

**NORTH CHINGFORD COMMUNITY COUNCIL**

**Minutes of the meeting held at Chingford Assembly Hall,  
Station Road, Chingford,  
E4 7EN.**

**On Monday 18<sup>th</sup> November 2009 at 7.30 pm**

**PRESENT:**

**Councillor Chair:**

Andy Hemsted

**Councillors:**

Michael Lewis

Geoff Walker

Matt Davis

Mladen Jovicic

Peter Herrington

**Community Chair:**

Kevin Wyatt-Lown

**Community Vice-Chair:**

Trevor Calver

**Officers in Attendance:**

Claire Witney

Head, Community Engagement

Gareth Jones

Manager, Enforcement (Street Services)

Andy Lyon

Manager, environmental Services

Tim Vine

Project Manager, Community Safety

Dawn Polis

Community Council Manager

Bettina Aruoture

Community Council Manager

Alessandra Awolowo

Committee Manager

**Also Present:**

Louise Mitchell

Representative, Waltham Forest LINK

Eamond Bolt

Representative, Ascham Homes

Acting Sgt Dave Johns

Endlebury Safer Neighbourhood Team

Sgt Lee Palmer

Hatch Lane Safer Neighbourhood Team

**Residents Present:**

There were approximately 188 residents present at the meeting.

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**1 WELCOME and INTRODUCTIONS**

Councillor **Andy Hemsted (AH)** and **Kevin Wyatt-Lown (KWL)** welcomed residents to the meeting and introduced ward Councillors, officers and representatives of partner organisations.

**2 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies for absence were received from Cllr M Fitzgerald and Cllr Sinclair, who was engaged at the Community Safety Board meeting.

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**3 DECLARATION OF INTEREST**

**Cllr Hemsted** and **Cllr Walker** declared an interest as a member of the British Legion, **Cllr Davis** declared an interest as a trustee of APEX Arts.

**4 MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING**

This standing item is intended only to confirm the accuracy of the Minutes of the last meeting and any matter arising will be discussed during the *Open Forum/Community Discussion*.

The minutes of the meeting held on the 6<sup>th</sup> July 2009 were confirmed as an accurate record of the meeting with the following amendments noted:

**Page 8 and 11, J Wood (Balliol Avenue).**

**5 RESPONSE SHEET**

**Dawn Polis (DP)**, Community Council Manager, gave a brief summary of the responses provided to the queries raised at the Community Council meeting on the 6<sup>th</sup> July 2009.

**Query 10**

**J Wood** (Balliol Avenue) said he was not satisfied with the answer received.

**KWL** advised residents to contact their councillors to enquire what the level of usage of the Assembly Hall was.

Further comments made on these responses are reported on item 7.

**KWL** presented **Cllr Liz Phillips** as Cabinet Champion for North Chingford Community Council. **Cllr Phillips** introduced herself to the residents and urged them not to hesitate to contact her with any queries.

**6 ANNUAL FUND 2009/10**

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**D Polis**, explained the procedure to residents and Councillors would have to follow in order to allocate the North Chingford Community Council funding for 2009/2010.

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The Chairs asked representatives from each group/voluntary organisation to give a short presentation of their project. Residents had the opportunity to ask questions before the voting took place.

The Community Chair then asked residents to indicate their choice for the North Chingford Community Council area. Following this vote, residents of each ward were asked to vote projects listed for their wards.

The results of the residents' vote were the following:

<b>Community Council area</b>	<b>Sum</b>	<b>Votes</b>
Waltham Forest Dyslexia Association – tuition and summer school for young people with dyslexia	£2,400	102
The London Cricket School	£5,000	18
Waltham Forest Youth for Christ - young people mentoring project	£4,500	33
<b>Chingford Green ward</b>	<b>Sum</b>	<b>Votes</b>
Drysdale and District Neighbourhood Watch	£500	5
The Royal British Legion - National Armed Forces and Veterans Day	£1,200	28
Sewardstone Evangelical Church - purchase and installation of a wood cabin to facilitate young people's activities	£8,500	36
Organiclea - training and support for people wishing to grow their own food and plants	£4,812.50	9
<b>Endlebury ward</b>	<b>Sum</b>	<b>Votes</b>
Chingford and District Model Engineering Club - The railway, Ridgeway Park	£8,500	18
Disability Action Waltham Forest - 30 basic wireless intruder alarms for elderly/disabled people	£10,000	1
The Royal British Legion - National Armed Forces and Veterans Day	£500	4
Chingford Rugby Football Club (CRFC) - refit and update kitchen	£7,158	22
<b>Hatch Lane ward</b>	<b>Sum</b>	<b>Votes</b>
Waltham Forest Arts Council (trading as Apex Arts) - Summer workshops	£4,000	3
Waltham Forest Talking Newspaper Association (WFTN) - for partially sighted and blind people	£563.15	9
The Royal British Legion - National Armed Forces and Veterans Day	£2,200	2

**7 OPEN FORUM**

**M Offord** would like to know why it has taken so long for the Friends of Mornington Hall to sign their contract and to receive their award which was allocated to them last year.

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**M Huggins** (Maida Avenue) said he had received notification that the council was planning to close part of College Gardens. He wanted to know if the works would be stop to carry out consultation.

**E Carvell** (Endlebury Road) said that the Ridgeway site has been closed for more than 16 months. He asked if there were any plans to develop the site.

**Cllr Phillips** replied that the original plan for the Ridgeway site was to turn it into a care home or into extra care social housing, as well as a doctor's surgery. The Council was looking into establishing what proportion of the site would be allocated to these three schemes.

She added that a report would be presented to the Cabinet in December to check on what has been defined.

**R Tonkin** (Dale View Avenue) said that she has asked workers why they did not use weed killers on the grass area and they replied that they were not allowed because a neighbour had made a complaint.

**A Lyons** replied that he would look into it, and explained that Council policy is that grass should be controlled by cutting rather than using weed killer.

**T Calver** said he would like to receive further clarity on the answer received for Query 7 (page 13).

Help Form:

**A resident (Endlebury ward):**

"As the Tesco application in Highams Park is going to have a significant detrimental impact on the residents of at least 2 of the 3 wards represented here tonight, I would like a response from the various councillors as to why they did not attend the public meetings organised to discuss the Tesco application prior to the Council's decision to approve it.

In addition, they also failed to show up at the subsequent meeting where Ian Duncan Smith made his views known as to the course of action necessary to have the verdict reviewed. In this regard, I would ask each of the councillors to either confirm or deny they have written to either the Mayor of London to refuse the application or John Denham, the government Minister who has the power to call in the scheme."

**P Theron (Whitehall Road):**

"a) How much money has been spent on the Hawkswood/Brookfield site since 2004?

b) What plans are in place for the future of the site?

c) What is the current situation?

The residents provided a time line on the evolvement of the site from circa 2004 to 2009.:

- Hawkswood site was a school for deaf pupils between 1969 and 2004.
- Refurbished for Brookfield pupils with physical needs whilst work carried out at Brookfield School (Oak Hill).
- Refurbished for pupils with social emotional needs.
- Most recently it had 8 members of staff for 1 pupil.

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- House on site originally for seven resident pupils and house parents.
- Refurbished for SSO (2007).
- SSO made redundant.
- Work started to convert site for teacher's centre (not shelved?)
- Administration staff for outreach service for deaf pupils on site"

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**C George (Stanley Road):**

"What has happened to the suggested one way system for Garfield Road and Stanley Road? Is it to be implemented? If so, when?"

**A resident:**

"Bull & Crown. Will the whole local community be involved in consultation on the developers' plan? Will only part of the building be available for public use? if not, what local community gain will be offered to the people of Chingford?"  
(A copy of the article "Providing homes, not properties: The future looks bright for Waltham Forest with developers Atlantic in the picture, published on Waltham Forest Guardian on 12/11/09 has been submitted).

**8 ANNUAL FUND 2009/10 – FORMAL COUNCIL BUSINESS**

Following the discussion by the formal committee the Councillors present at the meeting ratified the following decisions (a summary of the debate has been included where applicable):

**Community Council area funding:**

<u>Project</u>	<u>Amount received</u>
Waltham Forest Dyslexia Association – tuition and summer school for young people with dyslexia	£2,400
The London Cricket School	£2,600
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>£5,000</b>

The London cricket School was funded; even though some councillors thought it was a bit too far for NCCC residents to travel to the Peter May Centre.

Waltham Forest Youth for Christ's funding requested was not granted because the councillors thought that this service is already being provided by central government.

Councillors' vote: one abstention.

**Chingford Green ward**

<u>Project</u>	<u>Amount received</u>
Drysdale and District Neighbourhood Watch	£ 500
The Royal British Legion - National Armed Forces and Veterans Day	£1,200
Sewardstone Evangelical Church - purchase and installation of a wood cabin to facilitate young people's activities	£6,250
Organiclea - training and support for people wishing to grow their own food and plants	£3,312

The amount of £28.75 will be carried forward to next year.

Councillors' vote: unanimous.

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**Endlebury ward**

Project

Chingford and District Model Engineering Club - The railway, Ridgeway Park

Amount received

£5,900

Disability Action Waltham Forest - 30 basic wireless intruder alarms for elderly/disabled people

none

The Royal British Legion - National Armed Forces and Veterans Day

£500

Chingford Rugby Football Club (CRFC) - refit and update kitchen

£5,900

The amount of £15 will be carried forward to next year.

Councillors' vote: unanimous.

**Hatch Lane ward**

Project

Waltham Forest Arts Council (trading as Apex Arts) - Summer workshops

Amount received

£4,000

Waltham Forest Talking Newspaper Association (WFTN) - for partially sighted and blind people

£ 563.15

The Royal British Legion - National Armed Forces and Veterans Day

£2,200

A total amount of £6,763.23 (£5,163.23 plus £1,600 from 2008/09 budget previously allocated for seats in Hatch Lane Shopping Centre) will be carried forward to next year.

Councillors' vote: unanimous.

**9 DATE AND VENUE OF THE NEXT MEETING**

The meeting is asked to note that date and venue of the next is on Monday 25<sup>th</sup> January 2010 at the Chingford Foundation School.

The meeting ended at 09.35 pm

**Chairs Signature**\_\_\_\_\_

**Date**\_\_\_\_\_