

MINUTES of the Nunhead and Peckham Rye Community Council held on Thursday
10 November 2011 at 7.00 pm at Rye Lane Chapel, 59A Rye Lane, Peckham, London
SE15 5EX

PRESENT:	Councillor Victoria Mills (Chair) Councillor Mark Glover (Vice-Chair) Councillor Sunil Chopra Councillor Nick Dolezal Councillor Gavin Edwards Councillor Renata Hamvas
OFFICER SUPPORT:	Andrea Allen, Senior Project Manager Kevin Dykes, Community Engagement Laura Hales, Low Carbon Zone 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, members of the public and officers to the meeting.

2. APOLOGIES

Apologies were received from Councillors: Fiona Colley, Rowenna Davis and Althea Smith.

3. DISCLOSURE OF MEMBERS' INTERESTS AND DISPENSATIONS

There were none.

4. ITEMS OF BUSINESS THAT THE CHAIR DEEMS URGENT

There were none.

5. MINUTES

RESOLVED:

That the minutes of the meeting held on 19 September 2011 be agreed as a correct record of the meeting and signed by the chair.

6. DEPUTATIONS/PETITIONS (IF ANY)

There were none.

7. COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

The chair presented a revealed certificate to Abdes-Samed El-Haouari from Southwark Muslim Forum who was collecting the certificate on behalf of Sadik Miah who had completed the training. The training was on an introduction to event management and was open to groups who had applied for community council funding.

The chair invited Abdes-Samed to say a few words, he invited people to attend an event held by the Muslim Forum on 20 November 12-5pm at John Donne primary school. All were welcome to attend and speak to the executive of the forum and find out more.

8. DEMOCRACY COMMISSION

The chair asked Councillor Mark Glover, who was a member of the Democracy Commission to introduce the item. Cllr Glover explained that the Commission has been tasked with reviewing community councils and how they are structured in the context of making a saving of £344,000. The commission was looking at different options and wanted to get input from residents before making its recommendations.

Kevin Dykes, from Community Engagement, gave some background on the budgets which supported community council meetings. The chair added that the savings required were significant and that changes would have to be made that might affect the size of community councils and the number of meetings held each year.

Attendees took part in a voting exercise on the what worked well at community councils at their preferred options for change.

The chair took suggestions from the floor. Some residents wanted to know the specific savings attached to each option, Cllr Glover explained that this was difficult to present as there were so many permutations. Cllr Glover asked residents if the number of community council areas were reduced was there a ward which residents felt naturally fitted, some stated Peckham. Some residents expressed concerns about reducing the number of

community council areas as they felt particular ward issues could be 'swallowed up' in larger community council areas.

Residents asked about planning decisions at community councils and why the budget supported that function. The chair explained that some planning decisions were devolved to community councils and there were costs associated with this. The community council was part of the whole council budget. Planning decisions were taken by: officers, planning committee and community councils. The Commission were considering whether those decisions could be taken elsewhere for example at a planning sub-committee which would generate savings.

9. CAR CLUB PROJECT

Andrea Allen, from public realm, outlined what the car club project was. It was council policy that by 2014 residents would only be a 10 minute walk from a car club car. Car clubs were more environmentally friendly than owning a car and reduced parking issues. The council was aiming to install more car club parking spaces and members would consider a report later in the meeting on locations in the Nunhead and Peckham Rye Community Council area.

A resident asked about the level of demand and the chair highlighted more spaces were being considered to meet demand for cars.

10. CLEANER GREENER SAFER

Andrea Allen, from public realm, announced the launch of the Cleaner, Greener, Safer Fund for 2012/13. £238,000 of funding was available in the Nunhead and Peckham Rye Community Council area and the closing date for applications was Friday 6 January 2012.

Andrea explained that the criteria included:

- Projects must require capital, not revenue, funding
- Projects must make the area cleaner, greener or safer
- Projects must not contravene council policy

Previous projects had included:

- The creation of meadows in parks
- Installation of 5-a-side football pitches
- Facilities for young people
- Lighting on estates

Don McCoan and Kelly Essex who had successfully applied for funding for CGS money talked about their project. They were lacking a space for community meetings at Brenchley Gardens and so applied for funding to convert a disused laundry building into a community centre. The hall has been built and the TRA held events there including: an over 50s club, tea mornings and bingo nights.

Don encouraged people to fill the form in and apply for CGS funding as the TRA did not expect to receive any money and now have a community hall for residents to use.

11. RE:NEW HOME ENERGY EFFICIENCY SCHEME

Laura Hales, Low Carbon Zone Manager, informed residents about the Re:new Home Energy Efficiency Scheme. The scheme was available to residents in Nunhead ward and free products were available including: light bulbs, radiator panels and energy monitors. Residents could sign up for a energy home assessment where energy saving measures could be fitted for them. Laura explained that the scheme had just launched and that a letter would be sent to all residents who were eligible to benefit from the scheme. Laura pointed out that some companies were contacting residents selling loft installation and were claiming to be doing this on behalf of the council, although some companies were legitimate Laura advised that residents approached take contact details and check with the council before purchasing.

Cllr Glover asked if the scheme was related to the Green Deal. Laura stated that this was being consulted on and not yet implemented but that she could take details of people interested in the Green Deal.

In response to further questions from the floor Laura explained that advice could be given on saving energy as part of an energy home assessment and that the scheme included all residents in the Nunhead ward whether they were home owners, private tenants or council tenants.

12. PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

The chair took questions/issues from the floor.

Garages at Brenchley Gardens were updated as part of the decent home programme 18 months ago and the electricity was cut off for re-wiring, electricity has not been reinstated and the council or utility companies are not taking responsibility.

Action: Peckham Rye ward members to raise with the relevant cabinet member. The chair also advised that the next theme for council assembly was housing and would be held on 29 November 7pm at The Charter School, Red Post Hill, Dulwich SE24 9JH. Public questions on the theme could be submitted in writing prior to the meeting.

Traffic issues on St Mary's Road – part of the planning conditions for 38 St Mary's Road was for a traffic survey to be completed. Has this been done and what were the results? Traffic issues are particularly bad as there is no right turn to Lausanne Road since changes made to traffic flows towards New Cross Gate.

Cllr Sunil Chopra explained that there had been dialogue with TfL on this issue previously.

Action: Cllr Chopra to raise with other Nunhead councillors and for the issue be raised as a community council public question to full council on 29 November.

A resident asked if councillors were aware of plans to merge Nell Gwynn nursery on Meeting House Lane with other nurseries.

Action: Councillors to look into this and report back.

Space opposite John Donne primary school has been demolished, what will this be used for?

Action: Cllr Chopra to check with the council's property team.

Is the disused toilet at the junction of East Dulwich Road and Nunhead Lane going to become a nursery? And have parking issues which will be created been considered?

Cllr Gavin Edwards responded that the site is going to be a nursery and was due to open on 15 December. He advised that there were traffic issues already in the area and parents would not be able to drop children off at the nursery as it was on a red route.

Action: raise with public realm for monitoring

Would shops burned down in the disturbances be repaired to avoid them becoming a 'monument to the riots'?

Councillors advised that they expect any shop owners who's property had been damaged during the disturbances would be going through insurance claims process to restore their premises.

A resident raised an individual issue relating to cavity wall insulation.

Councillors advised they would take her contact details after the meeting and investigate further.

Councillor Nick Dolezal announced that Lane ward surgeries would be held on the 2nd Saturday of the month starting in December at the Rye Lane Chapel, he thanked the Chapel for use of the space. He also update the meeting that the first meeting with local traders had taken place and councillors had taken action points from that meeting including: cleaning and lighting issues.

13. LOCAL PARKING AMENDMENTS AND CAR CLUB EXPANSION

Executive Function

Members considered the information in the report.

RESOLVED:

1. That the following local parking amendment, detailed in the appendices to the report, be approved for implementation subject to the outcome of any necessary statutory procedures:
 - St Asaph Road - extend existing "at any time" waiting restrictions (double yellow lines)
2. The shortlist for potential future car club locations, outlined below, be approved

Street	Priority
Avondale Rise	2011/12
Bellwood Road	2011/12
Machell Road	2011/12
Asylum Road	2012/13
Linden Grove	2012/13
Nigel Road	2012/13
Nutbrook Street	2012/13
St Aidans Road	2012/13
Surrey Road	2012/13
Wroxton Road	2012/13
Belfort Road	2013/14 onwards (or before, if demand increases)
Blenheim Grove	2013/14 onwards (or before, if demand increases)
Colyton Road	2013/14 onwards (or before, if demand increases)
Daniels Road	2013/14 onwards (or before, if demand increases)
Friern Road	2013/14 onwards (or before, if demand increases)
Goodrich Road	2013/14 onwards (or before, if demand increases)
Marmora Road	2013/14 onwards (or before, if demand increases)
Old James Street	2013/14 onwards (or before, if demand increases)
Somerton Road	2013/14 onwards (or before, if demand increases)
The Gardens	2013/14 onwards (or before, if demand increases)

3. That the Talford Place site, suggested in the report, be subject to further consultation, in relation to the development of 7 Talford Place.
4. That three locations from the shortlist be selected for implementation during 2011/12 (recommended: Avondale Rise, Bellwood Road, Machell Road)
5. That seven locations from the shortlist be selected for implementation during 2012/13 (recommended: Asylum Road, Linden Grove, Nigel Road, Nutbrook Street, St. Aidans

Road, Surrey Road, Wroxton Road).

That prior to implementation, each car club location is subject to local (informal) consultation and the completion of any necessary statutory procedures.

To consider the local parking amendments as set out in the report.

14. HIGHWAYS DEVOLVED CAPITAL FUNDING FOR 2012/13

Executive Function

Members considered the information in the report.

RESOLVED:

1. That the decision be deferred
2. That officers be requested to investigate works at the following locations:
 - Kesten Road - pavements
 - Astbury Road – pavements
 - Rye Hill Estate car park area – potholes

15. CLEANER, GREENER, SAFER FUNDING REALLOCATION

Executive Function

Members considered the information in the report.

RESOLVED:

1. That Nunhead and Peckham Rye Community Council note there is an under spend of £43,100 available to allocate to other schemes or to add to next year's Cleaner Greener Safer programme.
2. That £11,000 be reallocated to Westminster House Youth Club WC refurbishment.
3. That the remaining £32,100 available under spend funding be added to 2012-13 Cleaner Greener Safer programme budget.

16. EXCLUSION OF THE PUBLIC AND PRESS

Members did not resolve to exclude the public and press as they did not discuss the exempt information and agreed the recommendations set out in the closed report.

17. SCHOOL GOVERNOR NOMINATIONS

Executive Function

RESOLVED:

That Mr Scott Young be appointed school governor for Bellenden Primary School.

The meeting ended at 9.10 pm.

CHAIR:

DATED: