



**BROCKLEY LOCAL ASSEMBLY  
MEETING**  
Thursday 6 March 2014 7pm – 9pm  
Stephen Lawrence Centre  
39 Brookmill Road  
SE8 4HU

**Minutes of the Meeting**

**1. Welcome from the Chair**

Cllr Vicky Foxcroft welcomed everyone to the assembly meeting and introduced Cllr Darren Johnson and Cllr Obajimi Adefiranye

**2. Welcome from Stephen Lawrence Centre**

Rachel Wickes welcomed everyone to the Stephen Lawrence Centre and told the meeting that the Stephen Lawrence Charitable Trust is a national education charity working towards transforming the lives of young people. There are lots of activities taking place at the Centre including a jobs club, a BBC apprenticeship programme and work with local schools. At present the Centre is celebrating Women's week with a host of activities linked to this.

**3. Safer Neighbourhood Team update**

PC Gillard and PCSO Burrows told the assembly meeting that they are the Brockley Community Officers and that they deal with the local issues supported by the Local Policing Team. At present the main issues are Burglary, Robbery and Motor Vehicle crime. There have been burglary patrols by the local policing team to try and combat burglary, most of the robberies tend to occur in the transport hubs and motor vehicle crime is starting to decline after peaking at Christmas. Predictive policing is used to combat many of these crimes, this uses the latest technology to see where offences are taking place and assesses crime patterns so that resources can be channelled into the correct areas.

Q What are you doing to combat the drug use around Friendly Street and Vanguard Street?

A We are aware of this and at present we are obtaining warrants to target certain addresses

Q Should we use the 101 number instead of yours?

A If it is an emergency you must dial 999, if it is not, it does not really matter as it will come to us anyway

Q How does an area become a hotspot?

A This is based upon reports and can change day to day. A good example would be the Amersham Arms which is a regular hotspot for theft of mobile phones and robbery where youths are generally targeted at transport hubs.

Q Cllr Adefiranye, the bus stop at Yew House is regularly being smashed, is anything being done?

A We are working with TfL and Pinnacle on this, this bus stop may be moved

#### **4. Skanska**

Mark Zahra from Skanska told the meeting that Skanska are now in year 3 of a 4 year project to replace the street lights in the borough. Half of Brockley ward has now been done and the work will be finished by August this year.

Q What is the difference between heritage and non heritage lights?

A They are the same standard, but the heritage ones are more ornate

Q What about the lights at Broadway Fields play area, the replacements are not as effective?

A We will need to look into this as this is a play area, it may not be a Skanska matter

#### **5. Planning**

Brian Regan from Lewisham Planning services told the assembly about the Local Development plan which sits under the core strategy which was developed in 2011. This is known as the Development Management Local Plan which the council is minded to adopt. This has to go through independent examination and should be adopted later this year.

Brian spoke very comprehensively about this and if you want more information please visit:

<http://www.lewisham.gov.uk/myservices/planning/policy/LDF/developmentpolicies/Pages/Submission.aspx> or contact Brian Regan on 020 8314 8774 or email [brian.regan@lewisham.gov.uk](mailto:brian.regan@lewisham.gov.uk)

Q None of these new developments have enough parking why can't this be addressed?

A The national policy is to limit parking spaces

Q But there is a serious problem here, on Friendly Street there is no where to park and buses often cannot pass along Brookmill Road

A Cllr Johnson – I did ask questions about this and the Deputy Mayor will

be consulting

A The only way to address parking issues is to have more CPZs, but residents must want this

Q What about Council Housing?

A Cllr Foxcroft, we are building 250 houses, but we need to increase the Council revenue account

## 6. Updates from funded projects

**Wickham Mews** – Jas and Carol thanked the assembly for the funding and stated that some of the money has been used to improve / clean the area and gravel it. There were some trees and bulbs planted, but these were stolen. There is an issue regarding fly tipping and Love Lewisham is reluctant to assist as it is private land.

Cllr Foxcroft then told the assembly meeting that fly-tipping is becoming quite an issue in Brockley and that maybe we should look at forming a fly tipping sub group.

**Breakspears Community Garden** – Jane McCallum showed the assembly meeting some pictures and stated that this is a work in progress, but there are new beds, improved ponds and the area has really been transformed from an area that was heavily fly tipped. There are now about 25 regular gardeners and there is a great community spirit. People can visit most weekends and there will be regular opening hours after Easter.

Cllr Foxcroft – This is a really successful project and is great to see

**Brockley Society Tree Project** – Anthony Russell told the meeting that they were awarded £2,400 to purchase 10 trees all of which have been planted. Three in the conservation area, 3 in Millmark Grove and 4 in St John's area. People can always fund trees themselves and they can reduce pollution by 60%. People can also join the Brockley Society and become a Tree Warden.

## 7. The Brockley Assembly Fund - Youth Projects

Cllr Foxcroft told the assembly that it was decided that the Councillors Discretionary Fund and the rest of the underspend would go on youth projects. Ideally we would have liked this to go through the youth forum, but this is something that we will need to re-launch. It was therefore decided at the last assembly that the decisions would be made by the Coordinating Group. There was £4,713 to allocate and the following projects will be funded:

Paint a Deck – For ages 7-16 a series of one day workshops to create their own skatedecks – awarded £770

Brockley Girl's Football Project – taster sessions and a football tournament for girls – awarded £980

Media workshops and careers advice day – Camera and sound workshops plus careers advice – awarded £1,000

Children's Society play day – A multi activity play day event to be held at Amersham Children's Centre – awarded £750

Healthy Eating for Life – Will help women who have experienced disadvantage of one type or another, resulting in them becoming homeless, to fulfil their full potential in terms of achievement, education and health – awarded £500

Equipment and Table Tennis Competition – To enable the St Andrew's Centre to update their equipment and work more with the Brockley Youth Forum – awarded £713

## **8. Community Updates**

- Claudia Castillo told the assembly that there is a petition relating to traffic problems on Brookmill Road, visit [petitions 24.com](https://www.petitions24.com) for more information

- Healthwatch Lewisham - Simone reminded the meeting that people needed to complete the feedback form and let her know what is / is not working regarding relating to local healthcare.

- Brockley Noise Action Group - aircraft noise is really a problem in Brockley. There is a meeting on 18 March at St John's Church to discuss this.

- Build the Lenox - please sign the petition against Convoys Wharf. The project itself is about preserving the areas heritage by building a 17<sup>th</sup> Century warship in this historical dockyard. For more information visit [www.buildthelenox.org](http://www.buildthelenox.org)

## **9. Special Announcement**

Councillor Adefiranye told the assembly that Brockley is losing 2 important Brockley activists. Cllr Darren Johnson has been a great supporter of Brockley in every aspect and Cllr Vicky Foxcroft has been a dynamic Councillor for 4 years, she is now moving on to greater things. The assembly wished both Cllr Johnson and Cllr Foxcroft the best of luck for the future and thanked them both for their hard work.

Cllr Johnson – It has been a real honour and pleasure to serve Brockley for the last 12 years.

Cllr Foxcroft – It has been great working here in Brockley and meeting so many great people, a big thank you to every one for their support.