

WALTHAMSTOW and LEA BRIDGE COMMUNITY COUNCIL

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

On Monday 30th November 2009 at 7.37pm

PRESENT:

Councillor Chair:

Councillor Angie Bean

Councillors:

Saima Mahmud

Eric Sizer

Afzal Akram

Peter Barnett

Elizabeth Davies

Mohammed Asghar

Masood Ahmad

Richard Sweden

Angela Bean

Terry Wheeler (Cabinet Champion)

Community Chair:

Jill Renshaw

Community Vice Chair

Barry Coidan

Officers in Attendance:

Claire Witney

Bettina Aruoture

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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

Residents Present:

In addition, there were approximately 186 residents present at the meeting.

Item		Action
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 received from Cllrs Midge Broadley and Asim Mahmood	
3	DECLARATION OF INTEREST There were no declarations of interest.	

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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 is discussed during the *Open Forum/Community Discussion*.

The minutes of the meeting held on 20th July 2009 were confirmed as an accurate record and signed by the Chair with the following corrections noted:

- 4.1 That Mike Cave sent his apologies to the meeting.
- 4.2 That para 9.3 should read Grevel Road (not Gravel Road)

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.

Cllr Akram felt that the responses to Query 1 and the Updates were not clear for residents that do not attend every meeting. He asked that future responses be given more detail.

6 2009/10 ANNUAL FUND

Bettina Aruoture gave the following guidelines regarding the allocation of the Walthamstow and Lea Bridge Community Council Funding:

- All of the projects proposed by voluntary organisations are subject to certain conditions being met before they can be awarded the funding (e.g. Criminal Record Bureau checks, financial and budget information being available).
- Residents must live in the Community Council area to vote on the allocation of the whole area £5,000 fund and must live in the relevant ward area to vote on the £10,000 fund.
- All community participants must declare if any family member, friend or business associate may personally benefit financially from a proposal
- The final decision on the funding allocation has to be taken by the formal committee of councillors present at the meeting.
- Any funds not used would be carried over to next year.

The Community Chair then asked residents to indicate their choice for the Walthamstow and Lea Bridge Community Council area.

Whole Area Funding (£5,000)	Funding requested	Votes cast
One-day training career coaching programme	£4,150	5 votes
The London Cricket School	£3,760	10 votes
One North East London	£5,000	38 votes
Waltham Forest Dyslexia Association	£2,400	32 votes
Waltham Forest Youth for Christ	£4,500	62 votes

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Item Following this vote residents of each ward were asked to discuss the projects with their respective councillors and indicate their preferences.
The results of the vote by residents were:

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Hoe Street Ward (£20,000)	Funding requested	Votes cast
Diversions activities in Atlee Terrace, The Drive and Prospect Hill	£10,000	1 vote
Diversions activities in Atlee Terrace, The Drive and Prospect Hill	£2,500	0 votes
Walthamstow Village Residents' Association	£6,739.35	18 votes
The Asian Centre Waltham Forest	£9,960	4 votes
The Parish of Walthamstow (St. Mary's Churchyard)	£5,571	43 votes

Lea Bridge Ward (£20,000)	Funding requested	Votes cast
Events for young children celebrating history and culture	£5,000	20 votes
Railings outside the shrubs surrounding the Baker's Arms houses	£8,935	1 vote
Landscape Lea Bridge Library garden	£5,000	3 votes

Markhouse Ward (£12,065.00)	Funding requested	Votes cast
Mirrors, lighting and enforcement cameras in various alley ways	£2,265	9 votes
Agudze Dance Ensemble	£5,000	3 votes

Wood Street Ward (£10,000)	Funding requested	Votes cast
Youth engagement activities for young people aged 11 and 19	£1,500	20 votes
Plant out Wood Street Square bay	£1,000	5 votes
14 th Walthamstow Scout Group	£8,748.75	19 votes
OG Clothing Co.	£10,200	7 votes

All results were ratified in Item 10.

7 SAFER NEIGHBOURHOOD TEAMS

Feedback from the Safer Neighbourhood Teams:

Acting Sgt Carl Clarke of the Wood Street Safer Neighbourhood Team stated that the priorities for the area were Anti Social Behaviour by groups of youths, burglary and motor vehicle crime.

Sgt Antony Douglas of the Hoe Street Safer Neighbourhood Team advised that their work included tackling Anti Social Behaviour by groups of youths, burglary and dealing with vagrants / street drinkers.

PC John Ruby of the Lea Bridge Safer Neighbourhood Team advised that their priorities included Anti Social Behaviour by groups of youths, Anti Social Behaviour by prostitutes and drug dealing and using.

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Item **PCSO Sev Cetin** gave apologies on behalf of Sgt 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.

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8 ORPHAN SITES

Jill Renshaw gave feedback on the 'orphaned' sites campaign, whereby the Council is working to clean up several areas of land that attract enviro-crime which includes littering, fly-tipping, graffiti or dog fouling.

Jill Renshaw was pleased to announce that a number of projects had recently started including one in this Community Council area, which was a piece of private land on the corner of Queens Road and Edinburgh Road. The site had received complaints for a number of years, but following a notice served by the Council to the owner, the area has now been cleared.

Residents were advised to ring Waltham Forest Direct (020 8496 3000) to report areas for clean-up.

Residents reported the following areas for clean up:

- Second Avenue (Hoe Street end) - rubbish continuously dumped
- Cedars Avenue (Hoe Street end) – rubbish appears in alleyways

9 OPEN FORUM

Nick Thatcher (Downsfield Road) raised concerns about street cleansing. He stated that the Council website says it is supposed to be done every week. However Downsfield Road has not been cleaned in weeks. He asked for confirmation of when the road was last cleaned.

Mike Cave (Albert Road) complained that his rubbish is often not collected due to the location of his house and his entrance being on Helena Rd.

Helen Lerner (Walthamstow Village Residents Association) advised the Community Council that the Village had achieved a silver-gilt award in the London in Bloom finals in September and won the Urban Communities category. She added that it was the first year they had entered London in Bloom (and also entered into the national competition, Britain in Bloom 2010). She asked why when they emailed WFM and informed Council departments, no publicity or any form of recognition had been given to their achievement.

Pauline Samuels (Chestnut Avenue) asked why the Council will not help enforce disabled bays issued outside residents' homes if they are willing to mark out a parking space in the road. Ms Samuels added that a resident in her road had written to everyone else in the road telling them to ignore the bay and park there if they so wished as the road marking is a courtesy bay only and is not enforceable in law.

Stan Britton (Wood Street Ward) asked for clarification on whether a Freedom Pass would still work at overhead train stations following the new Oyster rules.

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Item **L B Pearson** (Greville Road) had concerns that Barclay Primary School was giving preferential treatment to one community over another as he noted that Borough did not close any schools on 27 November for Eid. However Barclay School postponed scheduled tests for Year 3 children for that day as they anticipated that the majority of Islamic children would not be attending school.

Peter King (Edinburgh Road) produced photographs showing obstructions caused by a car parking on double yellow lines. He advised that the car owner had been challenged by residents and produced his blue badge and stated that he was allowed to park wherever he wanted. Mr King asked whether or not a blue badge holder could park on double yellow lines as the Parking Shop had told him that it was allowed.

Mike Cave (Community Safety Board (CSB)) gave an update from the last two CSB meetings he attended. He stated that the Board had received presentations from the Mental Health and Police Liaison department and also from the Specialist Firearms Unit.

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10 FUNDING 2009/10 – FORMAL COUNCIL BUSINESS

Following discussion by the formal committee, the Councillors present at the meeting ratified the following decisions:

Whole Area Funding (£5,000)	Funding requested	Amount Received
One-day training career coaching programme	£4,150	£0.00
The London Cricket School	£3,760	£0.00
One North East London**	£5,000	£0.00
Waltham Forest Dyslexia Association	£2,400	£2,400
Waltham Forest Youth for Christ**	£4,500	£2,600

***No funding awarded to One North East London because on their application form they stated that they were unable to deliver a reduced project.*

*** Waltham Forest Youth for Christ is to provide an Equalities Statement that councillor Sweden finds acceptable.*

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Events for young children celebrating history and culture	£5,000	£5,000
Railings outside the shrubs surrounding the Baker's Arms houses**	£8,935	£8,935
Landscape Lea Bridge Library garden**	£5,000	£5,000

**Please note that the funds awarded for 'Railings outside the shrubs surrounding the Baker's Arms houses' and were made provisionally i.e. dependent on the outcome of discussions between councillors and council officers. Similarly, funds awarded to project 'Landscape Lea Bridge Library garden' were also made provisionally i.e. dependent on a final decision regarding funding following a visit by ward councillors to the garden, once the garden is put back to its original condition prior to the decant process.

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OG Clothing Co.**	£10,200	£3,500

**OG Clothing Co. is to write within 30 days of the meeting to accept the reduced funding awarded by councillors.

NEXT MEETING

The date and venue of the next meeting will be 8th February 2010, Henry Maynard Primary School, Addison Road, London, E17 9JE

The meeting ended at 10.15 pm

Chairs Signature_____

Date_____