



# Kennington, Oval & Vauxhall Forum

Long Room, at Brit Oval's Conference Centre

**27 January 2009, 6.30 for 7.00 pm**

## Minutes

**Present:** Maureen Johnston (Chair), Mrs K Scott, Halil Koraltay, Rasiha Koraltay, Nash Geyani, Betty Severn, I Dobson, John Slattery, S Taylor, Beryl Saunders, Jill Gregson, M Callaghan, Frank Manning, Richard Moberly, Alison Packer, Michael English, Eamonn McMahon, Chris Cossey, Martin Griffith, Luis Ventura, Veronica Ledwith, Angus Aagaard, Cllrs Andrew Sawdon, Lorna Campbell, Rob Banks, D Jones, S Blackwood, Brian Dickens.

**In attendance:** D Prentice, John Smith, Gerry Evans, Leah Levane, Frances Forrest (Freelance KOV Support Worker).

**Apologies for Absence:**, Ian Adams, Celia Stothard, Marilyn Evers, Priscilla Baines, Gordon Johnston, Mark Harrison, Tim Saunders, Cllr Morgan, Val Shawcross.

The Chair welcomed everyone and thanked the Brit Oval for offering the venue free of charge.

- 1. Cricket Pavilion proposals :** David Jones representing the Architects and Steve Blackwood presented the proposals for a Cricket pavilion in Kennington Park. The cost was £1m and £150k was still needed. The Council through Derrick Prentice was involved with the development of a suitable management plan which would have to be submitted to Planning as part of the planning application. In response to other questions, David explained that he was only involved in the development of the cricket pavilion, housing had been shown on drawings to put the pavilion in the context of the area. Equipment storage was on site and it would be moved and screened by a wall. There was a connection with the school and a new entrance to the park was planned which could become the service entry point to the pavilion.
- 2. Minutes of the previous meeting 20 October 2008.** The Chair apologised for the omission of the comments made by Jeffe Jeffers on the Beaufoy. The minutes were agreed.

**Matters arising.** There was no response yet to the Stage 3 complaint regarding the Kennington Park Sub Zone, and nor was there any feedback yet on the outcome of the Vauxhall Supplementary Planning Guidance.

Arising from the previous minutes was the date of the next meeting. IN view of the likelihood that members would be going away for Easter, the original date was Maundy Thursday, it was agreed by all to change the date to Tuesday 7 April.

3. **Chair's report** The value of the community network was demonstrated with the saving of the Tesco Free bus. Thanks our councillors, Kate Hoey MP and Val Shawcross (GLA member), and members of the Forum.
- Lambeth had funded KOV and other local fora for six months, enabling the appointment of Frances Forrest as a support worker for KOV for a few hours a week on a freelance basis. It would also pay for the development of a website which would enable better communication to a wider audience and a stronger local voice. If anyone was interested in undertaking this could they contact the Chair or Frances Forrest. In future it was intended, as far as possible, to send out calling notices, agenda and minutes by email. Hopefully reports will be available on the web and through links. A KOV email address had been set up to handle administration: [forumkov@gmail.com](mailto:forumkov@gmail.com)

Lambeth's funding of the Forum Capacity Builder post is going to be extended and proposals were going through the Council to expand the responsibilities of each Forum, so they could be commissioned to undertake community outreach and deliver events such as the Expo.

Arts Lav: Friends of Kennington Cross (trading as FOKX). A six month license agreement with Lambeth is about to be signed, enabling the site to be secured, a condition survey to take place, fundraising, testing and developing the business plan with Tomorrow's People, repairing seals etc, and the use of the site for public events. This is an exciting new regeneration project promoted by the community.

Safer Neighbourhood Teams. A police bus was available for areas where a stronger police presence was needed. Prince's team, led by Sgt Bob Lockyer, could be contacted through Email: [princes.snt@met.police.uk](mailto:princes.snt@met.police.uk), tel no 7321 7570. Oval team, could be contacted through Email: [oval.snt@met.police.uk](mailto:oval.snt@met.police.uk) Tel no 020 8721 3592. In emergencies 999 should be used.

Dangerous dogs: Dog identity chipping would be available in North Lambeth Housing Office, 91 Kennington Lane on 22 February. The RSPCA was going to be on one North Lambeth estate (as yet not known) for a week.

4. **Board member reports:** Alison Packer reported that the dangerous dogs issue and the danger they present to small children and the elderly was receiving more attention, thanks to Val Shawcross, KOV Forum and others. Boris was looking at the issue on a London wide front and one idea to encourage responsible dog owning which may be adopted would be that all dogs would have to be chipped and any unchipped dogs could be taken to a dogs home. There was no dog warden in Lambeth (but six in Wandsworth) and any information re dog incidents should be logged. Tim Boxall of the Kennington Association and the Chair of Vauxhall Gardens Community Care commented that that a report on the issue was going to Cabinet 28 January.

Chris Cossey reported on the Local Involvement Network (LiNK) of which he was a member. It had been set up by the government to replace the Community Health Councils, whose role had been to monitor, investigate and criticise Health Authorities. Lambeth Council had commissioned Age Concern to run the local network. Anyone can join LINK. 35 to 40 people had attended a recent meeting but Pensioners groups were in the majority. LINKs channel issues to the appropriate agents but can't investigate individual complaints. Chris felt that KOV needed to keep an eye on how the LINK was developing. Michael English

suggested that KOV joined LINK as KOV could help it and would also get useful information from it. Cllr Campbell commented that LINK was part of her portfolio and Age Concern would need to work to make the group more representative.

Angus Aagaard reported on the progress of developing St Anselm's Church, the purpose being to help the social regeneration projects delivered through the church to flourish. Basic repairs had been done to St Anselm's. Into University were currently based in Centenary Hall, Cottington St, where they have supported 1,000 children under the age of 8 at focus weeks, and through mentoring to have the confidence to achieve their goals including going on to university if they wished. London Youth Support Trust were at the top of the church hall in St Anselm's where they were creating business incubator units for young marginalised people to develop small businesses. The Pelican Montessori nursery gave away 25 free sessions to the church to pass on to local families. A new floor was needed above the vestry in the church and there was a need to balance the need for the church to raise money to create a community hub, with the need to protect the heritage of the building.

5. **Lilian Baylis former school site:** Brian Dickens of Sports Action Zone presented the many activities taking place at the former Lilian Baylis school site, including the free portable swimming pool. Activities included street athletics, boxing, football, basketball, street dance with accreditation, (some girls had gone on to get jobs in this area) and a working gym. Vocational training was on offer and 24 computers were available for homework clubs and Saturday schools. The site had attracted high profile visitors and sponsors such as NIKE had contributed to the upgrading of facilities. He said SAZ was currently using half the site but there were plans to install an athletics track, a football pitch and a multi media suite. He was working with the Council on this. Cllr Campbell said that the Council's intention was for the building to become a community hub, managed by a trust or partnership comprising All Nations Centre, Ethelred nursery and SAZ, and a newsletter would be coming out very soon. No housing was proposed for the site. In response to another question, Cllr Campbell said the youth club and adventure playground were no longer seen as part of the plans for the Lilian Baylis site.
- 6 **Beaufoy Institute:** Cllr Campbell said that the Corporate Committee would be making a decision within three months regarding the future of the Beaufoy Institute. The Young Foundation was a charity which dealt with Studio Schools. Studio Schools' purpose was to prepare 14-19 year olds for the world of work, specialising in craft and vocational qualifications.
- 7 **Oval Public Realm** Tricia Anderson presented the Strategy as a local resident (she no longer worked for Oval Partnership). The study had examined how spaces in the Oval join up together and what improvements were necessary and had the support of Lambeth, and KOV support was hoped for. Five projects including the popular farmers' market featured in the strategy. Younger people's involvement was wanted. In the meantime, Oval Partnership's committee was reforming and Ghislaine Stewart would be taking forward the strategy.
- 8 **Spring Gardens:** Derrick Prentice (LBL) said that Stage 2 of the masterplan proposed a brand new entrance to the park next to Vauxhall Tavern on Kennington Lane. New design proposals for this had been agreed and were going to Planning. The application would include a new temporary café, a really welcoming, iconic entrance, two columns and a colonnade approach as per the

original Pleasure Gardens, a Heritage Square area and the removal of some of the mounds.

- 9      Licensing:** John Smith gave a brief overview of how the licensing function had been transferred from the courts to local authorities at the end of 2005. There were approximately 1200 businesses in Lambeth requiring licenses, mostly pubs, clubs and restaurants. Licenses were no longer renewable every three years as previously, but residents could apply at any time to have a license reviewed. The grounds for a review were: public safety, prevention of public nuisance, protection of children from harm or prevention of crime and disorder either within the premises or outside. Of the licenses which had been reviewed, generally residents who had requested a review had been satisfied with the outcome. Mediation and direct approaches to the license holder had often resolved the problem. There was a right of appeal but the Council had yet to lose an appeal. A review application form (available on [www.lambeth.gov.uk](http://www.lambeth.gov.uk)) had to be completed by the person requesting the review which took around seven weeks to determine. The applicant was required to serve a copy of their application on the license-holder and others, the Council deals with the administration thereafter, including displaying the notice at or near the site and on the website. Safer Neighbourhood Teams were usually aware of the issues and the review request, and the Police can add their voice to the objections. Cllr Banks added that it was always worth approaching Safer Neighbourhood Teams and also local councillors. In response to a question about what could be done to stop owners changing the name of pubs, John said the council could not prevent it, and that the frequent closure of pubs and attempted conversion into flats was a planning issue rather than a licensing one. Contact details for Lambeth Licensing are: E: [licensing@lambeth.gov.uk](mailto:licensing@lambeth.gov.uk), tel 020 7926 6108.

**10      AOB**

- 10.1**    Tim Boxall reported there would be an on site pre planning application consultation meeting re 81 Black Prince Road on Thursday 29th between 5 and 8, run by the developers who are proposing a 23 storey building.
- 10.2**    Jill Gregson said that Thames Water were about to start replacing the water mains in Fentiman Road and the work would take two years from 2 February. There would be information at Stockwell Resource Centre also on Thursday 29th between 4 and 7.