

Catford South assembly
20 November 2012, 7.30pm -9.30pm
Conisborough College

Meeting notes

Cllr Amrani welcomed the everyone to the meeting and started the meeting with presentations for the Catford in Bloom winners, which the local resident Jeff Worthy local resident and competition organiser joined him for.

Winners were as follows:

- Tallest sunflower Charlotte and Eleanor Chambers
- Wildlife friendly garden, first prize Geoff Nutter, second prize Colin second name (not known).
- Best overall appearance of front garden, first prize a lady from Culverley Road her name was not known as her garden was nominated by someone else.
- Most colourful, first prize Peggy Chambers, second prize Caroline Clearly

Catford South assembly £8,000 small grants applications.

Each project gave a verbal presentation with an opportunity for Q and A. Cllr Amrani asked the assembly to score each project out of ten, which were collected in the break for counting.

Catford South assembly action plan projects

Cllr Amrani explained that the assembly had a remaining £10,750 to spend on projects in the assembly action plan that meet out local priorities.

Insert project information

Everyone at the meeting was asked to vote for their top three favourite projects by using the three voting dots provided and placing them on the project sheets on the wall.

Skanska Street lighting

In response to on-going concerns about street lighting Cllr Eva Stamirowski introduced Ian Ransom from Highways and Paul Burman from Skanska who were in attendance to hear from residents about any current or on-going problems with the installation of the new street lights.

Paul Burman explained that the street lighting replacement had happened with varying degrees of success, and that the installation of street lights had to

comply LBL guidance. Local residents raised a number of concerns on different streets as follows: *insert*

These were issues were taken away by Ian and Paul who promised to investigate all concerns further.

Catford Regeneration presentation

Lewisham officers Kate Ashely and Eleanor Hoyle were in attendance to update the assembly on the plans for the regeneration of Catford and to answer any questions.

The key areas for regeneration are separate and quite distinct. LBL hopes that these areas will deliver a redesigned shopping centre, housing, improved transport links, a pedestrianised area at the Broadway and a public services hub.

What had the Catford Regeneration team been up to since the assembly's last presentation?

The creation of an area action plan that will be a planning framework for the various sites. The Catford Centre is a key area and a jigsaw to the other areas of development. The Council has bought the Catford Centre, Tesco has changed its plans to build a new very large Tesco, but there still will be a significantly large Tesco and the surrounding land will be pedestrianised. Their next step is to recruit a Development Manager.

110 residents from Millford Towers had now been decamped, with just one squatter in the premises. Property guardians were looking after the site with help from the Safer Neighbourhoods team.

There are plans to improve the infrastructure in Catford, with improvements to bus stations, road connections and train connections. The Catford Broadway will be restored fit for purpose with a market and Christmas lights this year and continued improvements into Spring 2013. Consultation about Broadway has began with a survey in the market which has 250 responses. There are also plans to bring in market apprentices as the retailers of the future.

Consultation with residents will commence January and February 2013.

Q and A

Q. Are the plans for the public building temporary? As last time we were told that there were plans to take down the Town Hall.

A. The whole of Catford Town Centre that includes the Town Hall and Laurence House, we are exploring if there are benefits to moving all staff from Laurence House to the Town Hall.

Q. The greyhound stadium site, who is responsible for that?

A. The Homes Agency part of the GLA, they are working on the development of this site and are currently looking for developers.

Q. I live in Catford yes, but I generally avoid it except to drive through, will it actually be improved?

A. We need to encourage people to come to Catford we are working with TFL to improve the roads.

Q. It sounds like you are wasting money rather than saving money, how long has Laurence house been up for?

A. I believe it was built in 1978 a conditions survey on the building suggests that the building is near its end of use. It is part of the business plan to see if it is cost effective.

Q. What will happen to the site?

A. It may become residential

Comment made I hope we get a vote on that as many people will be against that site becoming residential. You should recycle the building and re-use it.

Results of the voting

Petra Marshall the Local Assemblies Manager announced the results of the votes.

Community small grants vote

1. The Diamond club
2. Lewisham Youth Theatre
3. Lewisham Young Women's Resource Project
4. Holy Cross youth club Young Leaders project
5. Brownies holiday camp
6. Turkish elders group
7. Culverley Green notice boards
8. Catford Sewing and knitting group
9. Holy Cross youth club Christmas disco
10. Torridon library notice board, this project will only receive £213

Catford South assembly action plan projects

1. Catford in Bloom
2. Corbett Residents Association urban design feasibility study
3. Snow wardens pilot
4. Street tree fund £3,000
5. Catford assembly newsletter not funded

The meeting was closed by Cllr Amrani.

No declarations of interest were raised at the meeting.