

BEDDINGTON AND WALLINGTON LOCAL COMMITTEE

2 March 2021 at 7.00 pm

MEMBERS: Councillor Steve Cook (Chair), Councillor Edward Joyce (Vice-Chair) and Councillors Manuel Abellan, Sunita Gordon, Marian James, Barry Lewis, Jayne McCoy, Muhammad Sadiq, Mo Saqib, Tim Foster, Jillian Green and Nick Matthey

ABSENT Councillor(s)

11. WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS

The Chair, Councillor Steve Cook, welcomed those present.

12. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

There were no apologies for absence.

13. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Councillor Sunita Gordon declared a non-pecuniary interest that she lives in the Butter-Hill area.

14. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

RESOLVED:- that the minutes of the meeting held on 24 November 2020 be agreed as an accurate record.

15. ANY URGENT BUSINESS

There was no urgent business.

16. PUBLIC QUESTIONS

Two Public questions were received in advance of the meeting, responses were provided and published on the council website.

Question 1: Mr Stephen Grant, Resident, had asked a question (question 1 in the supplement to the agenda) and confirmed he had received a written response. He asked a supplementary question about access issues to the butter hill bridge exiting the estate, should the Low Traffic Neighbourhood Scheme go ahead. Alex Constantinides, Interim Assistant Director for Transport, Highways and Regulatory Services explained that there are no current plans for LTNs and that there would be full, meaningful engagement with the community for any future plans regarding LTNs.

Mr Grant asked Mr Constantinides how these consultations would take place to ensure meaningful engagement. Mr Constantinides replied that TFL had introduced the various

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schemes, including the Low Traffic Neighbourhood scheme, setting out how measures should be implemented and said that this should be done as quickly as possible. The speed required to meet the government recommended time scales, meant that proper dialogue could not be performed properly. Following the high court judgement against TFL, these schemes were removed, but there was still a commitment to resolving road safety issues around the Local Authority, working with the community and ensuring proper consultation and engagement.

Members discussed the LTNs further and about how to approach these schemes in the future. They further reiterated the importance of making sure that residents are consulted to come to a mutual agreement.

Question 2: Ms Sheila Berry, Resident, had asked a question and confirmed she had received a written response. Her supplementary question was regarding having independent scrutiny when the consultations are due to happen. Mr Constantinides replied that the schemes were aligned with the guidance issued and that there is a commitment to working together with residents and the community for future consultations.

17. UPDATE FROM THE SAFER NEIGHBOURHOOD TEAM

Sgt Phil Clifton was unable to attend and sent a short brief on crime figures and the ward panels which were added to the agenda as a supplement.

18. COVID-19 UPDATE AND NEXT STEPS

Dr Imran Choudhury, Director of Public Health, presented to the committee. His presentation included an overview of the local rates of COVID-19 infections, testing and vaccinations as well as the re-emphasis of key Public Health messages and government guidance such as, 'hands, space and face'.

Dr Imran Choudhury continued to encourage residents to take the COVID-19 vaccine, in particular those listed in the key groups.

19. PUBLIC REALM PROJECTS UPDATE

Claire Smith, Locality Lead Officer, presented the report.

RESOLVED That:-

1. £1,775 from Public Realm revenue for a memorial tree at Mellows Park be approved.
2. £4,721 from Public Realm revenue for crossover alterations between Elmwood and Killburns Mill Close be approved.
3. £1,675 from Public Realm revenue for 5 x additional bollards at Boundary Road be approved.

There were no further questions.

20. BEDDINGTON PARK CONSERVATION AREA

Dean James, Strategic Planning Manager, delivered a presentation regarding the consultation on the Character Appraisal and management plan for the existing Beddington Park, Carew Manor and Church Lane conservation areas.

He encouraged everyone to take part in the consultation through the website or via email to planningpolicy@sutton.gov.uk. He asked for feedback on the Character Appraisal, thoughts on the improvements being proposed and any general comments.

Members asked how people who are not able to access computers would partake in these consultations. Dean James answered that residents were informed through direct notification of this consultation. They did a letter drop to all residential and commercial properties, it was noted that a lot of the information was directed to the website due to restricted activities as a result of the pandemic.

Members also expressed concerns regarding some unlisted buildings. Dean James said they would look into potentially adding these buildings to the list of locally listed buildings.

21. SUSTAINABLE TRANSPORT STRATEGY

Phil Crockford, Principal Policy Officer (Strategic Transport) presented the report. He encouraged committee members and residents to respond to the Sutton Sustainable Transport Strategy consultation which had opened 14 January and would remain open until 25 March 2021.

Members expressed concerns about the cycle lanes on Beddington Lane. Kevin Williams, Senior Professional Engineer, answered that the Beddington North Major Scheme was currently being delayed by other works. He also added that Beddington North councillors would be consulted when the programme is ready to be finalised and any cycle lanes that were going to be implemented should be used for its purpose.

Community Representatives asked for consideration of segregation between pedestrians and cyclists that were using the pavement. Mr Crockford emphasised that the message of the report was to promote choice and the ability for people to remain active in later life and to travel safely. There would be continued work with Highways, Parking Enforcement and colleagues dealing with Climate Emergency to look at enforcement issues and maintaining assets.

Members questioned whether the objective of this strategy was to focus on limiting car usage in the borough, and asked for improved public transport services. Mr Crockford stated that they were in consultation with TFL, DFT and the London Mayor's Office for 'metroisation' of the South London lines to increase the frequency of trains and that there had been consultations on improvements to bus services within the borough.

22. PARKING STRATEGY

Gurcharan Durhailay, Parking Programme Manager, delivered the Parking Strategy Consultation for the Beddington and Wallington areas. The statutory consultation ran between 25 February 2021 to 18 March 2021.

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Community Representatives asked if the parking restrictions on yellow lines would be enforced. Mr Durhailay confirmed that they were working closely with the parking enforcement team to ensure the measures, such as the yellow line restrictions, were enforced.

Members requested that they be involved in the meetings regarding the parking strategy so they could relay any concerns from residents.

23. HIGHWAYS UPDATES

Kevin Williams, Senior Professional Engineer, gave a verbal update on highways. He said they were looking at a revised programme for the 2021-22 financial year. They were in consultation with ward councillors and residents' associations so they could put in a bid to TFL regarding issues and concerns in the local area. He stated that once all of the information had been collated, a paper would be taken to the Environment, Strategy and Transport Committee on 18 March 2021.

Members asked about ensuring that speed limits were being adhered to, for example on Beddington Lane. Mr Williams answered that data was continually being collected and the situation was being monitored. Once definitive data was gathered, they would work to resolve this issue.

24. NEIGHBOURHOOD FUND

Gavin Calthorpe, Business Development Manager, delivered a presentation on the Neighbourhood Fund and invited Members and residents to get involved in improving the local area.

Members asked how much of CIL funding was specifically allocated to those groups with neighbourhood plans. Mr Calthorpe explained that of the CIL funding, 85% was assigned to the strategic element and 15% was assigned to the Neighbourhood Fund element. Areas with neighbourhood plans were given an increased amount of 25%.

25. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

It was noted that the date of the next meeting would be 8 June 2021.

The meeting ended at 9.15 pm

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Chair:

Date: