

WALTHAMSTOW and LEA BRIDGE COMMUNITY COUNCIL

**Minutes of a meeting held at Henry Maynard Primary School
Addison Road, London, E17 9JE**

On Monday 8th February 2010 at 7.35pm

PRESENT:

Councillor Chair:
Councillor Angie Bean

Councillor Vice Chair:
Councillor Midge Broadley

Councillors:

Saima Mahmud
Afzal Akram
Asim Mahmood
Terry Wheeler (Cabinet Champion)

Mohammed Asghar
Masood Ahmad
Richard Sweden
Elizabeth Davies

Community Chair:
Jill Renshaw

Community Vice Chair
Barry Coidan

Officers in Attendance:

Claire Witney
Bettina Aruoture
Penny Allier
Perminder Purewal

Head, Community Engagement
Community Councils Manager
Community Councils Manager
Committee Officer

Also Present:

Safer Neighbourhood Teams Lea Bridge, Hoe Street, Wood Street and Markhouse Wards
Ascham Homes
Representative

Residents Present:

In addition, there were approximately 33 residents present at the meeting.

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1	WELCOME & INTRODUCTIONS Jill Renshaw (Community Chair) and Cllr Bean (Councillor Chair) welcomed residents to the meeting and introduced Ward Councillors, officers and representatives of partner organisations.	
2	APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE Apologies were received from Cllr Peter Barnett.	
3	DECLARATION OF INTEREST There were no declarations of interest.	

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<p>4 MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING This standing item is intended <u>only to confirm the accuracy of the Minutes of the last meeting</u> and any matter arising is discussed during the <i>Open Forum/Community Discussion</i>. The minutes of the meeting held on 30 November 2009 were confirmed as an accurate record and signed by the Chair.</p>	
<p>5 RESPONSE SHEET Bettina Aruoture (BA) Community Council Manager gave a brief summary of the item(s) on the (blue) response sheet included in the papers and asked residents if they had any comments regarding the responses to the Queries.</p> <p><u>Query 1 – Street Cleansing on Downsfield Road</u> Nick Thatcher stated that his original question was not answered. He had asked when his street was last cleaned and how often if had been cleaned in the last year (i.e. before the 30/11/09 meeting) and by what means, however the response only gave details of the most recent cleaning.</p> <p><u>Query 3: Lack of Publicity for Walthamstow Village</u> Helen Lerner (Walthamstow Village Residents Association) stated that her question had not been answered. She asked why no publicity or any form of recognition had been given to their achievement. The WFM article was gave information about being shortlisted in August and not their achievement in September.</p> <p><u>Query 7: Double Yellow Lines and Blue Badge Holders</u> Peter King (Edinburgh Road) was not satisfied with the response as he said the Police never turn up and vehicles continue to cause an obstruction.</p>	
<p>6 SAFER NEIGHBOURHOOD TEAMS <u>Feedback from the Safer Neighbourhood Teams:</u> Acting Sgt Carl Clarke of the Wood Street Safer Neighbourhood Team stated that the priorities for the area were prevention of shoplifting and theft from motor vehicles. They were also working on youth engagement in order make more activities available to them.</p> <p>PC Rakesh Samplay gave apologies for Sgt Douglas of the Hoe Street Safer Neighbourhood Team and advised that their work included tackling Anti Social Behaviour by groups of youths, burglary and dealing with vagrants / street drinkers.</p> <p>Sgt Adam Boyd and stated the priorities for the Markhouse Ward Safer Neighbourhood Team were Anti Social Behaviour by groups of youths, burglary and drug dealing and using. Sgt Boyd also urged the community to secure their number plates as there had been an increase in <u>this type of</u> car crime.</p>	

7 HEALTHCARE FOR NORTHEAST LONDON – CHANGES AND PROPOSALS

Michael Smeeth, Associate Director of Communication & Engagement (National Health Service - NHS) gave a presentation on the consultation currently open to proposals for the future of healthcare in north east London.

Residents we informed that people in north east London experience more ill health than people living in other parts of London and the rest of the UK and that many of them die at a younger age. The Health for Northeast London programme has been established to tackle these problems. It brings together all NHS partners working in North East London to identify ways that they can improve.

They explained that the objectives of the review were ensuring accessibility to high quality and safe services; creating new clinical roles and working practices; providing new technologies and complex treatments; and providing best-value services during the current economic challenges.

Michael Smeeth added that improvements have already started for stroke and trauma services and the following other proposals had been developed:

- Proposals for complex care on fewer sites
- Proposals for surgery and care for children
- Proposals for separating planned operations from emergency care
- Proposals for improving emergency, critical and maternity delivery care

The proposals for consultation have been studied with the full agreement of doctors and other health professionals who have been looking at ways in which hospital services in the North East area can be improved.

It was stressed that Whipps Cross Hospital and its A & E would remain open and its facilities significantly improved.

Consultation will continue until 8 March 2010 and all residents were urged to respond to the questionnaire given in the brochure or by going on the website: www.healthfornel.nhs.uk

The presentation was followed by questions and answers:

A resident asked about memory clinics and whether we would have any in the Borough.

MS would get back to the resident on the issue

Bernice Burton (Raglan Rd) thought that the acute services were not satisfactory and dementia / mental health services were also suffering.

MS would get back to the resident on the issue.

A resident asked why it was so difficult to get a blood test before 9am

MS advised that this issue was currently being reviewed with a view having more clinics available.

Kay White asked about patient satisfaction forms at Doctors surgeries and hospitals as she had never seen any to fill in.

MS replied that they are sent out in the post at random.

Cllr Sweden, advised that he was the Chair of the Health Scrutiny Committee and was disappointed that the presentation did not summarise the actual proposals due to take place.

He wanted residents to be aware that the proposals included ending A&E and Maternity at King Georges Hospital and that complex vascular surgery and complex surgery for children would no longer be provided at Whipps Cross Hospital.

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MS advised that a summary of the proposals were on Page 10 of the consultation document and he would welcome questions about the consultation on the freephone number publicised.

8 TREE MANAGEMENT IN THE BOROUGH

Chris Moran (Service Development Manager, Greenspace) gave a presentation about the Tree Section. He stated that the Council looks after in excess of 18,000 trees and the team of two people looks after trees in parks and open spaces, allotments, cemeteries and churchyards, council housing and schools.

The key areas of responsibility are maintenance and management of all trees (pruning, felling, planting) and also carrying out emergency works, e.g. after storm damage.

Trees in the borough are generally pruned every three years.

The presentation was followed by questions and answers:

A resident stated that she had seen more than 20 trees cut down in Leyton Marshes and asked whether new trees would be replanted in their place.

CM would investigate.

Nick Thatcher asked whether the new Saplings on Markhouse Road would be replaced as they had been vandalised, and if they are replaced, could they be encased in a fence.

CM advised that there was a lengthy schedule in planting trees and that he would look into it. He stated that the fences around trees are difficult to keep clean as people throw litter into them.

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Brian Pearson (Greville Rd) complained that a tree had been removed in his road, however the stump still remains.

CM promised to resolve the problem.

Sheila Joseph (Lea Bridge Ward) also complained of a large tree causing problem to the pavements

CM advised her to email him (Chris.Moran@walthamforest.gov.uk) the details so the issue could be resolved.

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9 OPEN FORUM

Mike Cave (Community Safety Board (CSB)) gave an update from the last CSB meeting. He stated that there was a new method of dealing with Rape cases.

Jill Renshaw advised members of the public to speak to their Ward Councillors about any issues that they wished to raise due to pressure on time as the previous 2 items had over-run.

10 ELECTIONS FOR COMMUNITY CHAIR AND COMMUNITY VICE-CHAIR

Community Chair:

A nomination was received from J. Renshaw. She gave a brief presentation about herself and the work she carried out in the local community.

J. Renshaw was elected by unanimous vote as Community Chair.

Community Vice Chair:

A nomination was received from B. Coidan. He also gave a brief presentation about himself and the work he carried out in the local community.

B. Coidan was elected by unanimous vote as Community Vice Chair.

11 NEXT MEETING

The date and venue of the next meeting will be 22 March 2010, South Grove Primary School, Ringwood Road, E17 8PW

The meeting ended at 9.33 pm

Chairs Signature _____

Date _____