



WALWORTH COMMUNITY COUNCIL

MINUTES of the Walworth Community Council held on Tuesday July 14 2009
at 7.00 pm at the Aylesbury Day Centre, Bradenham Close, Off Albany Road,
Walworth SE17 2QB

Minutes to be agreed at the next meeting

PRESENT: Councillor Lorraine Lauder MBE (Chair)
Councillor Abdul Mohamed (Vice-Chair)
Councillor Kirsty McNeill
Councillor Caroline Pidgeon
Councillor Martin Seaton

1. INTRODUCTION AND WELCOME

2. APOLOGIES

There were apologies for absence from Councillors Bates, Gurling, Ladipo and Salmon.

3. DISCLOSURE OF MEMBERS' INTERESTS AND DISPENSATIONS

Cllr Martin Seaton said that he wished to declare that fact that he was a tenant on the Aylesbury Estate.

4. ITEMS OF BUSINESS THAT THE CHAIR DEEMS URGENT

None

5. MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON JUNE 10 2009 FOR APPROVAL

DECISION: that the minutes of the Walworth Community Council meeting held on June 10 2009 are an accurate record of that meeting.

The chair duly signed the minutes of the above meeting.

Philip Murphy, Area Management and Engagement Team Leader South, submitted the following written feedback to the meeting:

Original question: "Wheely bins are not available in the Surrey Square area of Walworth. Residents put their black bags out the night before the collection, and foxes, rats and birds prey on the contents. When the collection takes place a great deal of rubbish is left behind. The street cleansing team does not sweep the same day. Officers will not change the timetable to deal with this problem, please help. There should be a Refuse Strategy as part of the Area Plan."

Response: "Residents of Surrey Square have a bag collection on Mondays. They have to put their refuse out for collection between 6pm on Sundays and 6am on Mondays in order to ensure that it is collected.

There has been a problem with some residents putting rubbish out earlier than 6pm on Sundays, and in some cases on Saturdays. The Council has written to those residents to remind them when rubbish can be left out for collection. Our Enforcement Team has been made aware of the complaint and will take action if they find evidence of residents putting their refuse out other than at permitted times.

Collection of refuse in black sacks is the favoured method for many local authorities (Richmond and Kensington & Chelsea for example). Southwark's preference is for refuse to be contained in bins wherever possible, as refuse bags are prone to attack by vermin and wildlife. Unfortunately, there are about 20,000 homes in areas of Southwark that are unsuitable for wheeled bin collections, and Surrey Square is one of these. Officers visited Surrey Square recently to review the collection arrangements, but concluded that the area is not suitable for wheeled bins, and that bag collections are the only viable option.

Residents have suggested that the refuse collection could be timed for later on Mondays, and that refuse should only be put out on the collection day. Regrettably, we can't guarantee to collect refuse or recycling during a specified time slot. Our collection rounds are organised on the basis of completing the collections in the most efficient manner, minimising fuel consumption, miles driven, time and emissions. We also have to take account of known congestion problems such as those that can occur near schools. Although many residents will normally get a collection at approximately the same time each week, operational conditions on any given day can affect the time when we provide the service.

Residents have also suggested that Surrey Square could be provided with underground storage units. Underground storage has been introduced in some parts of London as part of large regeneration programmes. If Southwark was ever to introduce of underground storage, this would have to be done as part of a Borough wide strategy, as special collection vehicles are needed. Aside from the cost of special collection vehicles, introducing underground refuse storage in Surrey Square would be expensive due to the need to excavate the necessary voids and survey and possibly re-route underground services (gas, electricity, waste, sewage).

With regard to the cleanliness of Surrey Square, the refuse collectors are responsible for clearing any spillage that they cause while carrying out the collection, and Southwark Cleaning pick up litter in Surrey Square on a daily basis.

If you have any further questions please contact Philip Murphy on 020 7525 0814 or e-mail: philip.murphy@southwark.gov.uk

The following response came in too late to be read out at the meeting. The original enquiry was: "Is the Council compliant with the Sustainable Communities Act in the consultations it runs?"

Response from Daniel Gilby, Corporate Policy Officer:

"Southwark Council took a number of actions in order to publicise the Sustainable Communities Act and encourage local people to put forward proposals for action by government. The Act itself does not set specific guidelines for how local authorities should consult with local communities, but the Council has taken the following steps to publicise the Act:

- Held a public meeting on 15th April, run jointly with the Active

Citizens Hub, and attended by Local Works (a coalition of over 90 national organisations which is campaigning to promote the use of the Sustainable Communities Act) who gave a presentation about the Act and the type of proposals that could be included. Officers from Southwark Council also explained the process that Southwark Council would be following and how people could get involved.

- Set up a dedicated page on the Council's website
- Announced details of the SCA and how to get involved through Community Councils and engagement networks
- A leaflet and proposal form were distributed through Community Involvement & Development team, area management and other Council staff
- An article was published in Southwark Life
- Details of the Act were presented at each of the thematic partnerships which make up the Southwark Alliance, asking them to engage with stakeholders (including any hard to reach groups or communities) and encouraging them to submit proposals

Following the receipt of a number of proposals from the public, a panel was established in accordance with the regulations made under the Act and this panel met to agree which proposals would go forward to the Local Government Association. These proposals were then agreed by Council Assembly, also in accordance with the Act.”

6. COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS:

East Street Festival

Stephen Douglass announced that this year's East Street Festival would take place on Saturday August 1 2009. There would be a variety of activities in Nursery Row Park including a 'Punch & Judy' show, an "East Street's got talent" performance stage, food, a cartoonist and a tug-of-war contest between the East Street traders and the market officers.

Walworth Festival

Mark Drinkwater from Community Action Southwark told the meeting that the Walworth Festival would be taking place on Saturday July 18 2009 in the grounds of St Peter's Church, off Liverpool Grove. There would be activities such as face painting, a stall by the Walworth Garden Farm and massages offered by the Manor Place Buddhists.

Surrey Zoological Gardens 175th anniversary

Cllr Pidgeon informed the meeting that a celebration commemorating the 175th anniversary of Surrey Zoological Gardens would be taking place on Saturday July 25 2009 from 12noon to 5pm in Pasley Park, off Manor Place. There would be animals from Surrey Docks Farm and Walworth Garden Farm, craft workshops and Victorian tours. She encouraged all residents to attend.

Comus House TRA Fun Day

A representative from Comus House told the meeting that the TRA would be having a Fun Day on August 1 2009. Posters with more information would be going up soon and all would be welcome.

CoolTan Arts walks

Fiona Wright from CoolTan Arts said that the group conducted monthly walks from the Maudseley Hospital to the Tate Modern and back. More information is available at www.cooltanarts.org.uk.

7. CLEANER GREENER SAFER - APPROVAL OF SUCCESSFUL BIDS

EXECUTIVE DECISION

DECISION: Members approved the following Cleaner Greener Safer Bids:

- 1. 'Stand & Move Forward'** £25,250 towards the cost of new stalls for East Street market – Officers will work with traders to ensure they are involved in implementing this scheme.
- 2. 'Our Outside Space'** £7,500 to upgrade the garden areas at Pasley T&RA Hall.
- 3. 'Lorrimore Cut Through'** £15,000 to improve the Lorrimore cut through.
- 4. 'Brandon 1 Children's Play Area'** £10,000 for a feasibility study on facilities for children on the Brandon 1.
- 5. 'Pascal & Olney Fencing and Planting'** £25,000 for fencing and planting at Pascal & Olney.
- 6. 'Safety Improvements on Penrose Estate'** £14,000 for fencing on the Penrose Estate – officers will talk to Housing about whether lighting works can be done from their resources.

7. **'Draper Hall Estate Fencing & Planting'** £5,500 for renewing the fencing and planting at the Draper Estate Hall.
8. **'Improvement of Community Square Olney Road'** £27,500 to transform the Community Square at Olney Road into a garden.
9. **'Royal Surrey Zoological Gardens 175th Anniversary'** £24,000 for artwork and exotic planting.
10. **'Clock Place Alleyway'** £1,000 to install kissing gates to prevent motorcyclists riding through and causing a danger to pedestrians.
11. **'Aylesbury Grow Your Own Garden'** £12,500 to match £12,500 from the Aylesbury NDC to create a community garden and food growing area on the Aylesbury.
12. **'The Light Fantastic – Westmoreland Road'** £8,000 for tree planting and cycle racks on one side of Westmoreland Road.
13. **'Aylesbury Centre Garden Project'** £6,000 to reclaim overgrown gardens at the Aylesbury Centre.
14. **'Elizabeth Estate Upgrade'** £17,500 for completion of greening schemes across the Elizabeth Estate.
15. **'Elizabeth Estate Ball Court'** £12,000 to complete the ball court.
16. **'Restoring Cobourg Road Nature Area'** £25,000 to restore the nature area.
17. **'Comus House Upgrade'** £22,000 for fencing around the Comus House Ball Court.
18. **'East Walworth Green Links'** £22,000 for feasibility study on the East Walworth green links – a project to develop car free routes across the area.
19. **'Pathway Lighting In Mason Street'** £3,000 to upgrade pathway lighting along Mason Street.
20. **'World Plant Border Interpretation & Celebration Summer 2009'** £2,500 for planting a world plant border at Victory Park involving the community in planting.

21. 'Nursery Road Park Path & Play Improvements' £46,000 for resurfacing of paths at Nursery Row Park.

22. 'The Kickstart Programme for the New Life of Surrey Square Park' £30,000 to improve Surrey Square Park.

The Chair went on to say that officers would be in touch with all applicants in the near future to let them know what would happen next.

8. DEPUTATIONS/PETITIONS (IF ANY)

Lindsey Bezzina outlined her proposal for an arts project on the Heygate Estate called "Paint the Heygate".

She said that the project would entail artists and the community coming together to paint the Heygate Estate during the year preceding the scheduled demolition, and once residents had vacated the properties.

She showed some artist's impressions of what the estate might look like at the end of the project and explained that her project would help social change and empowerment. She also predicted that the project would attract considerable attention from local and international media outlets, increase the number of visitors and promote the regeneration of the Elephant and Castle area.

Lindsey invited interested residents to contact her about the project at lindseybezzina1@gmail.com.

The Chair thanked Lindsey for her presentation.

9. TFL FUNDING FOR LOCAL TRANSPORT IMPROVEMENTS

Simon Phillips (SP), Principal Transport Planner, informed the meeting about the funding available from Transport for London (TfL) for transport improvements. He said that his team were in the process of asking local people about their priorities.

SP went on to say that, for the borough as whole, the following funding was available:

Corridors	£1,615,000
Neighbourhoods	£1,261,000
Smarter travel	£ 373,000

Discretionary funding £ 100,000

The transport planning team had identified some projects for the Walworth area which he invited residents to feed back on. Officers had ranked the following five proposals as the most important:

1. Walworth Road South

SP said the issues facing this area included the wide road which was difficult to cross. There was also poor quality paving and street clutter. Furthermore, the junction with Albany Road needed to be looked at.

SP went on to say that this project would offer an opportunity to extend the Walworth project, to improve road safety and to improve the public realm. This project would be large in scale, and because of this, it would be expensive and take some time to complete.

2. Albany Road

SP said that the issues facing this area were poor quality crossing points, street clutter and guard railings, high vehicle speeds and the poor access points into the park.

SP went on to say that there were several options for improving the area. These included: reducing vehicle speeds, improving the safety at junctions and the access points into the park, as well as reducing street clutter and widening pavements.

3. West Walworth walking improvements

SP said that the issues facing this area were: a lack of dropped kerbs and crossing points, street clutter and narrow pavements, poor signage to Kennington Station, and dark and dirty rail bridges. The options for improving the area included: area-wide improvements to the pedestrian environment, improving junctions and accessibility, and making rail bridges more attractive.

4. East Street (from Flint Street to Portland Street)

SP said that the issues facing this area were the following: poor access and the poor condition of the footway, the 'traffic conflicts' on the junction with Portland Street, and the access to the market. The options for improving the area were: improving safety for pedestrians and cyclists at junction with Portland Street, improving footways and walking conditions, de-cluttering and providing additional seating, cycle parking etc.

5. Junction of Camberwell Road and Addington Square

SP explained that the following issues in the area needed to be addressed: poor crossing facilities, the narrow footway which is in poor condition, and the 'green man' which is missing off one arm of the junction.

He listed the following options for improvements: improving the crossing facilities, installing a 'green man' signal on all arms of the junction, and improving the surrounding footways.

He invited residents to rank their choices in order of preference on the leaflets he had distributed, and to return these to him as part of the consultation.

Apart from these local projects, SP said that there were borough-wide proposals:

- to encourage travel plans (to schools, hospitals and workplaces)
- to promote walking and cycling
- to develop car clubs and electric vehicles
- to promote training, road safety campaigns and speed reduction measures
- to conduct monitoring and surveys.

Q1 A resident said that SP's presentation had been a very quick run-through, and that she felt unable to rank the suggestions, as she did not have enough information to make an informed choice. She asked whether SP had any costings.

A1 SP responded that he only had approximate costings, which related to the size of the project: small, medium or large.

The resident said that she wanted exact amounts.

SP responded that officers would look at detailed costings once residents had given their feedback on the options.

Q2 Cllr Mohamed asked what the process was going forward, and whether a budget had been devolved down to each of the Community Councils?

A2 SP responded that there was a total of £3.3m for the whole of the borough, and that each Community Council would compile a list of their priorities. These lists would then be combined into a final list. Which projects would be funded would depend on the overall list of prioritised projects.

Q3 Cllr Mohamed asked whether it could happen that none of the projects prioritised by Walworth residents would be funded.

A3 SP responded that this was possible in theory, but that in practice, it was likely that at least one of the Walworth projects

would be awarded funding.

Q4 A resident asked whether it would be possible to suggest an alternative project. He said that route of the 343 bus should run via the London Bridge station forecourt, so that passengers would be able alight there for Guy's Hospital.

A4 SP explained that it was possible to suggest alternative projects to those that were listed. He went on to explain that the bus routes were the responsibility of Transport for London (TfL) and that requests for changes to services or routes had been made by other Community Councils – so it was possible to ask for this change. TfL was, however, likely to ask for a payment for the route to be changed.

A resident supported the previous speaker's suggestion and said that it was more important for the 343 bus to run close to or along Guy's Hospital rather than to City Hall.

Val Shawcross, GLA member for Lambeth and Southwark, said there had been various complaints about the 343 bus route, mostly about its punctuality and reliability. She went on to say that TfL were looking into the performance of the route, and invited residents to put forward suggestions for changing the route. She suggested Southwark or the Community Council should write to TfL to make this request.

ACTION: Chair to write to Transport for London to express the concerns of the Community Council about the routing of the 343 bus.

Q5 A resident asked why there was no pedestrian crossing near the Iceland on Camberwell Road.

There was a discussion about the location of the closest pedestrian crossing to this location.

A5 SP asked the resident to see him during the break to discuss this issue.

10. **BURGESS PARK UPDATE AND WORKSHOPS**

Rebecca Towers (RT) and her colleagues from the Parks and Open Spaces section presented this item and conducted the workshops.

RT told the meeting that the council had recently been successful in

securing £6m for Burgess Park, £2m from the Mayor of London and £4m from the Aylesbury New Deal for Communities (NDC).

Following on from these successes, the council had invited proposals from developers for improving the park. RT said that they had received 25 applications and would be short-listing five of these by the end of July. The main criteria for the entries would be the quality of the designs and how well they used the money available.

The meeting then split into working groups and discussed the following issues:

- What is your vision for the park?
- Do you have any positive memories of Burgess Park?
- How do you want to feel when you go to a park?

The feedback was as follows:

What is your vision for the Park?

- Diverse community planting
- Lighting in Winter period
- Attractive Planting, trees
- Variety of spaces
- Secure cycle parking
- Dog exercise area
- Café
- Signposts to local landmarks
- More toilets
- Quality pathways
- Open areas to use for events
- Park should have a Head Gardener
- Safe park
- Small 5 a side – sports for young people
- More wardens
- Secluded area where one can sit - separate area
- Foliage
- All entrances to be decorated
- Local Art Commissioning
- Organise more events, e.g. May Fair, dog days
- Famous people in the local community, e.g. statues, pictures

How do you want to feel when you go to a park?

- Safe – First aid on site
- Secure – No dark spaces, adequate lightning, low level planting, staff presence, peaceful, place to lock up bikes
- Tranquillity - water elements, seating areas with views, scented plants
- Inspired - nature elements, weather
- Relaxed - full of families relaxing, kids, community services
- Private – more private spaces

Do you have any positive memories of the Park?

- Healthy Walks – Surrey Canal Walk - would be nice to have art works on the wall
- Tranquillity
- Taking pictures of fishermen at lake area
- Children’s play area
- Events – Vibration
- Bonfire night
- Notice board
- Good grass
- Cafe

RT encouraged residents to get in touch with her at Rebecca.Towers@southwark.gov.uk, if they wanted to contribute further comments or items to the consultation.

11. POLICE UPDATE

PS Brown, from the Faraday Safer Neighbourhoods Team (SNT), informed the meeting that one of his team’s ward priorities was public safety. This involved conducting weapon sweeps, anti-knife actions, youth engagement and measures to combat alcohol-related anti-social behaviour. He explained that the ward priorities were determined by the ward panel meetings, the next of which would be the following day.

PS Chris Daly from East Walworth SNT relayed PS Croft’s (Newington SNT) apologies and informed the meeting about the staff changes which had taken place in his team. He said that his team had been receiving speed camera training. He explained that while the SNT did not issue speeding tickets, they used their hand-held speed cameras to educate drivers about the quality of their driving.

He went on to encourage residents to call the SNT, if there were matters which concerned them, and said that the SNT was on duty one weekend out of three. He also reported back to the meeting that East Walworth SNT had supported the murder squad in securing the recent conviction of a murderer.

He went on to say that the next ward panel for East Walworth would be held on August 04 2009 from 7pm-9pm at the Heygate Estate TRA hall.

Q6 A resident asked who she should call in situations like one she had experienced the previous weekend: young people had used a catapult to fire stones at her balcony and windows. She said that she had called the Community Wardens numerous times without anything being done about her complaint.

A6 PS Daly said that in situations like these, residents should phone the police, because by firing stones the perpetrators risked doing criminal damage or causing serious physical injury to someone. This meant that these were police matters. He reminded residents, however, that whether or not the police was able to attend an incident would depend on its severity and on whether there were other live incidents which were deemed to be more serious. He reminded the meeting that council tenants (or their children) who engaged in anti-social behaviour risked losing their tenancy.

Q7 The Chair asked whether it would be possible to put up signs on local estates advertising the telephone numbers of the Community Wardens.

Q8 A resident asked whether calls to wardens could be transferred elsewhere when the wardens were not on duty or unavailable, rather than just going to voicemail.

Q9 Cllr Pidgeon asked Stephen Douglass to bring along calling cards with local wardens' numbers and hours of operation, to the next meeting.

Cllr Mohamed said that the issue was that there had been no response from the wardens despite the repeated phone calls made by the resident.

ACTION: Stephen Douglass to report to next Community Council meeting about:

- the possibility of putting up signs on local estates advertising the telephone numbers of the Community Wardens
- whether calls to wardens can be transferred to another number, if they are unavailable (not to voicemail)

ACTION: Stephen Douglass to bring cards showing local wardens' numbers and hours of operation, to the next meeting.

12. AYLESBURY AREA ACTION PLAN UPDATE AND THE SOUTHWARK CORE STRATEGY

Alison Squires (AS) explained that the Aylesbury Action Plan (AAP) was one of the first documents under the new planning system, and that it sat underneath the Core Strategy. Both documents replaced the Southwark Plan.

AS went on to explain that the Core Strategy and the AAP were going to be used by officers to assess the different planning applications which were submitted to the council. The policy areas covered by the Core Strategy were open spaces, employment sites, housing development and community facilities. The AAP was a more detailed document, just for the Aylesbury area, which was needed because the area had been identified as a growth area. Other such growth areas included Borough and Bankside, London Bridge, Canada Waters and the Old Kent Road. The AAP area would mostly see growth in terms of new housing developments.

AS invited residents to give their views and encouraged them to have a look at the options outlined in the copies of the document she had brought along to the meeting. She told the meeting the deadline for submitting their views was July 23 2009, but said that this could be extended, as some of the residents attending may have only just heard about the consultation.

Q10 & Q11 Jerry Flynn, a resident, asked whether the proposal to reduce the ratio of affordable housing at the Elephant and Castle to 10% was still a live option. He also asked how any change in the ratio of affordable housing at the Elephant and Castle would affect the plans to replace the 1212 units on the Heygate Estate.

A10 & A11 AS explained what was meant by affordable housing. Affordable housing included council or housing association rented accommodation, and shared-ownership units (also called intermediate housing). She went on to say that, according to the requirements set out in the Aylesbury Action Plan, 50% of new housing should be affordable – of these 50%, 75% would be 'affordable rented', and 25% would be shared ownership. AS explained that the affordable housing target for all new buildings comprising more than 10 units throughout the borough was 35%. In terms of the Elephant and Castle redevelopment, the consultation was still on-going and the options ranged from 10% to 35% affordable housing. At the moment the Mayor of London was in the process of revising his housing target in the London plan. This would also affect Southwark's targets, so it was difficult to make any

definitive statements before this new target had been set.

AS also confirmed that the need to replace units on the Heygate Estate would be a factor in determining what the ratio should be.

Q12 A resident criticised the recent consultation activity around the Core Strategy as ineffective and said that it had missed out too many residents. He asked for leaflet drops to be done in future.

A12 AS explained that the council engaged in twelve weeks of consultation on every planning policy document. There were six weeks of informal consultation which were followed by six weeks of formal consultation. The six weeks of formal consultation were a statutory duty. Formal consultation measures included: notices on the council's website, notices in Southwark News, letters being sent to people on the team's mailing list, officers attending Community Councils and organising consultation events. Copies of the documents were also be available in all Southwark libraries. She invited residents to submit any ideas they may have to improve consultation to her. (See contact details below)

A resident suggested including the information in council tax bills or letters from the housing office.

Another resident criticised the fact that she had not heard about the consultation until she had come to this meeting. She called for the mailing list to be expanded and supported previous calls for a leaflet drop.

AS said that she would be happy to extend the consultation deadline.

ACTION: Alison Squires to extend the deadline for the consultation on the Core Strategy to allow residents who attended the meeting to have their say.

For more information or to give your views, please contact Alison Squires on 020 7525 5471 or at alison.squires@southwark.gov.uk.

13. HIGHWAYS CAPITAL FUNDING DEVOLUTION TO COMMUNITY COUNCILS

Stephen Douglass (SD), Area Management & Engagement Manager, informed the meeting about this proposed scheme for improvement works to highways and lighting.

SD said that each Community Council area had been allocated £100,000 for resurfacing, which would pay for about 100 meters of road and paving; and £75,000 for lighting. The £100,000 for highway resurfacing was only to be used for footways and carriageways that Southwark was responsible for. Possible works included dropped kerbs and mobility access works such as tactile paving. Crossings, one ways, CPZs, 20mph Zones, cycle lanes or traffic calming measures could not be funded from this money. Neither could projects which cost less than £2,500.

SD explained that the £75,000 for street lighting had to be spent on upgrading or replacing lighting. The lighting had to be functional (not decorative), in line with the Council's standard specification and in keeping with the surroundings. Single lights could not be replaced, added or removed; a location had to be chosen where all of the lights on that street needed to be replaced.

He invited residents to take part in the consultation, and said that officers in the Asset Management unit would like to hear from them about which highways and areas of street lighting needed to be improved. SD reminded people to be as specific as possible about the location, when they gave their suggestions.

Suggestions should be e-mailed to:

- street.lighting@southwark.gov.uk for all lighting
- streetcare@southwark.gov.uk for all surfacing

Alternatively, residents can write to:

Asset Management BU
Southwark Council
Copeland Road Depot
Peckham
SE15 3SN

SD went on to say that the closing date for submitting suggestions was Friday 31st July, and explained that after this date, officers would be carrying out a feasibility study on the suggestions they had received. This information would be brought back to a future Community Council meeting, at which decisions would be made about allocating the available funds.

14. PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

A resident said he wished to ask a question about Comus House TRA. Cllr Pidgeon reminded the meeting that this was outside the remit of the Community Council and should be raised at the local

Housing Forum.

Reusable bags for East Street Market Traders

Q13 & Q14 A resident asked what had happened to the reusable bags which Walworth Community Council had paid for out of its Cleaner Greener Safer budget. He went on to say that he shopped in East Street Market every day and that he not seen any of the bags. He said that traders in the market were still handing out the blue plastic bags. The resident also wanted to know when the council was going to lower the stall rates, in order to attract a better mix of stalls.

A14 The Chair said that plans for lowering stall rates were underway.

A13 Stephen Douglass (SD) responded that the bags had been delivered to the council and that some had gone out to traders, but that the majority still had to be distributed.

Q15 A resident said that all stalls in the market should have the bags and asked when this would happen.

Another resident said that none of the reusable bags had been given out by the traders in the past four weeks.

A15 A representative of the East Street market traders said that, the person who had been supposed to deliver the reusable bags to traders had had some health problems, and had therefore been unable to do so. The bags would be distributed to traders the following Saturday.

Q16 Cllr Pidgeon reminded the meeting that two different kinds of bags had been ordered, and asked whether the second batch of bags had a different design.

A16 SD responded that the new bags had a similar design, but that they were sturdier.

A resident said that because the bags had been bought with Walworth Community Council money, they should have been made available already. He went on to say that because this had not happened, the blue plastic bags were still being used.

Cllr Mohamed supported the resident's comment and said that the Community Council had a keen interest in this issue, as it had been Community Council money which had paid for the bags.

Q17 A resident asked when the blue bags were going to be phased out.

A17 SD responded that there were no plans to phase out the blue plastic bags.

Another resident urged those attending to use their reusable bag every time they went out and to promote the bags to friends and family.

A third resident said that because the reusable bags were designed to affect a change in behaviour, there should be a deadline set for phasing out the blue plastic bags, and that giving out the reusable bags should be made mandatory for all market traders.

SD said that the council could not force people to use the reusable bags and phase out the blue plastic bags.

ACTION: Stephen Douglass to distribute some of the reusable bags funded by the Walworth Community Council CGS budget at the next Community Council meeting; and report back on whether they have been distributed among the traders on East Street.

Bus 343

A resident complained about the road works in Borough High Street which had delayed his journey on the 343 bus by 45 minutes.

The Chair asked Val Shawcross to take this up.

Youth Activities

Q18 A resident said that she was a young person and just about to finish her A-levels. She said that there was no youth provision in her area, and asked what the council was doing about this.

A18 Cllr Pidgeon said that there were a lot of council funded activities available. She said the council spent £2.8m a year on youth provision and that the council's www.whtvr.org website listed all local information for young people. She explained that the website was written by young people for young people. Cllr Pidgeon also asked for information about youth provision to be included in the next Community Council mail-out.

The Chair suggested the resident should also check with the Inspire centre which ran many activities for young people.

ACTION: Forid Ahmed to add information about activities for young people in the area to the next Community Council mail-out.

Q19 A resident asked why the council had cut its funding to the Pembroke Youth Centre, so that the centre had been forced to lay off some of the youth workers.

ACTION: Chair to write to Children's Services to ask for a report back on whether the council's funding for youth workers at the Pembroke Youth Centre has been reduced.

The queries listed in the action points below were received in writing and will be answered at the next meeting:

ACTION: Chair to write to the appropriate section of the council to ask for feedback on the following question submitted in writing: "I would like the Chair or Council Members to provide residents with an update as regards Land Lease not signing the regeneration deal. What implications does this have on the regeneration of the area?"

ACTION: Philip Murphy / Chair to provide feedback to the next Community Council meeting about the following enquiries submitted in writing, provided these are within the remit of the Community Council:

- "1. Would the Community Council explain what provisions are being made to ensure that the 31 residents of Garland Court in Wansey Street have access to recycling services? At present there are no immediate facilities for the residents.
2. Is the Community Council aware of the recent forced entry into Garland Court and the damaged side entrance (via the alleyway linking Ethel Street and Wansey Street), and if the council has received written evidence from Southern Housing Group on behalf of residents expressing concern over the future security of the building and the safety of its residents?
3. If the Community Council is aware of the recurring vandalism of Garland Court along the alleyway linking Ethel Street to Wansey Street and whether measures are being considered to limit the damage to private property and anti-social behaviour? Past damage includes gates with hinges destroyed, graffiti etched into the glass panels by the side entrance and the destruction of air vent covers, all of which have to be replaced at considerable expense."

15. MEMBERS' DECISIONS

EXECUTIVE DECISION

Cllr Pidgeon expressed her disappointment about the fact that the officers' report said that consulting with the local TRAs about the Penton Place proposal would be too costly. She suggested sending a letter to the chairs of the four relevant TRAs which would incur hardly any costs. She asked for officers to contact her, if her suggestion created any problems.

DECISION: Members **agreed** the recommendations of the report regarding Faunce Street and Iliffe Street, but **rejected** the recommendations of the report regarding Penton Place.

ACTION: Tim Walker/Paul Gellard to bring back the report on Penton Place to a future Community Council meeting, after consulting with the chairs of the four relevant Tenants and Residents Associations. Tim Walker/Paul Gellard to contact Cllr Pidgeon, if this creates any problems.

CHAIR:

DATED: