



PECKHAM COMMUNITY COUNCIL

MINUTES of the Peckham Community Council held on Saturday 24 March 2012 at 1.00 pm at Tuke School, Daniel Gardens, London, SE15 6ER

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

OTHER MEMBERS

PRESENT: Councillor Veronica Ward, Cabinet Member for culture, leisure, sport and the Olympics

OFFICER SUPPORT:

Ann Cochrane, Apprenticeship Programme Manager
Lindani Dlodlo, Flooding and Drainage Manager
Simon Phillips, Principal Transport Planner
Alison Squires, Planning Policy Team Leader
Marian Farrugia, Neighbourhood Co-ordinator
Nadine James, Community Council Co-ordinator
Tim Murtagh, Constitutional Officer

1. INTRODUCTION AND WELCOME

The chair welcomed councillors, 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

There were none.

5. MINUTES

RESOLVED:

That the minutes of the meetings held on 17 March 2011 and 10 January 2012 be agreed as a correct record of those meetings, and signed by the chair.

6. DEPUTATIONS/PETITIONS (IF ANY)

There were none.

7. COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

Simon Phillips, Principal Transport Planner, outlined plans for Queens Road station in Peckham. The plan was to create a new public space / square and a new entrance on the West side. Consultation on the planned plaza was underway and comments were welcome.

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8. THEME - EMPLOYMENT

The chair thanked all the organisations and people that had attended that day's job fair at Tuke School and for making it a success.

Karen Ruby, Peckham Job Centre Plus Adviser, explained that her role was to manage a team of advisers for 16 to 24-year-olds. The team of advisers were working towards the youth contract which would come into being in April 2012. There would be bespoke training to help young people get into a particular sector and gain work experience with a guaranteed job interview at the end of it. There would also be waged apprenticeships.

Ann Cochrane, Apprenticeship Programme Manager, outlined the apprentice scheme at Southwark Council that had 38 new places starting in September 2012. The scheme was expanding and working with a wide range of contractors. The apprentices were successful, many had gone on to do degrees and were employed at the council. Contact: ann.cochrane@southwark.gov.uk or Tel. 020 7525 1490

Peckham Shed performed a play about employment opportunities and the approach and concerns of young people. The performance was based on workshops they had undertaken with young people earlier in the day.

Marian Farrugia, Neighbourhood Co-ordinator, said that the job fair had been very popular

and included organisations such as Kings College Hospital, Veolia and contractors at the Shard. There would be more detailed feedback at the April meeting.

9. FLOOD RISK MANAGEMENT STRATEGY

Lindani Dlodlo, Flooding and Drainage Manager outlined the strategy

Southwark was now a Lead Local Flood Authority (LLFA) responsible for flood risk from ordinary water courses, surface water and ground water.

Other responsible groups:

- Sewer flooding by Thames Water
- Tidal flooding by The Environment Agency
- Reservoir flooding by Owner / Environment Agency

Lindani said there were two documents that tackled the potential flooding problems and officers were now looking for community input and volunteers to assist the studies.

Preliminary Flood Risk Assessment

- Significant flood risk
- Critical drainage areas
- Consequences of past and future flooding

Surface Water Management Plan

- Identifies flooding – sources and mechanisms
- Investment to reduce the likelihood of flooding
- Community engagement to reduce impact

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In response to questions, Lindani said he would be happy to present at Tenants and Residents Association meetings where requested.

10. PLANNING POLICY

Alison Squires, Planning Policy Team Leader, explained there were six themes within the Area Action Plan (AAP)

- Enterprise and activity: Peckham town centre – shops, leisure, cultural facilities, local shops, takeaways, markets, business space
- Community well-being: schools, health facilities, sports facilities, community facilities
- Transport and traffic: active travel, public transport, road network, parking for residential
- Homes: 2,000 new homes, 1,500 in the core action area, 700 private / 700 affordable, 20-30% family
- Natural environment: open spaces, energy, waste, water, flooding, pollution, trees
- Design and heritage: public realms, built form, building heights, heritage

The AAP was at the preferred option stage and consultation would run until 24 April 2012.

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Southwark's draft Open Space Strategy was currently out for consultation.

- Sets out a framework for open space provision in the borough
- The open space strategy replaces work previously undertaken in 2003 and updates the work carried out in 2010
- The document was an important part of the evidence base needed in the preparation of planning policy documents
- Public consultation on the draft strategy would run until 24 April 2012 with the final strategy adopted in September 2012

The AAP would protect the additional open spaces identified through the strategy. New protected open spaces would include: Calypso Gardens, Jowett Street Park, Central Venture Park. A new site of importance for nature conservation identified was Surrey Canal Walk and Warwick Gardens.

In response to questions, Alison said that regarding cycling, there was a policy on active travel which would prioritise cycle routes linking key locations such as schools, town centres and train stations.

There was a 45 minute break during which workshops took place on the Area Action Plan and Open Spaces Strategy. Councillor Catherine McDonald departed during the break.

The chair thanked all those who had taken part in the workshops and ideas would all be fed into the process.

Two local young men, Sebastian and Cameron said their vision for Peckham was more friendly people, security and fun events.

The chair announced that one of the meeting co-ordinators, Nadine James would sadly be leaving Southwark for pastures new. The chair said she had been thrilled to work with Nadine over many years and admired her advice and calmness and thanked her for all her support.

11. LONDON 2012 OLYMPICS AND PARALYMPICS

Councillor Veronica Ward, Cabinet Member for culture, leisure, sport and the Olympics, explained that although Southwark was not a host borough to the Olympics and Paralympics (the Games) there was much to look forward to in relation to the Games. It was important to promote sport among young people and there would be a mini-Olympics happening in the different community areas within Southwark. There would also be several cultural events for people to take part in connected to the Games. The Globe Theatre was staging Shakespearean plays in 37 different languages. Southwark also hoped to attract visitors to the South of the borough. The Games were a once in a lifetime opportunity and people were encouraged to make the most of all it would offer.

The pitches in Peckham Rye would be re-laid and other facilities updated. Volunteers were playing a large part and about 150 young people were being trained as guides.

Transport would be an issue during the Games for a lot of people and there would be two alternative routes to the Olympic routes. Those would be for busy times such as the two marathon days. Tube stations would be busy but the council did not want to deter people so it was a case of being patient and listening out for news updates on local issues. See www.tfl.gov.uk for further information.

In response to questions Councillor Ward said she would look into whether Southwark would be buying / retaining any of the torches or if torchbearers would pay to receive a replica.

A resident enquired about Londoners paying 38 pence per week from 2006/7 until 2016/2017. He asked why council taxpayers were paying for so many years when Transport for London had lots of money and were those payments necessary, and would local schools get the Olympic banners after the Games to display.

Councillor Ward said that £350,000 was being spent on banners for the Southbank area and £30,000 on the rest of the borough. The majority of the main facilities would be used by Londoners for years to come.

The chair said that schools from all over the country and not just those within the six Olympic boroughs could register on the Get Set Olympics website. The schools could apply for free tours of the sites and there would also be ticket allocations for the live events.

OTHER: Councillor Ward said that there would be Diamond Jubilee celebrations, including a carnival in the north of the borough. Lots of places would be having lunches on the Sunday. The lunches were being arranged by residents themselves. Streets could be closed for these fun events via contacting the Council.

12. PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

In response to questions, the chair explained that Peckham Community Council would join with Nunhead and Peckham Rye from June 2012. This was part of the planned mergers which would reduce the number of community council areas from 8 to 5.

The chair said there was a campaign and petition to keep open the Camberwell job centre. Those involved were hopeful that it could be saved.

13. CLEANER GREENER SAFER REVENUE FUND

Executive Function

Members considered the information in the report.

RESOLVED:

1. That £13,750 of Cleaner, Greener, Safer revenue funding 2012/13 be allocated as follows:

- Improved Street Lighting in Mission Place - £2,500
- Additional Street Cleaning on Peckham Road and Peckham High Street - £3,000
- Additional Street Cleaning on Peckham Park Road - £8,250

2. That the £1,250 under spend be decided at a future meeting.

14. CLEANER, GREENER, SAFER CAPITAL FUND REALLOCATION

Executive Function

Members considered the information in the report.

RESOLVED:

That the £14,500 of Cleaner, Greener, Safer under spend in the Peckham Community Council area be reallocated to the 2012/13 programme.

15. CLEANER GREENER SAFER CAPITAL FUND

Executive Function

Members considered the information in the report.

RESOLVED:

That the cleaner, greener, safer capital funding be allocated as set out below:

Peckham Community Council area	Allocation
Share Surrey Canal Walk signage	£5,000
BPFP Shared Access Tool Store	£2,160
Peckham hanging baskets	£10,000
Peckham	
Improved lighting Surrey Canal Walk / Commercial Way bridge	£40,000
Pop in Centre – Children’s playground	£9,700
Bells bins	£1,795
Table tennis by Peckham Library	£4,000
Secure cycle parking Sumner Estate SE15	£5,900
Plants, flowers at Sumner Road Park	£3,000
Christmas tree for Peckham Square	£9,200
Bonar Road Education Project	£5,460

Peckham Peace Wall Installation	£14,960
Safer entrance to Gloucester Grove Estate	£6,000
Livesey	
Outdoor Gym and improvements to goal posts at Spark Sports Centre	£10,000
Wheelie bin storage, Asylum Road	£36,600
Bromyard play area	£30,000
Lighting at Caroline Gardens	£26,400
Ledbury Street pavement renewal	£20,000
Acorn residential playground	£30,500
Regeneration of the green spaces around Acorn Estate	£6,000
Notice boards on Acorn Estate	£4,000
Secure bike lockers for Northfield House	£4,703
Watering Battle and Caversham House community garden	£1,000
TOTAL	£286,378

The meeting ended at 3.50pm

CHAIR:

DATED: