

# TAKEnote

## Peckham Community Council



Minutes Agreements Form

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<b>Date</b>	Monday April 23 2007
<b>Venue</b>	St Luke's Church Hall, Chandler Way, Peckham SE15
<b>Start time</b>	7.10
<b>Finish time</b>	9.30
<b>In attendance</b>	Cllrs Situ, Foulkes, Livingstone, Pakes and Oyewunmi
<b>Absent</b>	Cllr Hargrove
<b>Apologies received</b>	Cllr Hargrove for absence
<b>Late / Urgent items</b>	None
<b>Members' interests and dispensations</b>	None
<b>Announcements</b>	None

<b>Public questions raised</b>	
<b>Item 5. Community Slot</b>	<p><b>Unicorn Theatre – Dulcie Alexander, Schools &amp; Development Officer</b></p> <p>Dulcie Alexander gave a short presentation promoting the Unicorn Theatre and the work they are doing to be more accessible to communities around London.</p> <p>The Unicorn Theatre is made up of a large 300-seater theatre and a smaller 120-seater theatre.</p> <p>The main aim of the Dulcie's role is to encourage people to access the theatre and to tackle any possible constraints faced by audiences that may be preventing them from visiting. The theatre is keen to work with community groups. They work with children from 0 – 16 years and are currently working on a production called Billy the Kid, a play based on football second World War and courage which will run from Friday 18 May – Sunday 10 June 2007. Also visiting is the interactive play for babies called Baby Balloon, which will be at the theatre from Wednesday 15 August – Sunday 26 August 2007.</p>
<b>Q1</b>	Steve Barbie, local resident asked if they had an outreach programme.
<b>A1</b>	Dulcie Alexander answered yes, they have a youth theatre which meets on Tuesdays and Wednesday evenings.
<b>Item 6</b>	<b>Community Councils Consultation – Russell Profitt</b>
<b>Q2</b>	Cllr Pakes asked whether Cllr Blango and Russell Profitt had any ideas themselves for better community involvement. The only decisions the community really have are to do with planning and the cleaner greener safer fund. What other decision-making powers do local people have?
<b>A2</b>	Cllr Blango said they are suggesting seven other areas where the community would have a say in the decision making process including: traffic, transport, making local by-laws and regeneration.
<b>Q3</b>	Cllr Pakes said that's great but will there be any more cash that local people get to make decisions on.
<b>A3</b>	Cllr Blango said the questionnaire explains this.
<b>Q4</b>	Mr Williams, local resident said when it mention better services, what does 'better' mean. Does it mean taking power away from some people who are responsible for those services? Also it needs to go to all tenants associations and neighbourhood forums.
<b>Q5</b>	Patrick Yorke, local resident said he was sad that the consultation had been brought back to the community council again. How truthful is the information being collected? What is the purpose of it? We do not see the results reflected in decisions made.
<b>A4&amp;5</b>	Cllr Blango said the forms were going to all tenants associations, it will be available on the Southwark website, in libraries, leisure centres and various other public places. He added the council are serious about using the results of what comes out of this consultation. We are working hard to correct the mistakes of the past.

<b>Q6</b>	<p>Cllr Livingstones said there are different issues, such as youth. We don't get many young people at community council meetings. What methods are you using to ensure you are engaging hard to reach groups in the area?</p> <p>Also in terms of council housing – to what extent are you looking at this. It's not in the form at all.</p>
<b>A6</b>	<p>Cllr Blango replied we are not excluding sections of local government. This is an open process so if from this initial consultation we can see that housing is something we need to look further into then that's what we'll do. As for getting more young people to attend community councils, we are looking at ways of making it more appealing, such as changing times of day for the meetings and using different venues.</p>
<b>Q7</b>	<p>Cllr Situ said the deadline is very close, can we extend it to a later date.</p>
<b>A7</b>	<p>Cllr Blango said if that's the message they're receiving from other community councils then they can do that.</p>
<b>Q8</b>	<p>Cllr Pakes said he hadn't seen any of the forms at the Livesey tenants associations or at neighbourhood forums. Can we have confirmation that the questionnaires have been sent out.</p>
<b>A8</b>	<p>Cllr Blango agreed to this.</p>
	<p><b>Local Implementation Plan Annual Progress Report – David Moffat, Transport Team.</b></p> <p>David Moffatt gave a presentation on the Local Implementation Plan Annual Progress Report (Lip APR)</p> <p>He explained this as the annual reporting and funding submission to Transport for London (TfL) which feeds into our five year transport strategy and sets out in the council's local implementation plan.</p> <p>The report will be submitted in mid May to council's Executive.</p> <p>In June the council will submit funding application for £7million, with likely allocation between £3m and £4m and the final decision will be made by TfL in December 2007.</p> <p>The submission has to fit TfL programme areas, include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Road Safety</li> <li>• Walking</li> <li>• Accessibility</li> <li>• Maintaining the network</li> <li>• Cycling</li> <li>• Public transport</li> </ul> <p>How can the community council be involved?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Knowledge of daily transport issues</li> <li>• Project bank</li> <li>• Come and speak to us and fill in a comments slip</li> </ul>

<b>Item 7</b>	<b>Matters Arising from Previous Meeting – Donald Forde, Programme Manager, Peckham Programme.</b>
	Local Authority Business Growth Incentive (LABGI) – DF explained that is not a funding grant, it is an award for the growth of the business base in the borough over the last year and a recognition of the investment the council has already made into supporting businesses and the places that they trade in. This year Southwark will receive £3.3m and LABGI allocation will enables the council to sustain a good level of activity in helping businesses.
<b>Q9</b>	Patrick Yoke, local resident asked – what criteria is the fund used for? Wanted to find out how this is linked into other initiatives or regeneration programmes.
<b>Q10</b>	Abraham Williams, local resident asked – is there money allocated for shops to develop community enterprise?
<b>A9</b>	Donald Forde explained officers from the council are looking at retail deficiency in the Peckham area through the Peckham Area Action Plan which is long term process.
<b>Q11</b>	Cllr Foulkes asked whether ‘sustain’ meant there would be no more growth?
<b>A10</b>	Russell Profitt said it means it is there to top up the amount that the council are already putting in to supporting business initiatives. The actual amount is much higher than the award.

<b>Q13</b>	Cllr Pakes said the council had increased the rent shops and cafes. It’s making them suffer. What we don’t want is for them to close and turn into bookies and off licences.
<b>Q14</b>	Patrick Yorke, local resident said we needed to make sure the money is not invested in areas that are due to be regenerated or due to have building works scheduled in the future. We don’t want to spend this money only for those businesses to come down in the future.
<b>A10 &amp;11</b>	Donald Forde said the best person to answer these queries is Andy Scott, economic development. We could get answers from him for the next meeting.
<b>Q</b>	Mary Foulkes asked if we could ask Andy Scott to the next meeting to tell us the criteria for where the money will be going. It will give the community council a chance to put community involvement in action.
<b>Q13</b>	Maggie Johnson Haines – resident from Bird in Bush Grove, said there were streetlights on Burcher Gale Grove which have been out for several months. People have complained and nothing’s been done about it.
<b>Q14</b>	Patricia Hubbard said there are people in the council who get paid to inspect these things. Why have they not picked up on this?
<b>A12 &amp;13</b>	Donald Forde said, officers would look into this and get the appropriate department on to repairing this.

	<p><b>Gloucester Grove Estate special needs school presentation</b></p> <p>Sara Browning, Children's Services, spoke of the council's plans of developing an area of the Gloucester Grove estate into a school for children with profound learning difficulties and physical disabilities. For the community this means a community facility that can be used out of school hours and that is highly accessible.</p> <p>It is an opportunity for Southwark to build a state of the art facility for children with special needs.</p> <p>It's a large site and will mainly be the ground floor, which is in use. As the building may have more floors, there's scope for the building to have other uses.</p> <p>Under the same scheme we are planning to move the pupil referral unit out of Peckham.</p>
<b>Q14</b>	Phil Bale, local resident said the current building is an eyesore. Building of this special needs school won't start for a few years and residents have already had to endure the current building for several years already.
<b>A14</b>	Sara Browning said the current building is due to be demolished, it is soon to be an empty site.
<b>Q15</b>	Phil Bale asked, what about the original Peckham Partnership master plan. Will those homes that were due to go on that site be relocated?

<b>A15</b>	Russell Profitt answered they would be talking to the Executive to discuss movement of targets of number of residential homes for that area. He added, when plans are put forward for the school, the community council would have an input and be involved.
	Sara Browning also added she was working with Russell Profitt in defining a consultation process. She proposed she and Russell come back to the next community council meeting to show what they have come up with in terms of a community consultation process.
	<b>Peckham Area Action plan - Sarah Beuden, Policy Officer, Planning Policy and Research</b>
<b>Q16</b>	A local resident said we've heard a lot about the Peckham Area Action Plan. Are you working on different issues from Russell's team?
<b>A16</b>	Sarah Beuden answered we are all working on it together. There are a number of teams working on it to ensure all issues are covered.
<b>Item 9</b>	<p><b>Cleaner Greener Safer fund 2007/08 – Dave Ware, Infrastructure Manager, Peckham Programme</b></p> <p>Dave Ware informed residents that the Executive board would be meeting the following evening to decide on funding allocations for each area. Community council officers are planning a meeting to be held specifically for cleaner greener safer. This meeting will probably be held on a Saturday morning and will give an opportunity for applicants to discuss their projects with councilors.</p>
<b>Item 10</b>	<p><b>Community Fund – Pauline Bonner, Community Involvement Co-ordinator, Peckham Programme</b></p> <p>The start date for the community fund has been moved from mid April to the second week in May 2007.</p>

<b>AOB</b>	<b>Public Questions</b>
<b>Q18</b>	Stephanie Lodge, local resident said the council has a biodiversity plan which means we should be planting indigenous trees to Britain.
<b>A18</b>	Dave Ware said there are certain locations where you can do set pieces and as this location is a gateway to Peckham we took the opportunity to reflect the diversity of the area at this point. We are also thinking about doing one near the Lister health centre to create a western gateway.
<b>Q19</b>	Stella Young, local residents stated her concerns for the condition of Peckham Square, especially in respect with the globes that are damaged, the lighting and the fibre optic lights having been pulled out .
<b>A19</b>	Dave Ware said this has been a long time concern of the council. In terms of the globes, we have an agreement with the designer/builder to do repairs and maintenance on those structures for a period of time. We will get hold of him to start repairs. We've had money from CGS to do the lights and we wanted to top it up to do a proper job. Now we've had that so works are scheduled for the next couple of months and should be completed by July 2007.

### Summary of the decision or action

The following is a summary of the decisions and actions taken at this meeting.

The item number relates to the agenda item number where possible.

Clarification or queries on any points should be raised in the first instance with Rachael Bannerman on **020 7525 1022**

Item Number	Summery of the action/decision	Action by
5.	<b>Agreed:</b> That the minutes of March 13 2007 are true and accurate recordings of Community Council meeting.	<b>Rachael Bannerman</b> (Peckham Programme Support Officer)
<b>Item 6 Community Councils Consultation</b>	<b>Action:</b> That the deadline for sending back the Community Councils Consultation booklet, Sharing your local area be extended from April 23 <sup>rd</sup> to May 31 <sup>st</sup> 2007.	<b>Councillor Blango and Russell Profitt,</b> Regeneration and Neighbourhoods.
<b>Item 6</b>	<b>Action:</b> That Councillor Blango write to Cllr Situ (Chair) to confirm that the consultation booklets have gone out to all tenants associations and neighbourhood forums in the area.	<b>Councillor Blango</b>
<b>Item 7.</b>	<b>Action:</b> That Andy Scott, Economic Development, be invited to the next meeting to answer queries regarding the Local Authority Business Growth Incentive award regarding the criteria for businesses that will receive money and how the community council can have an input in the decisions made for the Peckham area.	<b>Andy Scott,</b> Economic Development and Strategic Partnership
<b>AOB.</b>	<b>Action:</b> That officers investigate street lights on Burcher Gale Grove, that have not been on for several months. Report on this at the next community council meeting.	<b>Peckham Programme</b>

<b>Item 7.</b>	<b>Action:</b> That a presentation be given at the next community council meeting on the consultation process on the development of the special needs school due to be built on the Gloucester Grove Est.	<b>Sara Browning,</b> Children's Services <b>and Russell Profitt,</b> Regeneration and Neighbourhoods
<b>Item 11 E.</b>	<b>Agreed:</b> To reallocate £18k of Cleaner Greener Safer funding, from Peckham Library to the Leyton Square 1 O'clock club.	<b>Members Peckham Community Council</b>
<b>Public Questions</b>	<b>Action:</b> That officers contact the builder of the public art pieces in Peckham Square to arrange maintenance and repairs of them. Report back at the next meeting in July.	<b>Dave Ware,</b> <b>Peckham Programme</b>

The information included in this form, together with the attached notes, form the minutes from the above meeting and have been agreed as a true and accurate recording of that meeting. Any necessary amendments shall be detailed in the **Summary of Actions** held at the Town Hall by the relevant Community Councils Development Officer.

**Chair** .....

**Date** .....