

**Sutton South, Cheam and Belmont Local Committee
13 September 2018**

SUTTON SOUTH, CHEAM AND BELMONT LOCAL COMMITTEE

13 September 2018 at 7.00 pm

MEMBERS: Councillor Tony Shields (Chair), Councillor Elliot Colburn (Vice-Chair) and Councillors Eric Allen, Richard Clifton, Trish Fivey, David Hicks, Jane Pascoe and Holly Ramsey

ABSENT:

14. WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS

Councillor Tony Shields welcomed those present to the meeting. The Chair read a statement relating to Purdah and also advised attendees that, due to being in purdah, the update on the Tramlink extension would not form part of this agenda.

15. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

There were no apologies for absence.

16. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations.

17. MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING

RESOLVED: that the minutes of the previous meeting held on the 21 June 2018 be approved as a correct record.

18. SAFER PARKS TEAM

PC Bukhari provided an update on the priorities in the area and park safety issues. He responded to questions from Members and residents on the work of the parks team. The committee were advised that recent activity has focused on:

- Liaison with travellers, and traveller incursions.
- Prevention of crime within the parks.
- Dealing with any anti-social behaviour.
- Providing support to community events within the parks and open spaces.

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Members asked for details of the number of calls from residents in respect of traveller incursions, and also how many visits have taken place as a result of those calls. The officer advised that any traveller site is visited daily. In respect of fly tipping the officer advised this is reported to the Council who take action on this. Members asked for details of issues recorded in the parks. It was confirmed these are recorded and will be shared with Ward Councillors following this meeting.

Questions were raised regarding the Council's proposed 3 month injunction on stopping person's unknown entering Council land and park spaces, the officer responded accordingly.

19. PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

The chair brought forward two items for discussion at the beginning of this agenda item. This was regarding appointment of Community representatives to update the details of the representatives of this Committee.

The committee were advised that an application for the appointment of a Community Representative had been received. It was recommended that the Sutton South Cheam and Belmont (SSCB) Local Committee appoint Tim Rumble to represent the Cheam Chamber of Trade on the Local Committee.

The committee were also advised that an application for the appointment of a Community Representative had been received. It was recommended that the Sutton South Cheam and Belmont Local Committee appoint Beverley Brigden to represent the Shanklin Residents' Association on the Local Committee.

RESOLVED: that

1. Tim Rumble be appointed to represent Cheam Chamber of Trade on the SSCB Local Committee.
2. Beverley Brigden be appointed to represent Shanklin Residents' Association, on the SSCB Local Committee.

Mr Dave Banks, a local resident, highlighted a flood risk within the ward area due to requirement for gully maintenance, cleaning of soakaways and also to review the structural design of the system. He asked if this issue could be taken forward by the committee.

Councillor Shields advised he is aware this has been an ongoing issue and the committee would like to adopt this as committee business to look to resolve on behalf of the residents. The Chair asked for a report to come back to the next Committee meeting.

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Marion Wingrove, a local resident, raised a query regarding clearing leaves in The Gallop and Langley Park Road. Councillor Hicks advised he had sought confirmation on the cleaning schedule. The Chair advised that he will write to the Chair of the Environment & Neighbourhood committee asking for details of plans that will be put in place to make sure that the contract specification on cleaning is met.

The Chair referred to the addendum of public questions which was distributed at the meeting. Mr Percy declared that he wished it to be noted that he is a cyclist and he that he has written the question in his personal capacity. Mr Percy, raised a supplementary question regarding the design of the front of the building previously known as Sutherland House. Lynn Robinson, Senior Engineer advised that the Toucan crossing was removed under the Gateway scheme, not as part of the design of the Sutherland House. The Chair confirmed that the cost of reversing that decision would be prohibitive.

In respect of the written question from Mr Ian Berry, Mr Steven Swan asked a supplementary question to seek confirmation on how many full time staff are employed by idverde to maintain the parks? It was agreed that this question would be taken away, and a response provided post the meeting. Mr Swan also raised a supplementary question regarding the play area in Cheam. He asked when the disabled trampoline would be replaced. It was agreed this would be followed up and a response provided post the meeting. It was agreed that the Lead Locality Officer, Chantelle Swaby, would follow up responses on these questions and copy the Ward Councillors into the responses.

Peter Matthey, Belmont & South Cheam Residents' Association, asked a supplementary question to his written question regarding parking in Belmont. He requested an update on progress of the parking scheme and a date when this would move forward, and also asked for confirmation on if the funds set aside to cover the work required would be sufficient. In debate, the Chair requested that in respect of the parking bays outside the new Cheam post office if these could be amended so they are made available for free parking for 30 minutes. The Committee asked for this to be investigated ahead of the overall parking review.

Councillor Clifton advised that due to purdah, meetings on the parking strategy were postponed but would be taken forward after the purdah period.

A local resident asked for an update in respect of the recent opening of the Harris Academy and any update on transport junctions improvements and additional bus services. Lynn Robinson, Senior Engineer, advised that the design of the junction options are being investigated, with the aim of going out to consultation in November.

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Mr Tim Rumble of Cheam Chamber of Commerce raised an issue regarding parking in Cheam Broadway. Councillor Colburn advised that this had been raised with the Member of the London Assembly.

A local resident Mr Ackalah, requested that a single yellow line in Devonshire road is replaced by double yellow lines to avoid any access issues.

Mark Lumley, Head of Shared ICT, confirmed that these individual elements would be picked up under the parking strategy.

During discussion the Chair suggested that rather than wait for the parking strategy review that the local committee funds could be used to take forward the two minor schemes that were highlighted in debate: to replacing single yellow lines in Devonshire Road with double yellow lines and also to review the time limit on the parking bays in front of the Belmont post office to 30 Minutes parking. He suggested that these should be reviewed ahead of the parking strategy, and Members agreed with this suggestion.

20. TRAMLINK EXTENSION

This item was withdrawn due to purdah.

21. ENGAGEMENT SESSION - REVIEW OF LOCAL COMMITTEES

Four questions were raised to residents, requesting views on structure and format of the committee the topics residents would like to add to agendas, the location and timing of meetings and suggestions on consulting a wider audience. The Lead Locality Officer took note of the suggestions put forward by residents for further consideration and review.

In debate, residents asked about how to receive electronic alerts of meeting dates and agendas. One resident advised that he had signed into the meeting and left his email address on a number of occasions and would like to be added to the email alerts. It was agreed the Lead locality officer will pass details to Committee Services of the individuals who have completed the signed in sheet and requested alerts.

22. PUBLIC REALM PROJECTS AND NEIGHBOURHOOD GRANTS

Chantelle Swaby, Lead Locality Officer, gave an update on neighbourhood grants and presented the information on public realm contained in the agenda, the presentation is attached to the minutes for reference.

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The Lead Locality Officer invited Mr Matthey to update the committee on the event fees and charge grant that was given to the Belmont festival. The presentation given by Mr Matthey is attached to the minutes for information.

Mr Matthey advised the committee that the grants were used to cover the fees for road closures. There were over 70 stalls and entertainment provided. Mr Matthey thanked the team from Veolia who cleared the area throughout the day and by 8pm all the roads were reopened. The organisations that helped with this event are detailed in the presentation. Mr Matthey thanked the Council for the grant. The organisations that benefited from the funds raised by the event are within the presentation. Over £11,500 was raised for local good causes.

The Lead Locality Officer will follow up with Members post this meeting regarding time scales for completion painting of the Shanklin estate railings.

In respect of the Overton Park improvements, The Chair asked that the Lead Locality officer arrange a date as soon as possible after 25 October with officers to review the action plan to take this forward. A particular concern was the proposal by the England and Wales cricket board to fund one or more all-weather strips in the park.

23. ANY URGENT ITEMS BROUGHT FORWARD AT THE DISCRETION OF THE CHAIR

There were no urgent items.

24. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The date of the next meeting was confirmed as 10 January 2019.

The meeting ended at 9.05 pm

Chair:
Date:

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