

TAKEnote

Camberwell Community Council



Minutes Agreements Form

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Date	Thursday 10 May 2007
Venue	Southwark Town Hall, Peckham Road, SE5 8UB
Start time	7.00pm
Finish time	10.30pm
In attendance	Cllrs Wingfield, Rhule, Dixon-Fyle, John, Jones, McGovern, Ward and from 8.15pm (following Overview and scrutiny) Cllrs Friary and Page.
Absent	None
Apologies received	For lateness from Councillors Friary and Page
Urgent items	The chair announced an additional item 9a under the community slot – a presentation from Synergy and information on Cleaner Greener Safer for 2007/08
Members' interests and dispensations	Councillors Rhule and Ward both declared a personnel and prejudicial interest in relation to the appointment of school governors item and left the room for these decisions.

Public questions raised	
Q1	What is the situation with regard to Stories Mews, Is there any progress to formulate a plan to restrict the amount of houses being built? <i>(public question time)</i>
A1	The Chair responded that Councillors were working on the planning department to raise the issue up the list of priorities to get a planning brief for the area drawn up.
Q2	The safer routes to Crawford school works are still not fully completed. When

	will they be finished? (<i>public question time</i>)
A2	As far as we are aware the safer routes to school project for Crawford school is complete and there are no outstanding works.
Q3	What is a Visual tasking plan that has been completed for the disgraceful Southwark pavements in Lambeth's care, and when will actual works be executed? (<i>public question time</i>)
A3	In regards to the Lambeth/Southwark paving border management, many border areas are maintained by one council with reciprocity in other locations along the boundary. We are currently clarifying with Lambeth their schedule of maintenance.
Q4	Dangerous Parking junction of Valmar Road and Coldharbour Lane, at least 2 London Boroughs expect their parking staff to issue over 800 tickets a day while ours can only manage 400 Fixed Penalty Notices in an unspecified time for an unspecified area. Only yesterday morning (9.5.07) an attendant completely ignored a regular abuser of residents parking, & how can a vehicle be left for over 12 hours on a double yellow double tagged no loading at any time if attendants visit frequently? Can we please have meaningful statistics, how many have been ticketed on double yellows at this junction and how many in residents' bays in Valmar Road over say April? (<i>public question time</i>)
A4	<p>The parking enforcement contractor does visit the location on a regular basis. It is worth noting that this location is within close proximity to a small parade of shops which can encourage short term illegal parking by people who stop for a minutes to visit the local shops. This type of short-term illegal parking can make it difficult to catch offenders.</p> <p>During April 2007 Parking Attendants visited the street on 86 occasions. These visits resulted in the issuance of 20 Penalty Charge Notices (PCNs) for alleged illegal parking. The information currently available is that out of the 20 notices issued, of which 6 were issued for being on the yellow lines, 11 for permit bay contraventions and 3 for pay & display contraventions.</p> <p>The comments regarding the vehicle, which, it was alleged, had not been checked for over 12 hours have been passed to the contractor, and all staff will be re-briefed.</p> <p>The enforcement contractor will continue to carry out routine visits and monitor the illegal parking at this location.</p>
Q5	Can we please have a firm date for the instillation of the CCTV cameras given the previous September 2006 undertaking has long passed. (<i>public question time</i>)
A5	The only camera not working in Camberwell is C.97 in Grove Lane - CCTV Manager has now arranged for wiring and installation of fibre-optic equipment to

	be completed. Once completed the camera will be connected and commissioned.
Q6	Spice & Nice is in breach of its Planning approval can we please have an urgent update on the legal departments progress on enforcement action. <i>(public question time)</i>
A6	The site was further inspected on 22/03/2007 and it was resolved that Council should proceed with formal enforcement action. Instructions have now been prepared and would be sent to LBS legal services. An enforcement notice seeking the cessation of the unauthorized A5 use at the site would be served as soon as possible.
Q7	What is the noise team's response to excessive beat from parked cars? <i>(public question time)</i>
A7	<p>Complaints should be made to the customers service centre 24/7 whilst the noise is occurring, this will be logged for 'Noise Team rapid response' and allocated to the duty enforcement officer and assistant who will visit the location within 45 minutes and will need to assess the noise from the clients home. If judged to be a statutory noise nuisance, or unreasonable annoyance to persons in the vicinity, an approach will be made to the person in charge of the vehicle with view to negotiating reduction or service of a notice. Noise officers will determine if they need support of uniformed police officer to obtain details and effect service in practice.</p> <p>It will be appreciated that this response would be most appropriate for regular / persistent offenders in cars <u>parked</u> in the street or estate roads [action may differ if parked in private car park] There is no current legal provision which would support a direct approach to the driver without assessment of the affect.</p>
Q8	Can we have a firm date for the two replacement trees in Valmar Road, not palms? <i>(public question time)</i>
A8	<p>One young tree was vandalised at the corner of Crawford Rd, this is to be fitted with a guard and monitored to see if it can re-establish. If unsuccessful it will be replaced in the next planting season (November - March).</p> <p>A road traffic accident led to the removal of the tree outside no 17 - this will also be replaced during the next planting season.</p>
Q9	Why is Southwark Council unresponsive to reason, logic and common sense? I ask that question in the light of the answer given to my question about Newington Reference Library, which I asked at the last meeting. When I rang the call centre on Tuesday this week and asked to be put though to the Newington Reference Library I was told that they don't normally take calls from members of the public. After telling the person at the call centre that this was not true I was then put through to Newington lending library. If Southwark Council wants to improve services for the public the direct line to Newington Reference

	library should be reconnected urgently. I have lost count of the number of bad experiences I have had with the call centre. <i>(public question time)</i>
A9	As part of the Council's modernisation programme, all calls to the library service are initially routed to the Customer Service Centre (CSC), where staff are trained to deal with straightforward enquiries. However CSC staff are aware that more complex enquiries should be passed to libraries for a response. This can be either by e-mail or by transferring the call if the enquiry is in relation to an administrative matter, such as renewing books and membership cards or checking if an item is on the shelves and available for loan or consultation.
Q10	There is regularly noise disturbance from St Giles Church Hall. More recently a disco type party was held playing loud music from mid afternoon until 11pm. Last year there was regular disturbances due to loud preaching through a PA system and singing from mid afternoon -1am and again at 5am. Certainly loud singing started at 8.30am on Sundays and the church will not commit themselves to stopping this. Do they need a music/entertainment license and is it fair to cause noise nuisance to the residents of Gilsmead, Glebe Estate and vicarage Grove. What is their policy? Do they have plans to sound proof the hall? <i>(public question time)</i>
A10	<p>Both Noise and Licensing Teams are familiar with St Giles Church hall – 161 Benhill Road, and its use for both church services and community or private functions. Records show that the noise team have received 2 complaints in the past 2 years, one relating to alleged loud church service which was not evident on arrival by the duty team [30 mins within receipt] and more recently a party which was witnessed to be a noise nuisance. Officers have planned to meet with the church to discuss sound containment and/or limitation.</p> <p>With regard to premises license, although church services as such operating from a 'hall' are exempt from the Licensing Act 2003, certain social functions held within the premise require licensing for which temporary event notices [TENS] have been notified and approved by the Authority. There have been 2 events covered by this process since December 2006, however there is no provision for noise related conditions to be applied. The premises operators have not applied for a premises license.</p>
Q11	When will Camberwell Grove Bridge open again and can people be informed that it is closed and when it will reopen? <i>(public question time)</i>
A11	<p>The chair responded that the network rail bridge was closed under emergency powers by the police, following a routine maintenance inspection which revealed a crack in the beam.</p> <p>The repairs are being implemented in two parts. The first part of the repair work has been completed and the second part will be undertaken in July 07. As the repairs are located under the bridge. they can only be implemented during</p>

	<p>closures of the railway.</p> <p>These repairs will allow the part opening of the bridge to traffic, however limitations will still be required on the bridge, which are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The bridge will have a weight limit 7.5tonne, physically enforced with a width restriction. • Only one lane of traffic will be permitted to use the bridge. <p>The bridge can only be open to vehicular traffic once the above restrictions have been implemented.</p> <p>This restriction will need to remain in place until Network Rail can gain funding for a permanent repair of the bridge, which would allow the removal of the weight limit</p> <p><u>Interim Traffic Management Measures</u></p> <p>To facilitate the above restriction and the opening of the bridge to limited vehicular traffic, Network Rail consultants have submitted for consideration, a number of options, which would achieve the above. The options for the management of traffic around these restrictions are subject to ongoing discussions, and consultation.</p> <p>These options centre around two themes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Allowing alternative line working on the bridge (i.e. allowing priority to either north or southbound traffic across the bridge at any one time) • Making the bridge in Camberwell Grove one-way working. <p>Both of these would incorporate a width restriction across the bridge of 2.1m (6ft 6inches).</p> <p>However due to site constraints many of the options are considered to have varying degrees of risk with regard to road safety.</p> <p>The meeting further requested that options for communicating the ongoing situation (including notices at site) be explored.</p>
Q12	Re the new toilet on Camberwell Green - does the site and shape mean that the door has to open onto the main road or could it be turned to allow a little more privacy for users? <i>(Action Update)</i>
A12	The toilet will be positioned so that the door opens onto the main road, which is to discourage inappropriate use of the toilets. It is felt that shielding the entrance will encourage misuse.
Q13	What is the energy consumption impact of the new lights on Camberwell Green ? <i>(Action Update)</i>
A13	The lighting is designed to improve safety and are low voltage (4 volts) requiring a minimal amount of energy.
Q14	The situation in station road is deteriorating again as the summer months

	approach? What enforcement action is planned following the successful blitz last year? <i>(Action Update)</i>
A14	The Police discussed current patrols and agreed that there was a need for them and the Council agencies to repeat another joint action.
Q15	Is the CCTV in Grove Lane working? <i>(Action Update)</i>
A15	<p>The only camera not working in Camberwell is C.97 in Grove Lane. This issue has unfortunately dragged on due to a dispute between NtL sub-contractors and Southwark Direct Services sub-contractors regarding the underground duct arrangements.</p> <p>This dispute has remained unresolved for too long and recently an arrangement was made for a third, independent contractor to undertake the necessary alterations. NtL have now been notified that they can return to complete their wiring and installation of their fibre-optic equipment.</p>
Q16	Are there any plans/ can we please have new CCTV in operation signs around Camberwell Green as the old are in such a state that they do not alert/deter people to it being in operation? <i>(Action Update)</i>
A16	The CCTV signage will be renewed as part of a general programme across the borough during this financial year.
Q17	Can you define what the local area is for the consultation? <i>(DAAT: consultation on move to Badsworth Road)</i>
A17	We will define the immediate area in consultation with Ward Councillors and local groups.
Q18	Why was the capital spent prior to the consultation about the location? <i>(DAAT: consultation on move to Badsworth Road)</i>
A18	There was a mistake in spending prior to consultation being undertaken and for that I apologise and if the local community cannot be persuaded then, yes, it will be wasted.
Q19	What is the success rate of the service that will be run from here? <i>(DAAT: consultation on move to Badsworth Road)</i>
A19	About 85% finish clean of drugs.
Q20	Why are you consulting on proposed extended opening hours at the same time as location of the service, is it because you have made up your mind on location already? <i>(DAAT: consultation on move to Badsworth Road)</i>
A20	No. We are consulting on the possible opening hours at the same time so that if it does go ahead on the site the same mistakes of not consulting on the location in advance are not repeated.
Q21	The 3 references given are all outside London. I understand that they run a service in Clapham. which has received complaints about friends waiting for

	people attending the service. Can we have references for a comparable area like this please? <i>(DAAT: consultation on move to Badsworth Road)</i>
A21	This is new information to me and need to follow it up. Thank you
Q22	How will you gather and analyse responses –i.e. voting? <i>(DAAT: consultation on move to Badsworth Road)</i>
A22	There is a formal consultation document – copies of which are available tonight and there are residents on the steering group. Views will be analysed at the end of the process but can not be a simple 49/51 % system.
Q23	Why does the Working Party Group for the Camberwell Leisure Centre not include representation from a) either the Finance department or the Regeneration Department of Southwark Council, these should be central members and b)important local groups who use the swimming baths and centre like local Primary schools, swimming and Gymnastic clubs, Sure Start? <i>(Camberwell Leisure Centre)</i>
A23	There are two representative of the Regeneration Department already on the working group – they were both at the inaugural meeting. The Group was asked to decide who else they wanted on the group they asked for a representative from Finance to be there and one has been invited to the next meeting. The working group already has fairly wide representation including Friends of Camberwell Baths who represent a wide range of users of the facility. Full consultation with all users will be undertaken once there are proposals on which to consult.
Q24	How much funding has been already 'guaranteed' for Camberwell Leisure Centre: initial information and Southwark's flyer said £1.5m, but issue 11 of 'Take Note' (page 11) says £1m. Please can the community have a clear break down about exactly what funds have been guaranteed for exactly what purpose. <i>(Camberwell Leisure Centre)</i>
A24	There was a misprint on Take Note issue 11 the sum is £1.5 Million. The Council has agreed to provide £1.5 million plus an agreement to ring-fence capital receipts that can be identified within the curtilage of the centre.
Q25	There are currently posters up in Camberwell Leisure Centre which are in breach of the Advertising Standards Authority rules on Honesty: 6.1 Marketers should not exploit the credulity, lack of knowledge or inexperience of consumers. Truthfulness 7.1 No marketing communication should mislead, or be likely to mislead, by inaccuracy, ambiguity, exaggeration, omission or otherwise The posters state: 'Southwark Council...providing 21st century leisure facilities for Camberwell. Southwark Council has approved plans to invest £1.5m in Camberwell Leisure Centre' The poster breaches the code of truthfulness and is misleading because it implies that a £1.5m lump sum investment is being made in the leisure centre. In

	<p>fact the £1.5m is a maximum amount of money that will be spent over a 5 year period 'to spend on the essential repairs needed to keep the building open' (this is a written quote from the Leader of Southwark Council).The implication of the poster that the £1.5m will deliver 21 century leisure facilities is highly misleading. In fact, English Heritage have now placed the Grade II building on their 'At Risk' list as it now in imminent risk of building failure. The sum needed for full refurbishment and to deliver 21-century leisure facilities at the leisure centre is £5-6m, as the Council is fully aware.</p> <p>The poster lacks honesty, and exploits the credulity of Camberwell residents. Having seen these posters, many people now believe that Camberwell will be getting a new leisure centre imminently, and that it will be on a par with the best facilities the UK can offer. This is simply not the case.</p> <p>Can we have these posters removed with immediate effect, and the officers responsible for writing the copy made aware of the breach in Advertising Standards codes?</p> <p>I also note on p11 of the current edition of Southwark Life that a similar claim has been made. Can we request that this is withdrawn, that the inaccurate claim drawn to the attention of the editors of the magazine, and that a clarification of the facts is published?</p> <p><i>(Camberwell Leisure Centre)</i></p>
A25	<p>There was no intention to be misleading and we feel that this impression only arises if the poster is not quoted in full. Our intention was to announce the decision made by Council Executive on the 13th of February 2007 to allocate £1.5m to Camberwell Leisure Centre and, as the poster goes on to say, identify a development scheme that would make 'best use of the existing leisure centre for a range of community facilities with leisure at the core'. Essential short-term repairs have already been commissioned and undertaken with other funds. These should keep the leisure centre operational for the immediate future. Given this, is it envisaged that the majority of the £1.5 will contribute to the overall redevelopment project rather than be spent on repairs. There should be a way forward from the Working Group in due course and this will be presented to Executive in the next six months. The Centre is also not currently on English Heritage's the 'At Risk' list. The article in Southwark Life conveys a similar message to the poster.</p>
Q26	<p>When will the Council accept that Camberwell needs financial investment as much as Peckham, Walworth and Dulwich and must not always lose out*, and in particular that Camberwell Leisure Centre is very popular and critically underfunded? Will the Council provide more much needed money for the Camberwell Baths?</p> <p>* ie Dulwich baths gets £5 million, Camberwell Baths only £1.5 million.</p> <p><i>(Camberwell Leisure Centre)</i></p>
A26	<p>The Council only has a limited amount of funding available and has to prioritise</p>

	how this is spent. The decision has been taken by the Executive and examined and ratified through the Scrutiny process.
Q27	Do the licensing service have plans to work with licenses and enforce licensing conditions when the smoking ban is introduced? (<i>saturation zones</i>)
A27	Yes.

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 Person's Name on **020 7525 7385**

Item number	Summary of the action or decision
5	<p>Decision: That the minutes of the meeting held on the 5 March 2007 be agreed as a true and accurate record of the meeting subject to the following amendment:</p> <p>That the Take Note be amended to read "will receive £1.5 million for essential works and maintenance."</p>
6	<p>Decision: That the reports from the Camberwell sub groups be noted and that they be compiled into a short booklet for future distribution at the meeting and that this is also forwarded to the executive for their information and consideration. Further that the reports of the sub committees be used as the basis for future discussions at thematic community council meetings over the course of the 2007/08 municipal year.</p>
8	<p>Decision: That the Community council agree in principle to the allocation of £7,500 (1/8 of the total cost) to the Carrib Football Club changing facilities on Peckham Rye from the 07/08 Camberwell Cleaner Greener Safer fund. The formal allocation being made as part of the CGS decisions later in the year.</p>

9	Decision: That the Community council agree in principle to the allocation of £2,500 from this years community council fund to the Southwark Young Pilgrims project to fund training activities for students from the Camberwell area. This is to match the £2,500 already allocated by Rotherhithe Community Council out of their community council fund for the forthcoming municipal year. The formal allocation by Camberwell community council is to be made as part of the decisions later in the municipal year once the scheme is open.
Public Question time	Action: That the community council receive a full briefing regarding the on going closure of Camberwell Grove railway bridge at its June meeting. The community council further requests that communication on the ongoing situation be improved and ask officers to consider ways in which local residents can be kept informed of the evolving situation.
12	Action: That the community council requests officers to work with the local police on a further joint operation on Station Road similar to the previous blitz as the summer approaches.
18	Action: That the community council wishes to see the councils new audit committee look into the allocation of and value obtained through Cleaner Greener Safer funding.
13	Action: That the community council requests scrutiny to consider an item for their forth coming municipal year work plan on the performance of the local postal service.
16	Action: That the community council requests the councils new audit committee to investigate the waste of resources stemming from the instalment of windows which are now to be replaced on the Grosvenor Estate.
Members' Decisions E	Decision: That the community council approves the disabled parking bays proposed on Coleman Road and Sansom Street as set out in the report for implementation subject to the outcome of any necessary statutory procedures.
Members' Decisions E	Decision: That the community council agrees to the removal of the loading bay on Denmark Road as set out in the report subject to the outcome of any necessary statutory procedures.
Members' Decisions E	Decision: Members resolved to agree the appointment of Ms Shelley Burke and Ms Tanya Murphy as an LEA governor to Lyndhurst School
Members' Decisions E	Decision: Members resolved to agree the appointment of Mr Gary Keene as an LEA governor to Bessemer Grange School.

Members’ Decisions E	Decision: Members resolved to agree the appointment of Mr William Meere as an LEA governor to Comber Grove School.
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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**