

**LADYWELL ASSEMBLY  
MEETING**  
**Tuesday 22 January 2019 7.00pm – 9.00pm**  
**Gordonbrock Primary School,**  
**Gordonbrock Road, London SE4 1HQ**

**Record of Meeting**

	Item	Actions
1	<b>Welcome, Introduction &amp; Format of meeting</b>	
	Cllr Liz Johnston Franklin welcomed everyone and went through the format of the meeting.	
2	<b>Police Safer Neighbourhood Team Update</b>	
	<p>PC Andrew Dobson from the Ladywell Safer Neighbourhood Team provided an update on what the team has been doing since the last meeting.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• In terms of issues locally, there has been a little increase in the numbers of burglaries recently. The usual method is where break-in is through the back door and the front door latch is applied.</li> <li>• The police has had a lead on this where the property owner confronted the intruder when he arrived home. The intruder is described as a skinny black male 6'3, about 40 years of age and has a gold tooth. Officers are on the lookout for him.</li> <li>• There has been a couple of motor vehicle crime. Officers are doing target patrol and building intelligence for warrant on a couple of houses which officers think might be involved.</li> <li>• Flytipping was also said to be an issue of concerns for the area. The team are planning a joint clean-up day with officers from the Council's enforcement team.</li> <li>• The team is doing a joint operation with Thames Reach going round the ward and speaking to homeless people and reporting back to Thames reach on locations and spots where homeless hang out with a view of getting help for them.</li> <li>• Patrol after school continues to take place in problem areas to reduce antisocial behaviour. Also antisocial behaviour by some pupils from Prendergast Ladywell School were highlighted as a concern. The chair advised residents to contact the Ladywell Councillors or SNT officers where they are experiencing some difficulties reporting incidents to the school.</li> </ul> <p>Question and answer session followed this update.</p> <p>A question was raised about knife crime – the chair invited the</p>	

	<p>senior youth worker at the Ladywell Adventure Playground to share the work they have been doing with young people with people with the meeting.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The centre has delivered a series of workshops on knife crime to young people in the community and in schools in the ward.</li> <li>• The team can be approached where people have any concerns relating to young people. Outreach can be designed to work with young people in hot spot areas where they congregate.</li> <li>• In addition to this, officers from the met police do go into schools to do talks at assemblies and delivers knife workshops in class.</li> <li>• The meeting was informed of a new pop-up youth club due to open in January at the Glassmill Leisure Centre to engage young people in after school activities.</li> </ul>	
<b>3</b>	<b>Community Road Watch Scheme</b>	
	<p>A short discussion was had in relation to the proposal to set up a Community Road Watch scheme in areas across the ward where residents have concerns about speeding vehicles. A pilot was tested on Chudleigh Road checking speed of drivers alongside the police. Resident present at the meeting were invited to report any roads in the where speeding is a concern. To implement the scheme, volunteers are required to keep watch on roads on a swap over basis. This will simply mean that residents cannot keep watch on the road they reside on, but would be required to swap with volunteers from another road.</p> <p>The following roads were identified as a potential which could benefit from the scheme, Brockley Grove – from the Cemeteries up to Brockley Road, Vicars Hill, Chudleigh Road and Algernon Road. Anyone interested in volunteering is asked to provide their contact details on the signing sheet provided. There was a commitment received from the SNT to assist in enforcement of the scheme.</p>	
<b>4</b>	<b>Lewisham Recycling and waste services consultation</b>	
	<p>The council is running a consultation in line with the mayor's vision in his manifesto to identify barriers to recycling. The consultation will run from 18<sup>th</sup> February April 8<sup>th</sup>. Resident will be asked to complete an online or paper questionnaire with details of what they know about waste and recycling in the borough. As an incentive, there would be five chances to win a £50 Amazon voucher from randomly selected names.</p> <p><b>Why is the Council consulting?</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The council is seeking residents views to see how they can improve the services they offer</li> <li>• To work with residents to improve recycling rate in Lewisham</li> </ul>	

**What can be recycle?**

Carton, food tins and drink cans, mixed glass, bottles and jars, cleaning products like shampoo bottle mixed papers and household plastics packaging. The advice from officer is to leave materials out if in doubt.

**What happens to the materials collected?**

- The recycling bins are collected from the kerbside of properties and on estate from around the borough and brought to the Material Recycling Facility site in Crayford.
- The load are inspected for items that may contaminate the load.
- If the load are contaminated they will be sent away from the recycling facility for incineration or to landfill which cost the council more.
- Advice was provided on the use of garden waste service. This includes putting the correct item in the bin provided, putting garden waste loose in bin and not in plastic bag as this will contaminate, ensure that bin lids are fully closed, and labelling bin with house number.
- The council sells compost bins which is subsidise and cost £10. This is available to residents who wish to compost their garden waste at home.

A graph showing the average amount of food waste generated by household across the borough was presented. The average food waste per person each week was said to be around 1.3kg. This was said to be one of the driving factor for the introduction of food waste bins.

**What should be placed in the food waste bin?**

- Any food including raw and cooked vegetables
- Meat and fish – raw and cooked
- All dairy products such as eggs and cheese
- Bread, cakes and pastries
- Rice, pasta and beans
- Uneaten food from your plates and dishes
- Tea bags and coffee grounds
- Nut shells

**Contamination**

Food in wrappers and plastic bags was said to be a conterminal, and should not be put in the food waste recycling bin.

The council works on a 3 stages warning process:

- The first stage involves sending a letter to a household where contaminated waste was found outlining what has happened and what can go in the recycle bin.
- On the second occasion, a formal letter will be sent explaining that if the issue persist the bin will be removed.
- The final stage is where the bin is removed.

Any enquiries relating to waste and recycling can be sent to the team at:

	<p><a href="mailto:Recycle@Lewisham.gov.uk">Recycle@Lewisham.gov.uk</a> Telephone: 020 8314 9303</p> <p>A question and answer session followed this presentation.</p>	
<b>5</b>	<b>Reporting back from Assembly funded projects</b>	
<b>5.1</b>	<p><b>Carers Lewisham – Project (Young Carers Home work Club)</b></p> <p>Feedback from this project was delivered by Ivana who provided a brief overview of the organisation works and the services it provides.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The organisation offers support to young carers aged 8 to 25</li> <li>• Majority of young carer participating in holiday club and respite trips are mostly within the age range of between 8 to 16 years</li> <li>• Many cares for parents, but lately there has been an increase in referral of sibling carer.</li> <li>• Over 300 families with young carers are registered with the organisation.</li> <li>• Around 125 families engage with the service on a regular basis</li> <li>• More outreach is done to engage with young adult carers, aged 16 plus</li> </ul> <p><b>Homework Club project – how the assembly funding was used</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• An explanation of how the funding received from the assembly was used was provided. The fund was used to cover the full cost of set up and the running of the homework club for 15 young carers aged 11 to 16 years from across Ladywell</li> <li>• Each homework club lasts 2 hours during term from 4pm to 6pm</li> <li>• 25 sessions was delivered 2 times a week on Wednesdays and Thursdays</li> <li>• The Ladywell Assembly contributed £1763 towards the project and a further £3525 was secured from Wessex Youth Trust. The total cost for the project came to £5288.</li> <li>• 2 Tutors were hired providing support for maths and English</li> <li>• Attendance varies from week to week based on school activities and the level of responsibilities the young carer had at home</li> </ul> <p><b>Outcomes</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Young Carers were supported and motivated to complete homework and prepare for their exams</li> <li>• Increased young carers confident and have increased access to education support in their local community</li> <li>• Several young carers reported being less anxious about taking their GCSE</li> <li>• A parent of a young carer reported that her daughter did more homework as part of the club than ever at home</li> <li>• Another successful outcomes saw more young people</li> </ul>	

<p>5.2</p>	<p>supporting each other and even tutored one another during heavily attended afternoon.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Young people are continues to receive support from the homework club till date.</li> </ul> <p><b>Rural Urban Synthesis Society (RUSS) Ladywell Self Build Community Space</b></p> <p>A community land trust put together by people who which to build affordable homes. The funding award from the Assembly was towards the development of a self-build community building where people who wish to learn about building their own home. The building when it is completed will also serve as a temporary community space on the Church Grove site leading to a permanent space that will be built on it.</p> <p>It was reported that the funding award from the Ladywell assembly is yet to be spent along with over £50,000 received from a crowd funding campaign. A slide on what the project would deliver was shared with the meeting as follows:</p> <p><b>What has been done since 2018</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Appointed 8-10 volunteers who currently lead on the project</li> <li>• 81 people signed up to build and were involved in putting planning permission and the design of the building together</li> <li>• Delivered 4 educational talks, 5 all day workshops, 9 site volunteer days and 24 open volunteer meetings.</li> <li>• By April 2019, publicity about how the community can get involve in the scheme and how to do that will be available</li> <li>• It is estimated that the community building will be completed by September 2019.</li> </ul> <p><b>Milestones for self-build</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Building control application to be submitted by Jan 30<sup>th</sup> January 2019</li> <li>• Self-build manager appointed by 28<sup>th</sup> February 2019</li> <li>• Hopes to secure planning permission to build by 10<sup>th</sup> March 2019</li> <li>• Service connections e.g. electricity, water etc. installed by 31<sup>st</sup> march</li> <li>• Pre-work by contractors i.e. trenching, foundation, tree work complete by 30<sup>th</sup> April</li> <li>• Volunteers start to build Community Space by 1st of May</li> <li>• Construction of the community space completed by 30<sup>th</sup> of September with the construction of the housing project beginning at the same time.</li> </ul> <p>A question and answer session followed this update.</p>	
<p>6.</p>	<p><b>Lewisham Democracy Review</b></p> <p>A brief explanation of the review was provided by Cllr Kevin Bonavia, the chair of the Lewisham democracy Review.</p>	

### **About Lewisham Council**

- Lewisham has one directly elected Mayor, elected by all voters in the borough.
- There are 54 ward councillors, 3 elected by voters in each of the 18 wards in the borough
- The council has 800 different services, some are mandatory and has to be provided by law, whilst others are discretionary which the council can choose whether to provide. There has been a number of cuts to discretionary services in line with budget cuts
- The council has an annual budget of £240m. £100m out of the £240m is spent on covering the needs of the most vulnerable adults and children in the borough
- The Council is required to have a **Constitution** which sets out how it operate and the procedures it follows
- Lewisham is ranked 15<sup>th</sup> most ethnically diverse local authority in England with 46% of residents from Black, Asian or minority ethnic backgrounds
- Apart from the Democracy Review, the ward boundaries are also going to change at the next election

### **What is the Democracy Review**

- As part of his election manifesto, the new Mayor of Lewisham wish to hold as review to make Lewisham more democratic, open and transparent
- At a full council meeting made up of the Mayor and all Councillors in July 2018, the meeting agreed to establish a local democracy review working group made up of 8 councillors
- The idea is to go out in the community and find out about people's experiences of receiving council's services and ideas for changes / improvements.

### **Why is the council doing a review?**

- A lot has changed since the last review. There has been lots of new legislation introduced. An example cited was around the changes to public health which traditionally used to be a council matter until 1974 when it was transferred to the NHS. This service has now be brought back into the council (i.e. Preventative matters such as stop smoking campaign and healthier living)
- Although the budget for this comes from the central government, the council still decides where and how it is spent.
- The council has reduced in size due to government cuts of around £165m over the last 8 years.
- In terms of size, the council formerly has 4000 staff, this has been reduced to just over 2000 staff
- Growing demands for services with growing population – there was 250,000 people in Lewisham in 2002, this has increased to 301,000 in 2018. By 2031 the population is predicted to be around 344,000

	<p><b>How is the review done?</b>          People would be asked to look at their experiences and make suggestion on 3 main areas:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Enhance openness and transparency – how do you know what's going on and find out why things are happening the way they are</li> <li>• Increase public involvement in council's decisions – how can your views be fed into council's decisions like new parking and planning policies.</li> <li>• Promote effective decision making – How can the way council make decision be done better? Does new ideas get properly tested before they are implemented?</li> </ul> <p><b>How can people get more involved?</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The council is seeking people's view on this consultation which can be completed on line or in hard copy. The consultation closes on 27<sup>th</sup> January 2019</li> <li>• Provide your comments using the flyer provided at the meeting</li> <li>• Talk to your neighbours, friends, family and colleagues and encourage them to participate  <b>Visit the website at <a href="http://www.lewishamdemocracy.com">www.lewishamdemocracy.com</a></b></li> </ul> <p>A question and answer session followed this presentation.</p>	
<b>7.</b>	<b>Community update and any other business</b>	
7.1	<p><b>Update on the Ladywell Playtower</b>          The planning department and Guildmore are in discussion about how they can improve what is currently being offered. One of the issue was mainly around the provision of housing on the site. The initial plan was to have 22 flats which was going to help finance the renovation of the playtower.</p> <p>There was also going to be a nursery and a step down provision for elderly people who have been ill. Both proposal has now change and another plan has been proposed to increase housing units to 40. The issue with this new proposal was that the housing will not be affordable. This plan is currently being debated on and it is hope that Guildmore and the planners will come up with a solution that will be acceptable. This was said to be the main factor behind the cancellation of the public consolation organised by Guildmore.</p>	
7.2	<p><b>Brockley Max Mid-Winter Warm-up</b>          This event will take place on 16<sup>th</sup> of February for the elderly at Brockley Social Club from 1pm to 5pm.</p>	
	<b>Declaration of interest</b>	
	There were no interest declared at this meeting.	

