

Beddington and Wallington Local Committee**22 January 2019****BEDDINGTON AND WALLINGTON LOCAL COMMITTEE****22 January 2019 at 7.00 pm**

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

ABSENT Councillor(s) Joyce Melican

30. WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS

The Vice Chair - Councillor Marian James, acting as Chair, welcomed all those present.

31. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from the Chair, Councillor Joyce Melican. Apologies for lateness were received from Councillor Manuel Abellan (who arrived at 19:56 during the Safer Neighbourhood Team update).

32. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest made.

33. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

RESOLVED: that the minutes of the meeting held on 30 October 2018 were agreed and signed as an accurate record subject to the following amendment:

that Minute 22 refer to a crossing not on Crispin Crescent, but the Beddington Lane junction with Derry Road.

34. THE SUTTON FAIRNESS COMMISSION

Alison Navarro (CEO - Community Action Sutton) presented the Sutton Fairness Commission.

Following the presentation, discussion ensued as to:

- The effect of social media on young people, both nationally and locally.
- Engagement from schools within the borough on issues related to children and young people.
- The Safeguarding Children Board and their work with young ambassadors.
- The views of young people on police interaction.

35. PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

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The Chair referred to the public questions and the answers provided that had been published as an addendum to the agenda and had been sent to the resident concerned who was not present.

Asking on behalf of local residents, Councillor Nick Mattey posed a question, relating to complaints he had received, on 'the smell' of the local landfill and associated seagull population.

Councillor Nick Mattey raised a second question on behalf of residents with regards to Richmond Road. It was commented that signs preventing parking on the pavement had been removed, yet enforcement had followed once residents parked there. An explanation was requested to follow the meeting.

Local resident Pat Bridgeman had previously complained about pavements in Gordon Road but had not received a final response. Kevin Williams, Senior Professional Engineer, committed to follow up as to the outcome.

It was confirmed that written responses would be provided with regards to any unanswered questions, following the meeting.

36. UPDATE FROM THE SAFER NEIGHBOURHOOD TEAM

P.S. Sergeant Kieron O'Brien gave a brief introduction and update as regards to the police Basic Command Unit - which was announced to 'go-live' on 6 February - with a senior management team now in place.

Ward updates included:

- Beddington South - New Designated Ward Officer to begin shortly. Priorities include theft from motor vehicles, anti-social behaviour, traffic and drug issues. Community concerns include mopeds on Roundshaw and a meeting was mentioned to take place the next day on this subject. Finally, it was confirmed an arrest had been made with relation to a stabbing.
- Beddington North - Updates included drugs operations, Beddington Lane HGV restrictions, sponsorship from the Beddington Business Improvement District, workshops with the Gujarati community, and local community contact points.
- Wallington North - Updates included a rise in recent burglaries (including thefts from porches and distraction burglaries), a decrease in theft from motor vehicles and anti-social behaviour in the area.
- Wallington South - Updates included a reduction in anti-social behaviour through alcohol prohibition notices, a rise in beggars on the High Street, a cut-through near Ross Parade and drug stops.

Further discussion ensued with Ward Councillors and local residents on their concerns in relation to response times (monitored alarms), HGV restrictions and speeding in the area

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(particularly Croydon Road). With regards to speeding on Croydon Road, Kevin Williams, Senior Professional Engineer, committed to obtain an answer from TfL.

In response to a question on the BCU from Councillor Jayne McCoy, the Sergeant believed, to his knowledge, that the commitment to Ward Panels would be continuing. He further explained that the custody suite was 'paused' rather than permanently closed and could be re-opened at short notice.

37. ADULT SOCIAL CARE IN SUTTON

Lynne Brown, Acting Head of Service, Carshalton & Wallington Localities, Hospitals and Reablement, gave a presentation on the Local Account - adult social care in Sutton.

Four Admiral Nurses were confirmed to work in the borough following a question from the Chair. The Head of Service agreed to circulate the names following the meeting.

Councillor Jillian Green asked why the locality was only named 'Wallington', not 'Beddington and Wallington' when it covered both, to which the Head of Service responded that she would take that feedback on board.

Councillor Jayne McCoy pointed to the highlighted spend on adults with learning disabilities in the report, and the Head of Service gave explanation, referring to the Learning Disability Strategy (which would be developed with the Clinical Commissioning Group). It was also noted that Sutton has a high proportion of people with Learning Disabilities due to the long stay hospital Orchard Hill.

38. ENFORCEMENT IN BEDDINGTON PARK

Andrew Chandler, Head of neighbourhood Services, Clienting, presented the report. Following the presentation, questions were raised with regards to:

- The work of voluntary groups in the park and concerns that they might be asked to pay for parking, or whether a dispensation might be considered. The Neighbourhood Manager stressed that the report contained a proposed model which did not prohibit such considerations in setting fees and charges.
- Concerns from those living in properties within the park and a perceived lack of consultation with those residents specifically, as well as allotment holders. It was acknowledged that enforcement had aided access to these properties and gave a feeling of safety but there was allegedly an imbalance in its implementation. Any suggested imbalance in enforcement was rebutted by the Head of Service.
- The location of the BBQs and the associated impact on parking, traffic and the health of children playing nearby. Concern was expressed by a representative of the Cricket Club with regards to the danger of being hit by a hard ball due to their current location.
- The hours of enforcement and their finish time.

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In response to comments, the Head of Service confirmed that Beddington Park Residents Association had been invited to all consultations since October and the group was represented at a meeting in December. It was explained that the questionnaire had been open to all for response and comments had contributed to the options and responses included in the report. Finally, it was confirmed that further consideration would be given to fees and charges in a report to Environment & Neighbourhood Committee.

Further detail was requested on the operation of pay and display in particular. The Head of Service responded that further detail could be provided as the proposal goes to market, not at this present stage.

Some residents stated their view that there was no issue with parking, and little with anti-social behaviour, during the week - the problem occurs at weekends and bank holidays. Claire Smith, the Lead Locality Officer, raised the point of school holidays and other peak periods.

The Chair suggested that further consultation be taken with the residents, particularly those living in the park, prior to any report to the Environment & Neighbourhood Committee. Councillor Jayne McCoy wished to have more detailed information before endorsing any particular option, feeling that option 3 was enforcement-focused and suggesting a meeting be held with the residents living in the park. These views were shared by the Chair of the Environment & Neighbourhood Committee (Councillor Manuel Abellan), there present in his capacity as a Ward Councillor.

The report recommendations were withdrawn.

39. PUBLIC REALM PROJECTS AND NEIGHBOURHOOD GRANTS

The report was briefly presented by Claire Smith, Lead Locality Officer. Councillors Jayne McCoy and Marian James spoke on recommendation 2.4 (installation of gates on Ross Parade and extinguishing right of way) in particular. The Lead Locality Officer confirmed that extinguishing a right of way is a legal process requiring consultation.

Further discussion took place on the (real-size) 'Spitfire model' and the new proposal for a weathervane, as approved by the Ward Councillors and Flight Path Residents' Association as well as the Friends of Roundshaw Open Space. It was confirmed that the RAF had been consulted as to the appropriateness of the memorial and that planning permission would still be required.

Councillor Steve Cook raised a minor correction as to BW1819.17. The text refers to Foxley Lane which is not in Wallington South. The text should refer to Woodcote Road between Brambledown Road and Heathdene Road which is in Wallington South.

RESOLVED: that

1. Progress on the Public Realm projects listed in Appendix A, Section 2 of the report be noted.
2. £20,543 from 2019/20 Public Realm Capital converted to Revenue funding for the annual hanging baskets scheme be earmarked across all ward areas.

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- 3. £29,151 be agreed to recycle funds as listed under Appendix A, section 6.
- 4. £5,000 be allocated from Public Realm Capital to install gates in the alleyway between the shops on Ross Parade and extinguish the right of way.

40. HIGHWAYS UPDATES

Kevin Williams, Senior Professional Engineer, provided a brief highways update on the local committee area. This included upcoming consultations and HGV restrictions, as well as ongoing discussions with Ward Councillors in relation to specific issues.

A local resident raised a suggested improvement with regards to Woodcote Road and the narrow pavement near Wallington Girls School, which causes issue to wheelchair and mobility scooter users. The Engineer committed to look at this and invited another resident to contact him with their similar concern over a dropped kerb on Plough Lane.

41. RECOMMENDATIONS TRACKER

The item was taken as read.

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

No urgent business was raised.

Appendix: Admiral Nurse Information

The meeting ended at 9.27 pm

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