

MINUTES OF THE RUSHEY GREEN ASSEMBLY

Saturday, 5 October 2013 at 11.00 am

PRESENT: Councillors Peggy Fitzsimmons, Helen Klier and John Muldoon

ALSO PRESENT:

Apologies for absence were received from

1. Introduction

2. Rushey Green Christmas Festival

Tom Willets, organiser of the Festival, gave background to changes to the date of the festival and that it is now a Christmas festival. A weekend of events to celebrate Christmas in Catford

**The main festival happening at Catford Broadway on
Saturday the 30th November, Stalls 10am-4pm, Performances 12-3pm
Christmas light switch on, being on Sunday the 1st of December.**

Looking to involve as many community people as possible, including local businesses, Schools, Community Groups and anyone who wants to get involved, the market will have a very Christmasy feel and theme with potential for a Santa and grotto. Also hoping to do intergenerational activities with the potential for a film club possibly in the Theatre. There will also be a 'Catford bake off'. Still working out finer details, but will involve a competition where people are invited to enter their cake or biscuits. and these will be judged on the day.

We are looking for volunteers to help deliver.

Contact Tom or Lucy if you want to come along to that meetings or be involved.

Update on the summer festival ideally happening in June (14th TBC)

Information given about the Catford Canteen, that has evolved from the Catford Supper Club, from the end of October the supper club will be moving to a dis-used shop in the shopping centre.

More information about the Catford Canteen on the link below

www.lewisham.gov.uk/inmyarea/markets/street-markets/Pages/Catford-Canteen.aspx

3. Rushey Green Parking Update

Ralph Wilkinson, Head Public Services which includes parking

Gave and update of the **Parking Policy Review** that happened earlier in the year. Ralph explained the changes that have been made around controlled parking, including a shift towards cashless payment. He recognised that some of the changes had had unforeseen consequences and he outlined the ways that feedback from residents are being used to put in place measures that address issues raised. This included re introducing scratch cards, opportunity to buy visitor permits from a Lewisham library (location to be

confirmed). Ralph also clarified that the 0845 number is not a premium number as many think, however with issues over costs to place calls from mobile phones that the service hope to bring in a local 0208/7/3 number. Ralph will look into the best ways to publicise this to residents fully. Questions and statements based around discussions and presentation from Ralph Wilkinson

4. Funding Update and Vote

Andy Thomas, Lewisham Assemblies Officer introduced the funding process and plans for this years assembly fund and briefed on the priorities that were agreed by the assembly from the 'Mayor for a Week' exercise carried out last month. More information and background given.

Priorities and fund allocated to each are as follows:

- **Younger People - £3000 - Bidding process**
- **Older People - £3000 - Bidding Process**
- **Local Environment and Ecology - £3000 - Bidding Process**
- **Community Cohesion - £3000 - Bidding Process**
- **Community Hub Development Plan - £3000 - Tender process continued - Community Hub Funding – more information**

£3000 of this years fund to bring in a consultant who could do some development for us on the Hub, using a tendering process. Looking at consultants with community development knowledge to bring focus on taking the hub forward, they would then help to facilitate a working group.

Assembly voted on each individual priorities and the fund allocated, each was passed with a very clear 'yes' vote for all priorities and amounts.

People are encouraged to apply for funding to deliver projects for the benefit of the ward. Funding details will be promoted on the website as soon as possible, with more information around eligibility and selection criteria. A closing date for applications of early December has been agreed and will be put on the website as soon as possible.

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5. Rushey Green Society and Residents Association

James Walsh introduced the item regarding the development of the Association and Society, why these bodies were important to help bring community cohesion and be able to bring more funding into the area, gave more information about the difference between the organisations, the Resident Association being more specific to roads and particular areas, the Society more for Rushey Green in general to help community cohesion and develop funding opportunities for the area. James put forward both constitutions for discussion. Questions and discussions around the difference between the two and the purpose there of was had. The Assembly felt that they didn't not have time to look at them in full and that this should be deferred until the next assembly. James withdrew the item from the agenda of this meeting with potential to bring the item back at a future

meeting if appropriate. Using the Assembly as a chance to consult more people but is not related to the Assembly itself.

Andy Thomas (LBL) clarified that the Assembly actively encourage local people or organisations are more than welcome to approach us about being on the agenda.

6. Break

7. Barratt London Development Team - Update

PowerPoint presentation, delivered by architect showing any changes to the planning document.

PowerPoint presentation available.

Discussions and questions around number of units, nursery provision at Holbeach School, disability access, tree provision, pollution, parking access to train station.

Very early stages of the planning process and will be back to discuss further at future Assemblies, working groups will be formed which residents are welcome to get involved in. There will also be further update through other meeting forums and news letters etc. Drop in session being arranged by the planning department for you to make your concerns known on:

Tuesday 22nd October 2013, between 5-9pm Council Chambers, Civic Suite, SE6 4RU

This session is an opportunity to discuss the content of the application and relevant planning considerations with Applicant Team and Planning Officer's and to record any concerns you may have. More details will be put on the Lewisham Council Website.

8. Q and A Session with Barratt London Development Team

9. Any Other Business

Thom Townsend came forward to speak to the group about his hopes of developing a Community Clean Up Team for the area, which is currently fly tipped, at the north end of Catford Station and called for support to help.

Contact Tom either via Lucy or on his Twitter account

Vote taken on if Rest of AOB should be take up with more discussion with the Barratt development team, this was passed

10. Close