



MINUTES OF THE LADYWELL ASSEMBLY

Tuesday, 12 March 2019 at 7.00 pm

PRESENT: Councillors Bill Brown and Carl Handley

ALSO PRESENT:

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor Liz Johnston-Franklin

Record of Meeting

	Item	Actions
1	Welcome, Introduction & Format of meeting	
	<p>Cllr Carl Handley welcomed everyone and went through the format of the meeting. Apologies tendered for Cllr Johnston-Franklin's absence.</p>	
2	Police Safer Neighbourhood Team Update	
	<p>PC Andrew Dobson from the Ladywell Safer Neighbourhood Team provided the following update on what the team has been doing since the last meeting.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• A burglar linked to most burglary in the Brockley area has been arrested and returned to prison.• The team have completed a warrant at multiple address over the last few weeks, a fair amount of drugs were seized during the operation. A few of the arrested people were wanted by the police. This was said to be a good result for the team• In the next couple of days, the team will be carrying out a weapon sweep across the ward, searching bushes and bins and conducting more stop and search• In terms of stop and search, it was reported that a male was stopped and search by the team and was found with two knives in his possession in the New Cross area and was arrested• There are plans to do a collaborative work with youth project to engage with young people in the ward. The team will be holding a talk with young people at various event across the ward to try improve relationship with young. Talks are also held at school assemblies.• It was reported that burglary has gone down since December which is positive.• Theft from motor vehicle was said to have gone up slightly in February than it was in December. This were crimes relating to theft of satnavs and vehicle number plate	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • In regards to robbery, none has been reported in the last couple of months • It was reported that overall crime as a whole has gone down since December across the ward. <p>Question and answer session followed this update.</p>	
3	Community Road Watch Scheme	
	<p>The officer lined up to provide information on this item gave their apology for this meeting as it was their rest day. They have however gave a commitment to attend the next meeting. Anyone interested in getting involved in the scheme was asked to leave their contact details on the sheet provided.</p>	
4	Lewisham Healthy Neighbourhood Plan	
	<p>A presentation on the Healthy Neighbourhood Plan was delivered by Alex Crush from the Council Transport Division. A brief explanation of the context of the scheme was provided as follows:</p> <p>New Mayor of London Transport Strategy & Lewisham LIP</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Every time a new Mayor of London is elected Transport for London (TFL) will be tasked with developing a Transport Strategy for London • The boroughs in turns have to set out their own transport strategy, a key element for seeking funding from TFL to deliver transport schemes across the borough • The Lewisham Transport Strategy sets out the next 3 years short and long term programmes starting from April 2019 • The Healthy Neighbourhood is a council key programme within the new transport strategy. Around £500,000 will be provided yearly for the programme with a bigger chunk of around £1m allocated in the final year • This seed fund will be supplemented by funding from other programmes such as the section 106 (development contributions) fund and other TFL funding streams. <p>Healthy Neighbourhoods</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • For this programme, the borough will be divided into 18 different areas. These areas does not always align with the wards boundaries. • For the first 2 years the council will prioritised these four areas as part of the first tranche, Lewisham & Lee Green, West Brockley, Bellingham and East Sydenham. Areas to feature in the third year is yet to be decided • The areas chosen in the first tranche are prioritised based on a host of different criteria including air quality, pollution data, obesity level, deprivation, level of engagement with schools in the area and community feedbacks received during the consultation stage • In a couple years towards the end of the second year of 	

running the programme, the prioritisation process will be re-run with the latest available data to see which area will be focused on next and looking at securing more funding to do more

- This scheme is a key part of the council's traffic reduction strategy by 15-20% less by 2041
- This was said to be a key aim of the mayor's transport strategy to reduce traffic and encourage people to travel more sustainably by walking, cycling and using public transport
- One of the key issue that was raised when by residents were consulted on the transport strategy was rat running through neighbourhoods. Residents said these were important issues that needs addressing
- As a direct response, one of the key element of this programme is cut out the rat run and this is done through Modal Filter by putting point closures on streets in a way that cyclist and pedestrians can still pass through. Residents will still have access from either side but will cut traffic out
- This will be supplemented with other schemes like contra flow cycling on one way streets, cycling parking, more drop kerbs, street trees, benches, play equipment, a EV charging programme to facilitate transition to electrical vehicles, timed closure near schools to tackle issues around parents parking outside schools (restriction of road outside schools during drop off and pick up hours) and a range of other things like cycle training and bike loan schemes etc.

Walking and Cycling Improvements

Interim measures is taking place in that areas that might not be within the first tranche:

- 1) Pedestrian improvements programme with a small budget each year. This covers things like,
 - Improvements to Lewisham Town Centre
 - Other small scale interventions requested by residents that could be applied such as drop kerbs, crossing points, legible signage, installation of benches, street trees etc.
- 2) Cyclist Improvements programmes
 - Installation of contraflow cycling on one way streets
 - Provision of cycle hangers
 - On street cycling parking and
 - Cycle routes improvement
- 3) A 21 Healthy Street which the council will be developing with TFL. This will include
 - Creation of healthy streets corridor – improving provisions for pedestrians, cyclist and bus users
 - Installation of segregated cycling facilities where feasible

Road Danger Reduction and Safe Active Travel

- This will look at the effectiveness of the 20mph scheme and compliance can be ensured.
- Looking at speed reduction measures on a number of priority

	<p>roads where speed seems to be above the 20mph limit still</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Q review of collision hot spots in the borough • In terms of the safe and active travel programme, this will include cycle training, cycle planning and bike loan to help achieve this. • Publicity to help deliver Vision Zero which will help towards eliminating all fatal and serious injuries by 2041 <p>Air Quality and Noise</p> <p>This focuses very much on the Electric Vehicle (EV) programme. The plan is to roll out 3 different types of charger for residents. The first one will be the Trickle Charging for 7-8 hours overnight charging via street light lamp post column. The second is the Standard Charging which is a slightly charging programme around 3 to 4 hours via dedicated on-street charger. The third is the Rapid Charging programme of around 15 to 40 minutes charging.</p> <p>A core target of the scheme is to ensure that electric vehicle users are within a 500 meters of a charging point by 2021 in the lead up to the ULEZ expansion.</p> <p>A question and answer session followed this presentation.</p>	
5	Update on the Ladywell Playtower	
5.1	<p>A brief update on what has been happening with this building was provided by Gavin Plaskitt from the council regeneration team. The previous Mayor of Lewisham selected Guildmore in 2017 as the preferred partner to help restore the Ladywell Playtower into a cinema with associated food and beverage café including some housing to the rear of the block, a nursery and step down care facility. Guildmore has worked on their proposal since 2017 and have conducted an extensive investigation into the building and received building consent to allow them to do an intrusive surveys to ascertain whether their early stage proposal and cost analysis will cover the actual cost.</p> <p>They have found lately that the cost anticipated by the company have risen more than a million pound. This was principally to cover things like services renewal which shows quite a significant damage repairs than was envisaged, including water mains renewal and water services into the building, new sub-station and electrical upgrade. There were further extensive damage to timber components in the building, such as window frames, doors and door frames were more rotten than they had anticipated. Other works were needed to preserve and repair bricks and stone works than they have been told. There were cost implication as well for asbestos removal within the building</p> <p>Guildmore now have a good picture of what it will require to restore the building. They have also over the course of last year been working through a pre- application process with the borough planners to look through their initial proposal and develop this through a series of design reviews in effect with the council's</p>	

	<p>urban design to evolve these designs to the stage where it would be ready for planning permission.</p> <p>The stage the restoration is at the moment is that in order to meet the additional cost, some changes would have to be applied to the scheme. Because when Guildmore was selected as partner officer did not take any delegated responsibility for amendment that may be necessary, officer are trying to work through an amendment to the current proposal and get them agreed by the Mayor. This will be done by spring 2019.</p> <p>A question and answer session followed this update.</p>	
6.	Reporting back from Assembly funded project	
	<p>The coordinated of the SE4 After School Club provided the feedback on how the fund awarded to Eco Community was used to deliver homework club to support young people from the ward. The project was jointly funded by Ladywell and Crofton Park Assembly.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The SE4 After school club was open to the whole youth community of Ladywell, Crofton Park and Brockley. The project gave children the chance to maintain and improve their academic levels and strived to help the disadvantaged children. • The club's ambition was initially to help GCSE students from the local community to improve academically to perform at their best and excel in their studies. The scheme was able to incorporate support for year 9 and 10 students as well. • The project improved the academic performance and the social skills of the students who attended. The intervention has led to increase in confidence of those participating and a belief that the children who took part in the project have now better social, emotional and behavioural skills than when they first joined the club. <p>Some examples of how the project supported GCSE students</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The project started from January 2017 to July 2017 • Regular session were held every Wednesday and Friday at 2 different venues (Crofton Park Library on Brockley Road and Elim Church hall on Foxberry Road) • The funds were used to advertise the project, recruit 3 qualified tutors and provided resources to the students. <p>Success of the project</p> <p>Some of the successes of the project were outlines as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The project delivered a total of 40 sessions of English, Maths and Science lessons to students. The lessons were delivered free of charge to children from the Ladywell and Crofton Park wards. This was made possible by Ladywell and Crofton Park Assembly Funds. • More than 23 students benefitted from the lessons during the 	

	<p>whole academic year in preparation for their exams, which they sat in May and June. 13 of these students were from the Ladywell ward and 10 from Crofton Park and Brockley ward.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The students who have attended our lessons have found these lessons very beneficial and consequently found that their grades have gone up as a result of attending those lessons. <p>A testimonial was heard from one of the local children, Rubina a former pupil at of Prendergast Hilly Fields School about how he project has supported her to attain good grades in her exams.</p> <p>A question and answer session followed this presentation.</p>	
7.	Community update and any other business	
7.1	<p>Brockley Max A call out for volunteers required to support this year Brockley Max Festival. There is a mailing list on the Brockley Max website where people can sign up. A fund raising talk event originally planned to take place on 1st of April has been deferred as the organiser cannot find a suitable venue to host this event. It is hoped that the event will still take place something during the month of April.</p>	
7.2	<p>Ladywell Assembly Community Website An announcement that the Assembly now has a working website. The site still requires a few weeks work before it can be rolled out publicly. A graphic designer is needed to could help polish the website and contributions from individuals and local groups of events of activities happening locally to feature on the site.</p> <p>Contributions can be sent via and email – contact@ladywellassembly.org or through the Ladywell Assembly coordinator.</p>	
7.3	<p>Street Trees The person coordinating the planting of streets trees across the ward gave apology for this meeting but have asked that people interested in having trees replacement on their road leave their contact details on the sheet provided. The assembly has a rolling programme for this and the coordinator will be in contact with people who have left their details.</p>	
	Declaration of interest	
	There were no interest declared at this meeting.	