

Beddington and Wallington Local Committee**6 October 2020****BEDDINGTON AND WALLINGTON LOCAL COMMITTEE****6 October 2020 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

1. WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS

The Chair, Councillor Steve Cook, welcomed those present.

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

For item 5c Councillor Sunita Gordon declared that she is a resident in the Butter Hill Low Traffic Street scheme area.

For item 5c Councillor Jillian Green declared that she is a member of the rotary club and the route of the Father Christmas sleigh would be affected by the Low Traffic Street schemes in the Beddington area.

3. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

RESOLVED: that the minutes of the meeting held on 10 March 2020 be agreed as an accurate record.

4. COVID - 19 UPDATE AND NEXT STEPS

Imran Choudhury, Director of Public Health provided the presentation.

In response to questions from members, the Director of Public Health clarified that PPE provision in the Sutton area, although initially an issue, had been managed. Since Sutton had become part of the Pan London collaboration, there had been a satisfactory level of provision in the borough.

Members expressed concern that the public were suffering 'fatigue' of COVID - 19 restrictions. The Director of Public Health asked that Community Leaders and those connected within the Community consider becoming Community Champions to support the spread of the messaging, going on to explain that it had been shown that communities and individuals responded positively to messaging from those within their own communities.

The Director of Public Health confirmed that he was aware of issues relating to obtaining COVID -19 tests, and issues with school pupils accessing testing. He encouraged parents and others to be persistent, as local tests were known to be available.

5. UPDATES ON LOCAL ISSUES

(a) Planning Changes

The Chair drew attention to the update provided in the agenda pack, and Councillor McCoy kindly assisted with explaining the main points included in the update.

(b) Street Cleaning - An Update

Andrew Chandler, Head of Waste and Street Cleansing provided an update.

Members clarified that there was a cyclical programme of leaf and gully cleaning, which included areas of high priority which are cleaned more frequently. The Head of Waste and Street Cleansing explained the team were aware of high risk locations in the borough. He also confirmed that if a blocked gully was reported it would be investigated and responded to appropriately.

The Head of Waste and Street Cleansing explained that the team were working with the SLWP to consider ways of minimising the additional tons of detritus, due to moisture content delivered to the Viridor site.

(c) School Streets - An Update - Bandon Hill Primary School and Sherwood Hill School

Victoria Jeffery, Head of Local Place and Engagement provided the update.

The Head of Local Place and Engagement clarified that the current method of enforcement of the School Streets Schemes was self-enforcement, and encouragement. It was confirmed that data was being collected about each of the schemes in place. She explained that positive feedback had been received regarding the St Elphege's school Street Scheme, although acknowledging the scheme had only been in place for a short period of time.

(d) Parking Strategy in the Wallington South Ward - An update

Ian Price, Team Leader Strategy & Commissioning provided the update, the main points raised were:

- The consultation for Geographical area 3 had run from 2 March to 3 May 2020, the consultation period had been extended due to COVID- 19.
- The high level findings showed support for schemes in Ross Road.
- The findings of the stage 2 consultation would be shared with Members and added to the website.
- The statutory consultation would begin in March 2021.

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- A new Parking Programme manager had been appointed.

The Team Leader Strategy & Commissioning confirmed that he would meet ward councillors to discuss the Hinton Road on/off parking area. He drew attention that there are several junctions in the Onslow Gardens area with yellow lines in place, but that he would be able to review concerns about parking and safety on other junctions in the area.

6. PUBLIC QUESTIONS

Question 1: Mrs Pauline Cook, Onslow Gardens Resident Association had asked a question (question 2 in the supplement to the agenda) and confirmed she had received a written response and that she had no supplementary question.

Question 2: Mr John Keys, Butter Hill Residents Association expressed concern about the barriers which had been put on the Butter Hill bridge on 6 October 2020. The Team Leader Strategy & Commissioning explained the barriers had been put in place for emergency works by UK Power Networks (UKPN), and it was assumed UKPN would allow emergency vehicles to pass if required during the night.

In response to Mr Keys a question (question 1 in the supplement to the agenda) The Head of Local Place and Engagement explained that officers were working with businesses and residents in the area regarding feasibility for amendments to the scheme.

Councillor Manuel Abellan explained that he had heard concerns raised by residents at the Environment and Neighbourhood Committee 24 September 2020 which he was discussing with the ward councillors and officers. Councillor Abellan reassured that he was aware of the residents' concerns and would be happy to meet residents onsite when he had had time to review the issues and options.

Question 3: Mrs Pauline Cook, Onslow Gardens Residents Association had asked a question (question 3 in the supplement to the agenda) and confirmed she had received a written response, but would like a further update. As a supplementary question Mrs Cook drew attention to concerns on the corner of Blenheim Gardens and Stafford Road the Team Leader Strategy & Commissioning agreed to review issues at the junction, and that he would also ensure that the concern is included as part of the parking strategy responses.

7. APPOINTMENT OF COMMUNITY REPRESENTATIVES

Resolved: Patrick Radford be appointed as a Community representative and Tom Brown as a substitute to represent the Beddington South Safer Neighbourhood Panel on the Local Committee.

8. PUBLIC REALM PROJECTS AND NEIGHBOURHOOD GRANTS

Claire Smith, Locality Lead Officer presented the report.

There were no further questions.

9. ANY URGENT BUSINESS

There was no urgent business.

10. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be held on 2 March 2021.

The meeting ended at 8.51 pm

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