

MINUTES OF THE RUSHEY GREEN ASSEMBLY

Wednesday, 29 January 2014 at 7.00 pm

PRESENT: Councillors Peggy Fitzsimmons, Helen Klier and John Muldoon

ALSO PRESENT:

Apologies for absence were received from

11. Welcome from the Chair

12. Opening of Marketplace to find out more about projects bidding for funding

Andy Thomas Addressed the attendees on how the marketplace of projects would work and how the vote would be conducted.

Marketplace- 1 hour was given for attendees to visit the projects and find out more in order to make a decision on their vote.

13. Voting and Break

14. Catford Town Centre Regeneration Update

presentation framed around slides on Power Point Presentation

- Discussion over streetworks on the Broadway and the layout and pedestrianisation of the area including seating lighting, tress and improving standards of shop fronts. The Sunday market activities are continuing up until end March hopefully into April. Many traders have attended training. - No vacant units in the shopping centre bar one - the Catford canteen. Very successful pop up restaurant. This is excellent especially in the economic climate for shops to be open

- Pay and display re instated in Holbeach car park after the pilot ended

Developers, architects, commercial interest groups and other parties looking into ideas around developing the civic areas of Laurence house, town hall and civic suite. Very early stages but opportunity for generational change. Will share and consult with community as things progress

Larger development greyhound stadium site approved for development submission of minor amendments to plans start on site in Feb. the authority is looking at opportunities to do improvement work on the area around and connecting the stations. Entering into dialogue with Network Rail and TFL and linking to the wider regeneration of the site and the station – stations are poor and first impression of Catford anything that can be done to improve that image we will endeavour to do so

Catford local plan and road network. GLA and TFL – recent renewed interest in potential to realign the South Circular to the rear of Laurence house. In light of the redevelopment it was seen that last and best opportunity to consider this. Not confirmed by any means - subject affordability etc. The Catford plan has been temporarily halted so TFL can do their study up to June this year then looking to re activate the Catford plan with our without the re-routing but should know by June.

Smaller projects as discussed at previous meetings updated and progressing

15. Community Safety Update

Rushey Green Safer Neighbourhood Team

PC David Walmsley gave an update on the Rushey Green safer neighbourhood team. Including statistics on personal property theft (muggings) car theft and burglary for October – December 2013 showing a year on year reduction on all areas mentioned. (numbers available). The reduction is testimony of work put in by the team by a coordinated approach to letting the area know about crime happening in the area and advising on response so people can take steps. Success had with reducing crime and anti social behaviour Rushey Green SNT nominated for a mayors award for a reduction in both – came third, an excellent result out of 32 wards Shortlisted for SNT of the year. Only one in the southeast of London , think about the amount of teams eligible, didn't win but to be shortlisted is a great achievement

Questions included

- Approach to street cyclists – RG SNT have a common sense approach depending on the type of nuisance caused.
- Advise on people coming to your door – always ask for id let the SNT know
- How are incidents of crime reported to residents – Reporting through leaflet drops, twitter, street briefings, attending forums such as this – look into closer ties with the local press and utilising the Assembly web page as future possibilities
- Crime in Lewisham shopping centre – not PC Walmsleys remit but know that the extra SNT and security presence is to be more visible and they are also doing that in Rushey Green

16. Community Connections

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commissioned by Lewisham council to support older and more vulnerable people. Community development, preventative health project across the whole borough. 2 complimentary elements. Facilitation– 1-2-1 support work by people who are referred to cc to support people to get into new activities attend health improvement activities

Development side trying to identify unmet need in the borough – help people to start a new project, find more volunteers and befrienders, support new groups to develop and deliver those services. 1

Anyone can refer someone to us or to self refer. All services are free.

17. Questions

Concern over access from Ladywell fields to the station being closed by the stadium development. Deputy mayor contacted. Ask for more people to protest that and potentially have a petition.

Plans for vehicles on the Broadway – clarified that it is going to be pedestrianised but with some vehicle access for traders and residents of the flats.

Toilet seating facilities in the Broadway. No toilet but arrangements have been made for selected local businesses to allow use of their toilets - details of which shops or restaurants involved can be found on the Catford regeneration web pages. There will be benches once the street work is completed

18. AOB

Community First Panel – Hester Brown

Gave details about the community first panel grants of up to £2500 anyone can apply. Gave details of how match funding would work – all information on the website www.rusheygreencommunity.org.uk and on the Rushey Green Assembly web site

Cllr Fitzsimmons addressed the assembly as she is standing down as councillor in May. Is continuing to volunteer with the Positive Ageing Council and will continue to be a part of the Rushey Green Community

19. Results of Assembly funding vote

The projects who are taken forward for funding are:

Local Environment and Ecology

Community Garden Waste Clean Up - £1500

Iona Close Orchard Nature reserve and volunteering project - £1500

Community Cohesion

Rushey Green Festival - £3000

Young People

Junior Youth Club – Lewisham Irish Centre - £3000

Older people

Positive Ageing Council to commission a project for older people in Rushey Green - £3000

Community Hub Development – G W Training and Consultancy LTD to deliver on the hub plan and development - £3000

20. Meeting Close