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Walworth Community Council

Main Meeting

Draft Minutes of the meeting of Walworth Community Council
subject to approval at the next meeting
Tuesday July 15 2008
Aylesbury Day Centre, Bradenham Close, Walworth

Please note all text in italics is an addition to the minutes after the meeting.

Present

Councillors: Abdul Mohamed (Chair), Lorraine Lauder (Vice-Chair), Kirsty McNeill, Paul Bates, James Gurling, Jelil Ladipo, Caroline Pidgeon, Martin Seaton and Jane Salmon

The meeting opened at 7.05pm.

1. **Apologies**

3. **Notification of any items the Chair deems urgent**

None were notified.

4. **Disclosure of Members' interests and dispensations**

5. **Chair's announcements:**

- A consultation is being held on Housing Strategy for Southwark, residents should give their views to officers
- A consultation is being held on a new secondary school on the Lower Walworth School site, residents should give their views to officers

6. **Confirmation of minutes from the last main meeting**

RESOLVED:

That the minutes of the Main meeting held on May 7 2008 be approved as an accurate record of the meeting, with the addition of Councillor Lauder to the list of apologees, and the minutes of the Special meeting held on June 10 2008 be approved as an accurate record. Responses to the Public Questions from the minutes were made available to residents.

7. **Deputations and petitions:** None received.

Local business:

8. **Police and Community Wardens**

Safer Neighbourhood Teams – Sergeant Stephens

East Walworth – Anti-social behaviour has been reported in Ivychurch Lane, Darwin Court and Swanbourne and the SNT has been patrolling these areas.

Faraday – some nasty incidents have been reported around Wooller Street, and residents are fearful of crime. Residents are asked to ensure they report crimes, so that resources can be focused in the right places. Pathmeads estate is now a priority. There have been reports of anti-social behaviour and licensing issues around the Hourglass public house. Knife crime is at the top of the agenda in the team's youth engagement activities. The

SNT is working with the Prince's Trust at InSpire. A presentation was given to young offenders on knife injuries, and the other SNTs have also given presentations.

The SNTs want to know where young people gather, so that they can go and meet them, to discuss their concerns. Since May 2008 105 people have been charged with offences involving knives, which means 100 knives are off the streets.

- ❑ Norma said that on June 26 in East Street market there were 3 different fights: a man was cut with broken glass, another man was swearing foully and a group of drunks were sitting on the pavement drinking out of bottles. Sergeant Stephens said that the Designated Public Places legislation allowed the police to confiscate alcohol if drinkers are causing anti-social behaviour; please contact the police and they will confiscate the alcohol being drunk.
- ❑ The Chair asked why CCTV was not being used to detect this sort of anti-social behaviour. Sergeant Stevens said that the canopies over the market stalls get in the way.
- ❑ Councillor Bates said that the police are not doing their part of dealing with squatters.
- ❑ Councillor Seaton asked if it were possible to have the crime figures for each Ward; Sergeant Stevens said that the mapping software systems were inadequate. He would bring the figures for Southwark to the next meeting.
- ❑ A resident asked what the police are doing to prevent youth crime. Sergeant Stephens said that the police have been using 'stop and search' which does work. The police are trying to get young people to talk to them, to warn of the physical dangers of carrying knives. The sergeant felt that penalties for carrying knives should be harsh. The SNTs have found that the more they get to know young people in their areas, the less likely those young people are likely to commit offences.
- ❑ Another resident said that there is plenty for young people to do; but it is not possible to force young people to attend youth clubs.
- ❑ Assah said that it is not just down to the police to deal with this, it is the job of the whole community. Parents should talk to their children and encourage them into positive activities.
- ❑ The Police Community Support Officer said that there had been youths engaging in anti-social behaviour 10 months ago, but now she knows them all. Not all youths are committing or carrying knives.
- ❑ Norma asked what parents can do if their children do not come home until the middle of the night. Councillor Pidgeon said that those parents can contact the Children's Support Centre, who will work with the family, and that there is a difference between seeking help and having help forced upon them.
- ❑ Mr Clark said youngsters find it hard to get work when they leave school; if they had jobs, they would be tired and less likely to go out looking for trouble.

The Community Wardens

Please see the detailed report attached at Appendix A.

Paul Jeffreys answered residents questions:

- ❑ Mr Yureten complained about children and youths playing football outside Marpley House, hitting windows with the football. Residents find this intimidating. The children also throw water bombs at passers by. Paul Jeffreys said that he would take the details during the break.
- ❑ Councillor Seaton said that only a minority of youths cause concern.

9. **Community Fund 2008-09**

RESOLVED: That the awards listed in Appendix B be approved.

In response to a question, Councillor Pidgeon said that tight conditions had to be satisfied in order to be eligible. Some organizations had not returned monitoring information from previous years, organizations will be asked for the money back if they cannot supply the monitoring information.

10. **Cleaner Greener Safer 2008-09**

RESOLVED: That the awards listed in Appendix B be approved.

11. **Section 106 & Project Banks**

Section 106 planning obligations are used to address negative impacts caused by a development. This includes providing infrastructure and facilities to help achieve sustainable communities. The Council can enter into a legal agreement with a developer to provide planning contributions. Planning contributions can cover a range of facilities and services including: affordable homes, new open space, funding of school places or provision of employment training schemes

Councillor Gurling explained that Section 106 money is to mitigate the damage caused to a locality by a development. The projects to be funded used to be decided by officers, but now more people are involved in the prioritization. It should be noted that some Section 106 projects can be borough-wide.

- ❑ Richard Lee said that he was concerned that sometimes the people most affected did not benefit from Section 106 projects after a development; that he hoped that local Councillors and residents would make the selection of projects; that briefing notes would be required for larger projects and that a holistic approach is required. Jillian Houghton responded that there are restrictions on what projects can be funded through Section 106. Borough & Bankside Community Council area have benefited the most from Section 106, but the Elephant & Castle redevelopment offers the possibility of Section 106 projects for Walworth. Officers do meet to discuss potential projects, to avoid duplication and to ensure the projects fit with other Council services. Officers will return to a future Walworth Community Council to seek approval for Section 106 projects.
- ❑ The Chair said that officers decide which projects to proceed with according to priorities set by the Community Council, in the Section 106 SPD and potential future projects are stored in a 'project bank'.
- ❑ Norma asked about the possibility of provision of public conveniences funded by Section 106 monies. She said that older people did not go out, as there was no provision. Councillor Ladipo asked whether replacement or new toilets could be funded. Jillian Houghton said that Section 106 funding was normally for 'one-off' funding, rather than maintenance. Des Waters (Head of Public Realm) said that Section 106 would be unlikely to be used for public conveniences as the Council is seeking provision within public buildings, and ensuring Council premises and businesses open lavatories for public use. Given the Council's public revenue problems, it is unlikely that new conveniences will be provided. This is in line with the Public Convenience Policy agreed by the Council's Executive.
- ❑ Councillor Lauder asked why the public conveniences at Westmoreland Grove have gone and why.
Action: Gemma Gallagher
- ❑ **RESOLVED:** That a report on public conveniences in Walworth be brought to the October meeting
Action: Caroline Chalklin/Des Waters.
- ❑ Mr Yureten asked about the potential for refurbishment of a mosque as Section 106 money.

12. Equal Opportunities Strategy Feedback

Following a review of the Council's Equal Opportunities Strategy, Sarah Totterdell spoke to the Community Council, explaining how residents' feedback had changed the original document. Residents who want to see the documents in full can visit the Council's website at <http://www.southwark.gov.uk/YourCouncil/equalities/EqualitiesatSouthwark/>. A number of areas were highlighted, including: improvements to accessibility to services (services will become more local and more mobile); all Southwark staff have training in equal opportunities, with the focus on courtesy to all; the Council needs to communicate better with residents. Residents were thanked for their contribution.

13. Local Involvement Network (LINK)

The LINK will be responsible for the involvement of local people in improving local health and social care services. The LINK will be independent of the Council and the health Trusts, and a host organization should be in place by September 2008. In the meantime, public meetings will be held, to which all are welcome.

For more information, please contact Paul Bruce on 020 7525 7495

- ❑ Mr Beadle suggested that the LINK was to be hosted by a private company, and was part of the privatization of the health service. The LINK would not be accountable. Paul Bruce said that the host would be a voluntary organization, and the LINK would be local residents holding providers of health and social care services to account.

Public Questions – awaiting responses

- (i) Is the report in the South London Press (11.7.08) that legal proceedings leading to eviction have begun against 53 residents on the Heygate estate accurate? (Mr Jerry Flynn)
- (ii) When and where will the review about the Elephant & Castle regeneration take place? Tenants want a full investigation, not just a one-off meeting. Some tenants (53 families) face eviction!
The following points were made in response to public questions (i) and (ii):
- ❑ Councillor McNeill said that the review will be a scrutiny of the Elephant & Castle development, and will include evidence from traders, local businesses as well as residents
- ❑ Councillor Bates said that the early housing sites were not ready, so Heygate residents are having to go through the Homeseach system

- Councillor Gurling said that people had wanted to be rehoused, and it is a travesty that this is happening. As Chair of the Planning Committee, he is awaiting the planning applications for the new housing. He had worked for years on the redevelopment of Elephant & Castle, including the Heygate.
RESOLVED: That a Special meeting be held on the redevelopment of the Heygate, with officers from regeneration, and the Executive Member for Housing, Councillor Kim Humphries
- (iii) The Council, developers and Transport for London are discussing the rerouting of traffic at the Elephant & Castle roundabout; are they going to present proposals to the community? This would allow the community to consider the consequences throughout the surrounding roads. (Mr Crawford) Councillor Pidgeon said that Peter Hendey of Transport for London was in touch with developers.
- (iv) The Walworth Road bus lane project was to be finished by last December, but part of the bus lane has still not been opened – what is happening? (Ms J Roberts)
- (v) I would like the next Community Council meeting to have an agenda item on the Townsend Street/Comus Place housing site (replacement site for the Heygate tenants). The Stead Street development has been discussed regularly, but the Townsend Street site has been omitted! (Mr R Lee)
- (vi) Can secure cycle parking be provided at every Community Council venue. (Ms R Lack)
- (vii) With the change in London's Mayor, will the Cross-river Tram still go ahead, and with it funding for local planning projects and regeneration (Mr D Clark)
- (viii) There is no Cleaner Greener Safer place. There is rubbish urine, ? etc. Not nice at all. At meeting and newsletter is one thing. I live in Southwark is something else, prevention is better than cure. I am not happy with the hygiene of the community. (Ms D Parks)
- (ix) Why are there no Community Council meetings in Newington Ward? (Councillor Ladipo)
- (x) Why were there insufficient Disabled People's Bus Passes? Old people were left outside in the rain outside the One Stop Shop. Then people were sent to the Post Office to collect their passes, and the post office staff were rude and refused to accept the form issued by Southwark Council. (Norma)
- (xi) Why is no one helping Comus House regenerate? (Mr Noble)

Members' Decisions

RESOLVED: That Ms Puck de Raadt and Miss Carol Wainwright be reappointed to the Governing body of Keyworth Primary School.

Signed:

Date: