



WALWORTH COMMUNITY COUNCIL

MINUTES of the Walworth Community Council held on Saturday 10 March 2012 at 1.00 pm at Thurlow Lodge Community Hall, 1 Thurlow Street, London SE17 2US

- PRESENT:** Councillor Martin Seaton (Chair)
Councillor Darren Merrill (Vice-Chair)
Councillor Catherine Bowman
Councillor Neil Coyle
Councillor Dan Garfield
Councillor Lorraine Lauder MBE
Councillor Abdul Mohamed
Councillor Helen Morrissey
- OFFICER SUPPORT:** Chris Alleyne (Youth Development Coordinator)
Pauline Bonner (Area Coordinator)
Paul Cowell (Events, Film and 2012 Manager)
Kate Johnson (Senior Planning Policy Officer)
Fitzroy Lewis (Community Council Development Officer)
Gerald Gohler (Constitutional Officer)

1. INTRODUCTION AND WELCOME

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

2. APOLOGIES

There were apologies for absence from Councillor Patrick Diamond; and for lateness from Councillor Helen Morrissey.

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 21 January 2011 be agreed as an accurate record, and signed by the chair.

6. DEPUTATIONS/PETITIONS (IF ANY)

There were none.

7. COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

Walworth Youth Community Council

Members of the Walworth Youth Community Council (WYCC) explained that the purpose of the Youth Community Council was to give young people from 13-19 a voice. Members of the WYCC had been working on a petition about betting shops and payday loan shops in Walworth Road, of which there were at least 17. This created a problem for the community, as the shops attracted people with multiple addiction problems and so turned Walworth Road into a no-go area at certain times of the day. Residents using cash-points were being harrassed for money, which could be very intimidating. Furthermore, in a community, in which many families struggled with poverty, an increase in the number of betting shops did not help. Because under-18s were not allowed to work in these kinds of establishments, they also decreased employment opportunities for local young people in the area. The WYCC had collected more than 250 signatures on their petition and had attracted national press coverage. They called on the council to look at a saturation policy for betting shops and payday loan shops in the Walworth area. Answering questions from the floor, the members of WYCC said that they would be meeting with Harriet Harman MP soon, and that they had not looked at the issue in conjunction with addiction services in the area.

The chair suggested taking this issue to a future council assembly meeting, and asked whether there was general agreement for this from the floor, which there was.

Elephant and Castle Supplementary Planning Document (SPD)

Kate Johnson, Senior Planning Policy Officer, said that the feedback from the workshops held at the last Walworth Community Council had been used as part of the consultation process which was now closed. As a result of the consultation process amendments to the document had been made. The feedback from the workshops held at the Walworth Community Council was also included in the agenda packs for this meeting. The SPD was scheduled to be adopted by cabinet on 20 March 2012. All the information, including consultation responses were available from the SPD-website:

http://www.southwark.gov.uk/info/200151/supplementary_planning_documents_and_guidance/2040/elephant_and_castle_spd_oapf

She went on to say that the consultation responses would be made available on the website from 13 March 2012, and there would be a hardcopy available in the library on Walworth Road. She invited residents to give the planning policy team a call, if they had questions about the document. Responding to a question from the chair, Kate said she would find out which organisations and individuals had been written to, to advertise the consultation process. She went on to say that the methods of publicising the consultation and the event were also set out on the website. Kate went on to explain that officers appreciated that the time between the publication of the consultation report and the adoption by cabinet was short, which was why the summary report and the information had been put on the web. A question was raised about the quality of a map used by LendLease as part of their consultation. Kate said she would speak to the resident in question outside the meeting and pass the information on to LendLease.

ACTION: Provide feedback on which individuals and groups had been written to as part of the consultation around the Elephant and Castle SPD.

Safer Neighbourhoods Teams (SNT) feedback

PS Chris Daly, from East Walworth SNT gave apologies on behalf of PS Vinny Gage and said he would feedback on all three wards.

Activities and priorities of Faraday SNT had included rough sleepers on the Bradenham and Chiltern estates, drugs and prostitution on the Nelson Estate, squatters on the Gayhurst Estate, and the sale of stolen goods and trademark offences in a local pub. The next Faraday ward panel meeting would be on 9 May 2012, at Inspire in Liverpool Grove.

Activities and priorities for Newington SNT had included: drug dealing in Penrose House and Pasley Park, illegal DVD sellers and anti-social behaviour on Walworth Road, shutting down two crack houses, and the execution of a warrant on a DVD factory. The next ward panel would be on 21 March 2012, at Pasley TRA Hall

The next ward panel for East Walworth would be in the nursery on Browning Street on 25 April at 7pm. Recent activities and priorities in East Walworth had included robberies and pick-pocketing in East Street, youth anti-social behaviour and criminal damage to motor vehicles. Plain clothes operations on East Street seem to have worked as a deterrence. The team had done outreach work with the youth groups from Victory Church and the Penbrook Youth group. All SNTs had taken part in a junior citizenship course delivered in schools, had addressed the two local gangs, and participated in London-wide operations to stop illegal scrap metal dealing.

PS Daly also informed the meeting that the police had a zero tolerance approach to anti-social behaviour. Parents and guardians were also being spoken to, to inform them of the fact that they may lose their council tenancy, if members of their family persisted in behaving anti-socially. He went on to say that the Safer Neighbourhoods Teams had received information about their Olympic duties, and told the meeting that the police would need to cover many events. Therefore, there would be fewer of them on the ground in the local area, during that time.

Responding to questions from the floor, PS Daly explained that the police had limited powers against squatters, if they were not in possession of a court order. He went on to

say that councillors should speak to PS Gage about arrests on the Nelson Estate, and explained that the police had no powers regarding licensed premises legally dispensing methadone. The SNT were, however, aware of the problems around Congreve Street, and had used plain clothes officers to deal with some of the issues.

The chair expressed his gratitude to the police for risking their lives in the course of their duties.

Walworth Society

Jeremy Leach, from the Walworth Society, informed the meeting that the society was organising three walkabouts in each of the wards. These were aimed at taking stock of the buildings, local places and green spaces, which people wished to protect in light of the new powers for communities contained in the Localism Act. The walkabouts would be on: Saturday 31 March (East Walworth), Saturday 5 May (Newington) and Saturday 12 May (Faraday).

Southwark Probation Service

Louis Ball, from the London Probation Trust, informed the meeting that community groups and institutions could benefit from free work by offenders under the community pay back scheme. PS Daly clarified that the offenders doing the work had all been risk assessed, and would be supervised by PCSOs and/or PCs while they carried out their work. Residents suggested that the probation service should contact the Southwark Pensioners' Centre who were always in need of volunteers and unpaid helpers. Paul said he would leave some leaflets at the welcome desk.

Local history of public health

Councillor Catherine Bowman informed the meeting that films developed by the erstwhile Bermondsey council, as part of a public health and regeneration campaign from 1926 to 1950, were being shown at the Wellcome Collection, 205-301 Euston Road, in an exhibition entitled "Here comes good health".

St Peter's

Father Andrew informed the meeting that there would be a Community Celebration in Faraday Gardens next to St Peter's in Liverpool Grove on the Jubilee Weekend - 2 June 2012. Councillor Lorraine Lauder, the Worshipful Mayor of Southwark, would be the patron of the event. On Saint Patrick's Day, there would also be a fun evening fundraiser for the 2 June event.

East Walworth Green Links

The meeting heard that there was going to be a day of tree planting on 12 April 2012 from 10am-3pm in Tantum Street.

8. OLYMPIC AND PARALYMPIC GAMES

Paul Cowell, Events, Film and 2012 Manager; Chris Alleyne, Youth Development Co-ordinator; and Jon McGrath, Network Co-ordinator (Mouchel), presented information about the Olympics and Paralympics, how these would affect Southwark, and how the council was going to mark the occasion.

The meeting heard about the council's vision for the games, the Southwark Olympic

Delivery Board and the duties of the operational planning group, which had been set up to ensure Southwark supported inspirational, safe and inclusive Games. The group considered the following impacts on the borough: increased footfall, cleanliness, safety and security, illegal trading and environmental enforcement, health and safety, operational planning and testing, as well as transport and networks.

The Olympic key dates were as follows:

Olympic Torch Relay starts (UK Wide)	18 May 2012
Torch Relay arrives in London	21 Jul 2012
Olympics – Opening Ceremony	27 Jul 2012
Olympics – Closing Ceremony	12 Aug 2012
Paralympics – Opening	29 Aug 2012
Paralympics – Closing	09 Sept 2012

The impact on London would be an expected 4 million extra tourists (12 million in total), 20 million extra trips would be made within London during the 2012 Games. 80% of spectators would be travelling by rail (including the Underground), which meant that the Games were likely to impact on service delivery in four main areas: journeys to and from work, business travel, travel for customers or other visitors, and deliveries/collections. In Southwark, commuters were advised not to use London Bridge and Canada Water stations.

Roads

While Southwark did not have any Olympic Route Network (ORN) roads, there were some Alternative Olympic route network (AORN) roads and Road Event Olympic route network (REORN) roads in the borough. The AORNs included Tooley Street and Jamaica Road in the north and Camberwell New Road, Peckham Road, Peckham High Street and Queens Road in the centre of the borough. The AORN would be implemented in the event that the ORN could not be used and when the marathon road races were on. The marathon route included the A201 New Kent Road & A100 Tower Bridge Road, and would be in operation on Day 9 - Sunday 5th August 2012, and day 16 - Sunday 12th August 2012. On these days there would be traffic signal timing changes and adjusted stopping restrictions. TfL's embargo preventing all non-emergency street works/road works on the ORN, AORN and REORN, and on all A and B roads was in effect throughout London from 1 March 2012 to 30 September 2012. Southwark would enforce a road works embargo on all roads in the north of the borough from 1 July 2012 – 9 September 2012. During the torch relay there would also be rolling road closures.

Look and feel

The council would also aim to ensure that Southwark looks and feels its best during the Games and to market the borough's significant cultural offer. There would be over 200 cultural events and activities during the games including: the Rings on the River, LARGACTYL Shuffle, Spectaculars, The Elephant and the Nun, Globe to Globe, Theatre Peckham, Thames Festival and many others. A summer culture brochure detailing events from June – September would also be available.

Furthermore, there would be the Southwark Experience Zone which included a £320,000 GLA-funded street dressing programme for the north of the borough and a £50,000 GLA-funded street dressing programme that included Camberwell. Other public realm projects

included the Riverside accessibility project (£2.6m, GLA-funded) and the Legible London project (£250,000, externally funded) to improve way finding.

Young people

In terms of engaging young people this mainly consisted of liaising and working with schools, with the focus on sports, culture, volunteering and communications.

Legacy fund

The meeting also heard about the capital legacy fund, which had received 40 submissions for stage one (totalling £8.7m). Out of these, 17 projects had been invited back to stage two of the funding process, and 10 projects had been chosen. The implementation stage was now underway. Among the successful projects were: Bethwin Sports, Burgess Park BMX Track, Homestall Road Sports Ground Development, Outdoor disability multi-sports court, Peckham Pulse Pool Hoist, Trinity College Centre Outdoor sports area.

For further information, contact:

Paul Cowell, 020 7525 0857, paul.cowell@southwark.gov.uk or Ben Finden, 020 7525 1289 , benjamin.finden@southwark.gov.uk.

9. BOWEL CANCER UK

Clare Stephenson, from Bowel Cancer UK, spoke to the meeting about the importance of getting tested for bowel cancer. She said the organisation was a small nationwide charity which had three main aims: awareness raising, campaigning for treatment, and providing information for people affected by the disease.

The disease affected men and women equally, and there was a great lack of awareness of the symptoms and risk factors. The symptoms for bowel cancer were bleeding or blood in the stool, bowel habits changing, weight loss, or lumps or bumps in the abdomen. If a person displayed any of these symptoms, they should visit their GP. In terms of the risk factors, these were age (50+) and a family history of Crohn's disease, polyps in the colon and type 2 diabetes.

The good news was that everyone could decrease their risk factors by: reducing their meat intake (especially of processed meat), eating more fruit and vegetables, exercising and drinking enough water. Furthermore, smoking cessation and being screened for polyps in the bowel were important. People aged 60 to 69 were able to pick up free testing kits from their GPs. Responding to questions from the floor, Clare explained that only 60-69 year-olds were eligible for a free testing kit, but that anyone who had the symptoms she had outlined should visit their GP. She encouraged people who knew individuals over 60 to talk to them about the screening programme. Responding to questions from the floor, Clare explained that there were no studies to say whether there were certain types of red meat that were less harmful than others. The scientific advice was not to consume more than 500 grams of red meat a week.

10. OPEN SPACES STRATEGY

Kate Johnson, Senior Planning Policy Officer, informed the meeting about the consultation currently being undertaken. The open space strategy set out a framework for open space provision in the borough, replaced work previously undertaken in 2003 and updated the work carried out in 2010. The document would make up an important part of the evidence base needed in the preparation of planning policy documents. The public consultation on the draft strategy would run until 24 April 2012, and the final strategy was scheduled to be adopted in September 2012. As part of the consultation, a survey among 750 residents had been conducted by telephone. The sample had been stratified by age, gender and location. Some of the results are as follows:

- High levels of satisfaction in open spaces (over 80%); highest amongst older age groups
- Almost 90% rate the quality of open space as good or very good
- Smaller open spaces, cemeteries and amenity spaces were considered to be of poorest quality
- Just 10% of residents stated that they do not visit open spaces. Majority of these due to time constraints or health reasons
- Value of smaller open spaces was reinforced, although larger parks were also very popular

As part of the exercise, an open space needs analysis was put together which looked at various factors, such as population density, child density, health deprivation and accommodation type. A site audit was also conducted which had looked at the uses and utilisation of the various open spaces, as well as their level of accessibility. The report also looked at different sub-areas: the Aylesbury and Walworth sub-area had the highest level of park provision per head of the population, largely because Burgess Park formed about 25% of the total area, in addition to which there was a range of smaller open spaces, including a number of allotments and smaller parks. Housing amenity space also provided a significant open space resource in this area.

The Elephant and Castle sub-area had a relatively limited range of open space, consisting mainly of small parks and open spaces. The far west of the area also accommodated Geraldine Mary Harmsworth Park which surrounds the Imperial War Museum.

Kate informed the meeting that there would be two workshops on the Open Space Strategy on:

- Saturday 17 March, 10.30am – 12.30pm, at 160 Tooley St , SE1
- Thursday 22 March, 6pm - 8pm at Peckham Library

Responding to questions from the floor, Kate said that more information was available from the website:

http://www.southwark.gov.uk/info/200272/evidence_base/1611/environment.

Responding to further questions, Kate explained that in order to protect open and green spaces, TRAs and other organisations could write in to recommend the space for protection. Depending on the levels of support, these could then be included in the relevant planning document, which would start to be prepared this year. The process

would take about 3 years: there were statutory consultation periods and an independent inspector would have to assess the space, before it went to cabinet. Responding to a question about green links across the borough, Kate said that officers would like input from residents on what these should look like. Officers would work with the community, and were going to put forward these ideas.

A question was raised about why there was no lighting in Burgess Park, why it was not going to be shut at night, and why the children's area was so close to Albany Road which represented a safety concern. Kate responded that the parks department would have to respond to this.

ACTION: Parks department to respond to the above query.

11. CLEANER GREENER SAFER CAPITAL FUND

Executive Function

Members considered the information in the report.

RESOLVED:

That the following works be funded from the Walworth Community Council Cleaner Greener Safer capital fund budget 2012/13:

EAST WALWORTH	AWARDED
Wansey Street Community Garden	£4,860
Kingslake TRA green play area	£32,000
Congreve Community Gardens/Allotments	£28,000
Improvements to Locksfield Sheltered Housing Unit green area	£12,500
Bins, benches and bird boxes for Burgess Park food project	£2,230
Green walkway in Nursery Row Park	£1,080
EAST WALWORTH TOTAL	£80,670
EAST WALWORTH UNALLOCATED	£4,255
FARADAY	
Nelson estate community gardens and bicycle lockers	£27,000
Protect trees in Faraday gardens	£2,600
Improvements to Charlie and Bett Diamond's Memorial garden	£2,268
Fielding Street allotments improvements	£8,250
Environmental Improvement Fund	£44,807
FARADAY TOTAL	£84,925

NEWINGTON	
Children's gardening project on Brandon estate	£2,700
Landscape the green on Penrose estate	£25,000
Planting and greening on Lorrimore Road	£13,000
Promoting wider use of Pullens centre	£1,000
Improvements to the park environment (Pasley park)	£13,900
Crocus planting at Kennington Open Space	£1,080
Making Walworth Garden Farm more visible and accessible for the community	£19,995
Fielding Street allotments	£8,250
NEWINGTON TOTAL	£84,925

Andrea Allen explained that any under spend would be available to be reallocated for 2 years.

12. CLEANER GREENER SAFER (CGS) REVENUE FUND

Pauline Bonner explained that there would be £10,000 of CGS revenue funding available per ward for the 2012/2013 financial year, and gave a few examples of what could be funded: lollypop ladies or events which fulfilled the cleaner, greener, safer criteria.

This year there was no formal application form, due to the timescales for the 2012/13 programme. The funding had only been agreed by Council Assembly on 28 February 2012. Pauline invited residents to submit their ideas directly to her before Friday 30 March 2012. Pauline can be contacted on 020 7525 1019 or at Pauline.Bonner@southwark.gov.uk.

The chair also encouraged people to submit their ideas.

13. PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

The chair invited public questions from the floor. The following questions were asked:

Can free parking be introduced on Kinglake Estate, as many residents experienced problems parking on the estate? The chair asked the resident to speak to him after the meeting.

When will TfL be coming to the meeting to explain about the "AD" parking badges? The chair explained that officers had contacted TfL, and would continue to request their attendance at a future meeting.

What could those organisations do, whose projects had not been awarded CGS funding. The chair responded that the under spend would be added to the allocation for next year, and new applications would have to be submitted then.

Did the SPD take the 'right to light' into account, in terms of the height of buildings, especially in Rodney Road, Balfour Street, Henshaw Street and Chatham Street. Members responded that as part of the planning process, they had to take this into account, when making decisions at planning committee.

Further questions were asked, for which feedback will be provided:

1. Where will the temporary public toilets during the Olympics be located?
2. Why did the works carried out on the junction at Manor Place and Penton Place bear no resemblance to what was consulted on in August 2011? Why were people consulted at all, if it does not make any difference?
3. Why are there no signs like the ones in Westminster directing people to tourist sites which point in the direction in which people are facing, like the Imperial War Museum?
4. Why did the Burgess Park consultation not consult on everything: for example that there will be no lighting, the hills at Albany Road end, the track that goes around and the children's playground next to the car park?

In addition to this, the following questions were submitted in writing.

1. "About the wardens: what are you doing about sheltered housing?"
2. "Can the council remove the banners and boards that Ivory Arch attach to the metal barriers at the northern end of Walworth Road?"
3. "Why are there one-way systems operating on parts of East Street and King and Queen Street, when they are massively ignored? Half the cars parked in these zones are facing the wrong direction."

EXCLUSION OF THE PUBLIC AND PRESS

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.

14. SCHOOL GOVERNORS APPOINTMENTS

Executive Function

Members considered the information in the report.

RESOLVED:

That Mrs Olayinka Ewuola be appointed as a school governor at Cobourg Primary School.

That Miss Rebecca Lury be appointed as a school governor at Michael Faraday Primary School.

The meeting ended at 3.30 pm.

CHAIR:

DATED: