



**LESHAM CENTRAL LOCAL ASSEMBLY
MEETING**
Tuesday 1 October 2013 7.00pm – 9.00pm
Leemore Community Hub
Clarendon Rise, Lewisham, London SE13

Record of Meeting

	Item	Actions
1	Welcome, Introduction & Format of meeting	
	Cllr Stella Jeffrey welcomed everyone to the meeting and went through the format of the meeting.	
2	Update on the Lewisham Central Dispersal Order and the new Policing model	
	<p><u>Lewisham Central Dispersal Order</u> A brief update on the impact of a recent dispersal order introduced in areas around the Centre of Lewisham was provided. The order came into force from 17 June 2013 to 17 September as a measure to tackle anti-social behaviour and series of low level crime within the Town Centre. An extension has been granted for the order to remain in place until 17 December.</p> <p>The figures recorded on how the order has worked so far was provided as follows: In the first 2 months, 19 people, 15 male and 4 female were dispersed from the area. Nine of those had no previous criminal convictions, 10 had previous convictions including robbery, assault, drugs and violence offences.</p> <p>Record of ethnicity breakdown of people dispersed showed that 7 were white, 2 black and 10 Asian. In terms of ages of those dispersed, seven were within the 13 to 18 age group, five 19 to 25 and seven were aged 26 years and above. So far there has been an increase in resident satisfaction rating since the order was introduced and a reduction in crime in the area.</p> <p>Figures for antisocial behaviour within the streets of the dispersal</p>	

	<p>zone shows a massive reduction in the activities of this nature. In August 2012 there were 140 recorded antisocial behaviour related offences in and around the Town Centre, whilst in the same period this year 118 were recorded.</p> <p><u>New Policing Model</u> The new model came into effect on 16 September. There is still a dedicated police officer and PCSO for each ward. Panel that discusses local policing issues has been retained. One of the new changes is that Lewisham Centre because of its Town Centre now has more resources than before in terms of officers responding to issues of crime in the area. This is a new dimension that has been introduced with the new model as a crime reduction measures. A letter is being sent to homes across the borough to advice them of the details of their local officer should in case they need to report minor incidence to their local Safer Neighbourhood Team</p> <p><u>Neighbourhood Community Safety Team</u> The team holds surgery at Lewisham Library where people can get crime prevention information or talk to the team about issues relating to antisocial behaviour. They do property marking and mobile phone registration. The team are now responding to concerns raised around mobile phone theft. As from 23 October 2013 a new code of practice has been developed with the police to tackle second hand goods sale including mobile phones and other electronic items. Shops are now being encouraged to sign up for the scheme and IDs will be required from anyone disposing goods they no longer use. Checks will be carried out on the goods and a certificate will be issued to seller at the point of purchase.</p>	
3	Future of Ladywell Leisure Centre	
	<p>Joe Gillian from the Council project management division provided an update on the future of this site. The Council took a decision not to refurbish the Ladywell Leisure Centre in 2007 and to build of a new Leisure facility in the Centre of Lewisham instead. In 2012 a Lewisham Local Plan was consulted upon and later developed. This document designated the land as a site for mixed use retail and housing for the future. In June 2013, the Glass Mill Leisure Centre was opened and all facilities at the Ladywell site was closed.</p> <p>Also in June this year there was a decision by Mayor and Cabinet that the building be declared as a surplus to the authority requirement for a range of reasons. A decision was taken to earmark this building for demolition. This was based on factors such as facilitating the future development of the site which was set out in the planning document, the risk to the site i.e. break-ins, occupation e.t.c and trying to mitigate those risk and also financial reasons in term of covering the cost of business rates and security for the building.</p> <p>Arrangements and appointments has been set up to appoint a demolition contractor within the next couple of months. The methodology for the demolition will be subject to a planning process</p>	

	<p>for dust and noise control, transport arrangements around site will be scrutinise to ensure minimum disruption in the area. The aim is to complete demolition and clear the site by the end of March 2014.</p> <p>In regards to the future development, the Council will carry out a range of feasibility studies to investigate how it should look, what it should include and how it will relate to the rest of the area. The local community and resident groups will be consulted on every aspect of the proposal. A series of questions and answers followed this update. A further concern was raised concerning a proposal submitted for the site to be developed into a cinema which has not been followed up by the Council.</p>	
4	Lewisham Community First Programme Fund Update	
	<p>A brief background about the fund was provided by Cllr Stella Jeffrey who sits on the local decision making panel for the programme. Lewisham Central received an award of £33,000 over a 4 year period to encourage people to get involve in project to improve their area. The programme has agreed a set of priorities identical to the ones adopted by the ward Assembly and it allocate money each year where bids are invited for local projects. The bidding process is now open until the end of the year.</p> <p>To be eligible for this fund, every project has to have an equivalent amount of money raised or express volunteering hours to the value of the funding request (volunteer hourly rate of £11,71). The panel recommends, grants of between £250 and £2,500. This fund cannot be used to cover salary cost.</p>	
5	Presentation of Assembly funding bids	
	<p>Cllr Jeffrey gave a brief introduction to this item. The Assembly has £15,000 to distribute to worthy project with ideas to address those actions in the action plan. The total bid received for this round amount to £15,587.80.</p> <p>The following projects presented their ideas to the Assembly for their consideration:</p> <p>1 St Mary's Music and Art Festival</p> <p>A week long programme of musical concerts, poetry evening, art exhibition, and other activities.</p> <p>The project aim to:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a) Bring people together, raise awareness about local musical, literary and artistic talents within an historical building. b) Raise funds for two Lewisham charities. Lewisham Churches for Asylum Seekers and Children First Lewisham. c) Raise funds to improve the fabric and facilities of St.Mary's Church as part of outreach objectives. <p>The project is seeking £500 contribution from the Assembly towards the cost of delivering this event.</p>	

2	<p>Millwall Community Scheme – Let’s get Lewisham Central Moving Funding is require for a campaign to encourage children and adults to promote a healthy lifestyle by committing to regular physical activity. The challenge is geared toward people who want to set themselves on the road to a healthier life through positive changes to physical activity and eating behaviours. Vegetarians, vegans, and others with dietary restrictions can participate. The activities will involve the delivery of 4 x Family Fun Days in May 2014 which will take place in 4 venues across the ward from 10am to 3pm each day. Activities will take place in Lewisham Park; Cornmill Gardens; Ladywell Fields and Mercator Estate. The project is seeking £4,500 contribution from the Assembly towards the cost of delivering this event.</p>	
3	<p>After-School Mandarin for Children This project is asking the Assembly to consider a bid for £1,225 towards the delivery of a Community Chinese New year Celebration for Youth. This event aims to promote community cohesion in Lewisham Central area, specifically, to raise an awareness of Chinese culture amongst the community .</p>	
4	<p>Roses Activity Zone After School Club & Holiday Play Scheme RAZ is an After School & Holiday Activity Club providing a diverse range of activities for children aged 4-12 years old. The project is asking the Assembly to consider a bid for ££2,700 to provide adventurous and educational trips for local children.</p>	
5	<p>Lee Senior Citizen Social Club This project is seeking a contribution of £2,232 from the Assembly to enable them to deliver a range of activities aimed at improving the health and well-being of elderly people in the borough. The project, will focus on increasing physical activity and maintaining emotional well-being, providing weekly exercise classes and massage session twice a month. Part of the fund will also be used to purchase sewing machines to allow members to use their fine motor skills. The items which are produced can also be sold to raise fund for the Club.</p>	
6	<p>Installation of all weather table tennis table on Mercator Estate The Assembly is asked to support the commissioning of £4430.80 for the provision of an all weather table tennis table (commonly know as ping pong table) on the Mercator estate in principle. The estate currently has very little recreational facilities for its residents. The provision of this equipment would be of benefit to both children and adult helping to keep a healthy and active lifestyle and promote community cohesion on the estate.</p>	
6)	<p>Assembly fund voting and result</p>	
	<p>The processes for voting was explained by the chair. Participants</p>	

	<p>are asked to vote for their preferred project by show of hands. The chair suggested that a collective vote is taken to consider all projects together at once. The result of the vote taken shows that all the projects proposed were approved by the Assembly. There were no objections registered.</p> <p>As the number of bids received exceeded the amount of fund available, Millwall Community Scheme volunteered to have their bid reduced in excess of the £587.80</p>	
7)	Community update	
a	An appeal was made to encourage volunteers to join the Assembly Coordinating Group. Every Assembly meeting is chaired by a local Councillors. A small group of local volunteers signs up annually to help plan meetings and take forward the actions and priorities adopted by the Assembly between main meetings. The group meets 3 to 4 times yearly in between assembly meetings. Anyone interested in joining is asked to speak with the Assembly Coordinator at the end of the meeting.	
b	The meeting received information about a week long music Festival which will take place from Saturday 12 October to Sunday 20 October. Details of the venue and activities is provided on the leaflet distributed at the meeting	
c	The meeting was informed of a newly formed community group named Archibald Corbett Society. A number of people who currently reside in property designed by Archibald in Hither Green, has decided to set up this society in his memory. The group is creating a permanent exhibition in Torriddon Road Library, aimed at providing education material and encouraging schools to look at the Corbett project . Part of the aim is to develop a Corbett cycling club to promote healthy lifestyle. The Society is to be launched on Thursday 3 October at Torriddon Road Library. The first Annual General meeting of the Society will also take place on Monday 4 November in the Pentecostal Church on Glenfarg Road	
d	St Swinthus Church is holding a farmers market on 12 October from 12 noon, to sell products from a local allotments and other goods. Table reservation will cost £15 pounds. Booking form are available at the meeting. All proceeds from the sale will go to worthy charities.	
9)	Declaration of interest	
	There were no interest declared at this meeting.	