



Wednesday 30th September 2009
Centenary Hall, Cottington St
London SE11 4RZ

Minutes

- 1 **Present:** Maureen Johnston (in the Chair), Frank Manning, Ian Adams, Chris Cossey, Maryanne Gould, Eamonn McMahon, Jon Davies, Priscilla Baines, Gordon Johnson, Richard Moberly, John Slattery, John McEwen, Betty Severn, Veronica Ledwith, Dawn Elliot, Elizabeth Scott, Martin Osengor, Angela Rayner, Cllr Steve Morgan, Frances Forrest (minutes).

- 2 **Council Officers in attendance:** Clive Fraser

- 3 **Apologies for Absence:** Marilyn Evers, Angus Aagaard, Alison Kennedy, Tricia Anderson, Alison Packer, Celia Stothard, Cllr Diana Braithwaite

- 4 **Minutes of previous meeting 7 April 2009.** These were agreed as an accurate record.
 - 4.1 **Matters arising:** Regarding the former Lilian Baylis School site, Cllr Morgan reported that owing to the recession, All Nations Church were unlikely to be able to offer enough money to buy the building outright. More information would be available shortly. In the meantime, Sports Action Centre was running many activities there.

 - 4.2 **Durning Library.** Priscilla Baines, Chair of Friends of Durning Library, reported that there was no substance to the rumour that Durning Library was under threat. Two political parties had misused information in a report. Chris Cossey said that officers had written in the report that the building needed much investment to bring the building up to standard, and no plans appeared to exist to make such an investment. He suggested that the approach should be rejected and a policy statement be sought. The Durning Library was a heritage building rather than merely a capital asset, and as such the Council should set an example by maintaining it well for future generations.

- 5 **Minutes of the AGM, 9 June 2009.** These would be considered formally at the AGM of 8 June 2010.
- 6 **The Vauxhall Supplementary Planning Document.** Clive Fraser explained that the change of administration at the GLA and the new Mayor for London meant that revisions were being made to the London Plan, and that it was necessary for Lambeth's Plan to be aligned with the London Plan. Over one thousand responses had been received from this area to the consultation exercise of last November/December. A revised version of the Vauxhall Supplementary Planning Document would be redrafted in October and would be consulted on between November and January 2010. This would include transport options such as an extension of the northern line tube line from Kennington to Battersea or a light rail system. In answer to questions raised, Clive said that the levy for Cross Rail would be £16bn. Most would be coming from the Treasury and projected fares. A contribution would be needed from planning obligations and some from business rates. Businesses affected by the levy were in central London and very close to the line including in North Lambeth and North Southwark. The Council supported the Cross Rail project in principle. Mark Trevethern was drafting a plan for the Waterloo Station development.
- 7 **Chair's Report:** Maureen reported firstly that three Sustainable Communities resolutions had been submitted by Lambeth to the Local Government Association: tackling landbanking, improving the local economy and a variable business rate. Secondly, plans were in progress for the North Lambeth Expo noon till 4.00 on 10 October, in Waterloo Action Centre, 14 Baylis Road, SE1 being delivered jointly by KOV Forum and Waterloo Community Coalition. Prizes of London Eye tickets and places on a Duck Tour would be on offer, KOV would have a stall and everyone would be very welcome.
- 8 **Reports from others. Friends of Kennington Park** (Gordon Johnston) reported that the Nature Trail would be opening in the park on 31 October between 12 and 3.00. Eight stations around the park drew attention to biodiversity.
- Spring Gardens** - Eamonn McMahon reported that plans were progressing for a new layout at the entrance to Spring Gardens which would be renamed Vauxhall Pleasure Gardens. It was hoped that the work would start in January 2010.
- Friends of Kennington Cross** (Jon Davies) said the Arts Lav would be cleared of rubbish, builders were removing weeds and excess paint off the surfaces.

Frank Manning reported that the Kennington Business Network had had a presentation from Keith Trotter recently. The Council was hoping to have a loan fund and a business advice service had been set up to provide businesses with information and advice. The Network was considering recycling charges, parking fees (already much higher charges for businesses than for residents) and had requested an additional bus stop for the 196 route outside Imperial Court.

The Kennington Association's lights on the Tree of Hope outside St Anselm's would be switched on by Kate Hoey. The Art Auction had raised £4k for the Secret Santa project. A letter had been written in defence of Monkton St community care centre. Lollard St Adventure Playground wanted to set up a Friends group. Their Planning sub committee had made a long submission re the former Lilian Baylis school site.

9 **Ward Purse and other Council News:** Cllr Steve Morgan reported that £12k had been spent last year on community projects around Prince's ward. £1.5k on Archbishop Sumner School gardens, £3k on lighting the 'tree of hope' outside St Anselm's Church, £5k for Creative Sparkworks (mosaic activities at Lilian Baylis) and £3k for the Arts Lav project at Kennington Cross. Another £12k was available this year for three community capital projects. Suggestions had to be made by mid December. Flowerpots for Kennington Cross had been suggested. On the 'Making a Choice on Council Spending', several projects had been identified for the public to vote on. Additional trees were being planted in Prince's ward in at least 20 locations. It was reported that a survey on the future of waste services could be completed on the Council's website, and an event re the future of waste services was taking place in the town hall on 13 October if anyone wanted to attend.

10 **AOB** Concern about planes bound for Heathrow was raised. Oval Partnership were supporting a campaign led by Greenpeace to buy up a piece of land which would make expansion of the airport less likely.

11 **Date of Next meeting:** 19 January 2010