

Perry Vale Assembly Meeting

Forest Hill Methodist Church
Normanton St, London SE23 2DS
12th March 2014
7 - 9pm

Meeting Notes

1. Welcome and Introductions

Cllr Paschoud introduced his fellow Councillors Cllr Susan Wise and Cllr Alan Till. He introduced the Assemblies team and gave an overview of the assembly agenda.

Cllr Paschoud also informed people that the councillors would be available at the end of the meeting should anyone wish to see them.

2. Martin Hyde Parks Regeneration - Mayow Park Update

Mayow park is the largest green space in the Perry Vale ward as well as being the oldest municipal park. Extensive works have been happening with the renovation of the pavilion. The additional issue of the foul sewer has been a major headache, fortunately the council was able to find funding to excavate a new connection as the sewer pipe is 7 meters down which has caused significant problems, we also had to excavate a new connection in the Mayow community garden to connect to the main sewer.

The works have been successful and the renovation of the pavilion with money from Sport England has seen the development of new toilet facilities which are situated on the ground floor, with the provision of an access ramp on the left hand side.

We are also working to offer expressions of interest, these have now been advertised locally, we've had 16 expressions of interest. The tenders are due to be returned on the 27th March. We are keen to get the right people in to run the community café, as a good café can really help boost the park numbers. This is a hub for people to use the park and we would like the café to be like Hilly Fields and Manor House Gardens. We've also asked for method statements so that we can look at the finances.

We will also look at:

- How they will design the internal space
- What type of menu will be available – use of local produce, healthy foods
- Grow Mayo could be one of the local providers
- Proposal for opening hours – late opening
- What added value will they be able to bring to the park

This is all exciting and hopefully we will get some really exciting tendered returns and the top three will be invited in for interviews. We are aiming for the building to be ready for handover at the end of March. This is now unlikely. The summer school holidays is more likely.

Users of the park will know that the bowls club has folded and we are looking at new innovative ways to bring new life into the bowling green area. I am interested in hearing views around activities for children parties or an outdoor space for yoga, keep fit and outdoor leisure centre, bouncy castle. There is lots of potential for the use of that facility.

We have secured new funding for new litter bins within the park, bins that stop the birds scattering all the rubbish, we also have an application in to the Mayor of London for outdoor sports gym equipment. If this bid is successful we will carry out a consultation to find out what style of equipment people want.

Due to the mess that was made at the front area of the grow Mayow community garden. Martin has found a small amount of money for a bid for a community pocket park to put back the garden how it was before.. Martin has met with members of the Caribbean mix cricket club. Cricket has now been reintroduced to Mayow Park which is an added competitive edge. We want to encourage more people into the active life of the park. Cricket week 1st September - Tuesday 7th September they are proposing to have 4 teams, Local residents are invited to come along and watch

The presentation ended with Martin opening the floor for questions:

There is a proposal for a pocket park in Bellingham (entrance to home park) the landscape architect will be based at Sydenham library 12-5pm Saturday 15th March

If people want to ask any questions. The display will be in the library for the next week.

Q: Rubbish bins in Mayow – can they be made like animals, as it may encourage kids to put rubbish in the bin.

A: Parks budget being reduced but opportunities to bid for funding are still available

If a group of people feel this is something they would like to apply to the assembly for. The Perry vale assembly has a bidding round later this year.

Q: Park ranger – security is an important issue. The increase vandalism is due to the lack of security.

A: security is important that's one of the reasons why we've worked with the bowls club to stop vandals. Unfortunately those days are gone. We do have a park ranger, based in the bowls cabin 5 days per week. He does patrol the park

If we can get the pavilion open it will self police the park as the more staff and facilities we have, the more security as vandalism and ASB usually occurs when there is no one around

Q: are you going to regulate pricing in the café?

A: we haven't as we didn't want to restrict people, however hopefully an understanding of the cliental will be understood and a range of affordable food will be provided.

Q: good quality food is provided in the café in Peckham Rye park but the pricing seems to exclude ordinary people

A: we will look at this within the scoring.

Q: are you hoping that it will be all year round

A: parks are open 364 days per year, 7 days per week

Martin ended the discussion by giving in formation about the developments being made within Home park.

3. SNT update

The SNT do patrol the park especially now the summer months.

The crime trend in the north part of Perryvale has had an increasing number of catalytic convertors being removed from people carriers, commercial vans, Ford Galaxy and Mercedes, they are part of the exhaust system and the thief's take the part to the scrap dealer who in turn gives them money. The replacement costs are between £200 -300. Information leaflets are in the foyer should more information be needed.

There a couple of companies that provide clamps that can be brought to prevent theft, there is also a list of official ones.

Neighbourhood watch – there are 26 schemes on the ward, however we would like more residents involved as we need about 15 houses in the group otherwise it becomes to difficult to manage

They are run how the group wants, the police send regular updates, on crime trends etc .All the necessary information is sent to the coordinator who sends it onto the group members. Its not about being nosy, its about looking after your neighbours.

Perry vale ward panel meets once a quarter, the panel discusses relevant issues and priorities. Our ward promises are as follows.

- 1) **ASB** – vehicles illegal parking especially around the junior schools of which there are 6 in the ward, were concentrating on roads like Westbourne drive, Christchurch and Perry Vale. Perry Vale speed initiative Woolstone road. Cllr Paschoud will be at the next ward panel meeting.

- 2) **Burglary**

- 3) **Recruit More Neighbourhood Watch Schemes and Coordinators**

Cllr Paschoud will keep up the pressure around anti social driving which he would like to remain a top priority

A thank you for the way that the team behaved during a recent incident in the ward was given by an attendee at the assembly meeting.

Assembly Fund Update

Forest With Big Hill Story telling event – Judith Barret – The Assembly fund award has not yet been received. A successful Family event was held in February, another performance will be held in the evening on Thursday 3 April

Duke of Edinburgh Awards

- The funding awarded has provided equipment for 60yp to undertake their Bronze award.
- Silver award will be going out at the end of this month
- Sedgehill school and Brent Knoll schools are currently borrowing the equipment at the moment

The numbers of young people signing up are young girls as well as young boys.

4. Perry Vale Ward Action Plan Review

Winston Castello community enterprise manager

Welcomed everyone who attend the meeting especially those who were attending for the first time. Winston explained that their were five main priorities and over the past eighteen months these were the priorities that the assembly had focused on.

- 1) young people
- 2) environment
- 3) roads and traffic

Winston gave a presentation outlining the achievements against the priorities identified in the action plan.

Priority 1 – Improve facilities for young people:

- Worked with local youth providers to map facilities for young people in the area
- Provide Assembly funding to support youth activities in the ward

Priority 2 - A cleaner better environment

- Tree Planting across the ward, continuing programme
- Support Grow Mayow Community Garden
- Improvement works to Dacre Wood Nature Reserve

- Provide funding to support Kilmorrie School garden

Priority 3 – Roads and Traffic

- Pressure from the Assembly resulted in the construction of traffic island
- Assembly funded an investigative report into road safety in the route between Forest Hill and Perry Hill

Priority 4 – Reducing crime and antisocial behaviour

- SNT have a regular slot at all Assembly meetings where information on how to report crime is provided
- Assembly funding used to provide a security mirror aimed at reducing crime and ASB
- Promotion of neighbourhood watch scheme at meeting

Priority 5 – Activities for the whole community

- Assembly funding used to deliver the Stanstead Road Community Garden event
- Contribution made towards the Sydenham Art Festival & Forest Feast
- A themed Assembly held to encourage discussions that are relevant to local issues
- Regular Newsletter developed to promote the works of the Assembly and events happening locally
- Community storytelling event

Winston closed the presentation and set out the arrangements for the review. Copies of the action plan had been provided and 10- 15 minutes was given to the participants to look at the content of the action plan.

Post it notes were provided to each table to write down their views around the five priorities

5. Assembly Priority Review Feedback...

Thank you for completing the post it notes with your feedback, I hope that this has been a good opportunity to have a discussion about the assembly.

The notes will be discussed by the Coordinating Group who will then report back to the assembly.

General points made

List of priorities and the action plan is a bit long. It would be useful to have seen it before tonight.

The action plan is about addressing areas of concern and not all about finding projects, but about the assembly lobbying for funds to address resources and influencing partners. The assembly coordinator will now go away and pull together all the points raised during the review exercise .

6. Assembly fund groups update

Dalmain Athletic Girls Football club

Athletic young people – regular exercise, free coaching, extra circular tasks sessions- years $\frac{3}{4}$

2nd Part – school tournament for schools in the ward- Perry Mount, Kilmorie have already signed up Adamsrill tbc

Young Lewisham

Thanked the assembly for the funding that they received. They invited everyone to drop in at anytime and see that is taking place

Cllr Wise said that she was delighted to visit the project last year and encouraged everyone to go along and see the good work that they were doing.

7. Community updates

- Flooding street lighting – the light is flooding all the main roads at the end of Mayo rd, this forces people to cross at the other point, also the storm drains are getting blocked up.
- Issues were proposed to clear gully drains every two years, however we are in the process of arranging a clearance
- Replacement of street lighting low level creates a blur, did the council anticipate that trees grow and will block the light, how does the council review this project.
- Cars still driving between bollards at Blythe Hill, the Councillors have taken this matter up with highways and will chase them up regarding a response
- Sydenham park foot bridge – which is by the side of the German church crossing which has bad lighting and dodgy steps. The young people from Forest Hill and Sydenham schools are scared to use this footbridge. Skanska and highways visited the area and were appalled and have agreed to get the footbridge repairs completed. A possible name change will be held via referendum for this—Dacres Wood footbridge..

Cllr Paschoud thanked everyone for both their participation and attendance at the meeting. The meeting closed at 9pm.