

**BEDDINGTON AND WALLINGTON LOCAL COMMITTEE**

**30 April 2019 at 7.00 pm**

**MEMBERS:** Councillors Manuel Abellan, Steve Cook, Tim Foster, Sunita Gordon, Jillian Green, Edward Joyce, Nick Matthey, Jayne McCoy, Muhammad Sadiq, Mo Saqib and Barry Lewis

**ABSENT** Councillor(s) Marian James

**43. WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS**

The Clerk informed the Committee that the vice chair was unavailable, opened the meeting and asked Councillors to nominate a Chair for the duration of the meeting.

Councillor Jayne McCoy proposed Councillor Sunita Gordon as Chair, this was seconded by Councillor Muhammad Sadiq.

**RESOLVED:**

that Councillor Sunita Gordon act as Chair for the duration of the meeting.

The Chair welcomed attendees, in particular Councillor Barry Lewis newly elected Councillor for the Wallington North ward to his first meeting of the Beddington and Wallington Local Committee.

The Chair informed the meeting that Joyce Melican thanked the Flightpath Residents Association for sending her the drawings of the planned sculpture and she looked forward to seeing the photographs when it is in place.

**44. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor Marian James.

**45. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

There were no declarations of interest.

**46. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING**

**RESOLVED:** that the minutes of the meeting held on 22 January 2019 be agreed as an accurate record.

**47. BEDDINGTON PARK ENFORCEMENT TRIAL UPDATE**

Mark Dalzell, Head of Parks and Open Spaces provided a verbal update.

The Chair read a statement provided by Councillor Marian James which explained that Councillors had listened to the views and feedback from residents and had recommended that the BBQs be removed from Beddington park. Councillor James passed thanks to Sylvia Beavis for the way she had engaged the community and positive contribution she had made to the issue.

The Head of Parks and Open Spaces read the statement:

'I can confirm that following the further consultation meetings held with stakeholders, as agreed at the previous local committee meeting, that ward councillors' view is that the BBQs should be removed on the basis of concerns about litter, anti social behaviour and smoke pollution, which is a decision that Officers have delegated authority to take in terms of the formal decision.

On the parking and charging for parking issue, we will carry out the small group discussion this evening to gather views, but that will need to go to Environment and Neighbourhood Committee for decision as it concerns fees and charges.'

The Head of Parks and Open Spaces reported that all options and suggestions from the discussions held this evening at the Committee would be reviewed and considered.

Members asked if there would be parking charges at all of the boroughs 13 parks, suggesting it is not appropriate that Beddington Park is the only park with a charge for parking. It was added that if other parks had charges this would create additional income which could be used to support enforcement. The Head of Parks and Open Spaces explained there is not parking available at all of the boroughs parks and parking is a particular concern at Beddington park as it has become dangerous.

The BBQs at Roundshaw park will not be removed at the moment, there had not been a request to remove them, and no issues have been raised.

The Assistant Director, Assistant Director, Customers, Commissioning and Governance explained that the petition submitted to the Council on the issue of BBQs and parking at Beddington Park would be reviewed and that if Officers are able to take the action outlined in the prayer, the lead petitioner would be written to with this information. If a decision is needed about a part of the petition, that part of the petition could be presented to the Environment and Neighbourhood Committee on 20 June.

#### **48. PUBLIC QUESTIONS**

Residents and Members at the meeting were invited to ask questions.

A resident explained that due to parking in the area around Bandon House, Redford Avenue carers are experiencing problems getting in and out. Kevin Williams, Senior Engineer committed to visiting the site to review the issues.

Members asked about the Forresters Drive/Sandy Lane junction, and proposals which aim to make the junction safer. The Senior Engineer informed the attendees that consultation letters would be sent to local residents in early May which include proposals to address

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issues in the area. There is an upcoming project funded by 2019/20 allocation of monies to review the whole of the corridor.

Other areas of enforcements were discussed including use of drones in parks, fishing, litter and abuse to residents at Elm pond, London Road, the Head of Parks and Open Spaces agreed to investigate, but explained that some of these issues are matters for the Police.

The Head of Parks and Open Spaces agreed that consideration can be given to putting a fence around the duck pond to reduce dogs using the pond.

Councillor Manuel Abellan joined the meeting at 7.45pm.

In discussion the Senior Engineer agreed that he would visit Church Lane, Beddington (over the upcoming bank holiday) to gather evidence about parking issues and report it as early findings to the upcoming parking consultation which is due to start in this Local Committee area.

A resident informed the meeting that she had handed a petition to the Council today regarding 'Climate Change Emergency' and asked what the Council are able to do. Councillor Abellan explained the Council's Environment Strategy had been published and he was speaking to officers and key stakeholders about this issue.

Discussion took place regarding consideration that a cycleway be included through Beddington Park to Hackbridge station. Members explained that this would need to be reviewed against the necessary criteria but asked that the resident contact the ward Councillor about the suggestion.

#### **49. UPDATE FROM THE SAFER NEIGHBOURHOOD TEAM**

PC Steven Routledge provided a verbal update on the ward priorities.

The PC explained the difficulty for the police carrying out enforcement of mopeds users on Roundshaw Downs if the mopeds do not have VPNs. He added that the police had been in discussion with the Council about methods of restricting access for mopeds to the area.

A resident asked if the police were aware of vehicle noise and music on Sunday evening. The PC suggested the vehicle noise may have been from the Asda car park which is private land, the police have attended the location. The PC will look into the issue of the music reported.

Attendees and Members discussed the numbers of dogs which can be walked at one time by one person.

The PC informed the Committee that the Police station next to Sainsburys in Wallington will be closed from 17 May and the Officers will move to Sutton Police station.

**50. ENVIRONMENT ENFORCEMENT POLICY**

The report was provided to the Committee for information.

**51. HIGHWAYS UPDATES**

Kevin Williams, Senior Engineer provided a verbal update.

A resident informed the Senior Engineer that a cycle way sign post in Onslow Gardens appears to be pointing in the wrong direction. The Senior Engineer agreed to look into this, and also mentioned that a cycle crossing of Stafford Road is due to be installed near the Onslow Gardens junction which will connect Beddington, to the Town Centre and the station.

In discussion Members asked when the recently installed APVR cameras in Beddington Lane will be operational as part of the HGV enforcement, the Senior Engineer explained that work is being carried out with the businesses in the area before a statement could be provided.

**52. NEIGHBOURHOOD GRANTS**

Claire Smith, Locality Lead Officer presented the report.

A representative from the Roundshaw Foodbank provided a presentation, explaining the work of the group and how it had used money provided through a Neighbourhood Grant. It was reported that 430 adults and children had made use of the Foodbank in the last 2 months, although recognising that this a great achievement by the group, it raised the concern about the number of residents who had required the service.

A representative from,Head2head theatre provided a presentation, explaining the work of the group and how it had used money provided through a Neighbourhood Grant.

**53. AREA IMPROVEMENT AND PUBLIC REALM PROGRAMME**

Claire Smith, Locality Lead Officer presented the report.

There were further questions from Members of the Committee.

**RESOLVED:** that

1. £1,500 from Public Realm Capital to install an information board in Beddington Park be approved
2. £1,650 from Public Realm Capital to install two benches on Roundshaw Downs be approved.
3. £11,481 from Public Realm Capital to install 4 pieces of new play equipment in Roundshaw Park be approved.
4. The progress of Public Realm projects as set out in appendix A, Section 2 be noted.

**54. RECOMMENDATIONS TRACKER**

The report was available in the agenda pack for information.

**55. ANY URGENT BUSINESS**

There was no urgent business.

**56. DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

The next meeting will take place on 11 June at 7pm at Holy Trinity Church, Maldon Road, Wallington.

The meeting ended at 8.40 pm

Chair: .....

Date: .....