

MINUTES OF THE LADYWELL ASSEMBLY

Tuesday, 27 September 2022 at 7.00 pm

PRESENT: Councillors Bill Brown, Laura Cunningham and Liz Johnston-Franklin

ALSO PRESENT: Ade Joseph (LBL)

Welcome, Introduction & Format of meeting

Cllr Liz Johnston-Franklin welcomed everyone to the meeting and went through the agenda. Cllr Laura Cunningham, new councillor for Ladywell ward was introduced to the meeting as the replacement for Carl Handley who stepped down from the role at the last election.

Police Safer Neighbourhood Updates

Members from the SNT were not present at the meeting as they have been called away for other duties. The team however sent a written update, the summary of which was read out as follows:

- A new Sergeant joined the team in 2021. PS Roger knight is said to be well experienced. He will be working alongside PC Andrew Dobson and PCSO Karen Quinn to oversee the work of the team
- A dangerous dog warrant is planned for October to remove an aggressive dog from a local address
- The team has been nominated for a commendation award for two drugs warrants carried out at an address. The warrant resulted in multiple arrests and the seizure of hundreds of thousands of pounds of drugs
- A new neighbourhood watch group has been launched on Malyons Road. Around 40 people attended the first meeting.
- The team is also planning a shop watch on Ladywell Road to support local shops and have arranged a walk around with representatives from local housing companies using a joint approach to tackle issues around anti-social behaviour

There was opportunity for residents present to raise any other issues they may have about community safety in the area following the update. All information collected will be forward to the SNT for further actions.

Q – Now that part of areas formerly in Lewisham Central has now come under Ladywell, would the SNT be walking down that end of the ward? A comment that they have not been visible in this area.

A – The SNT team covering Ladywell is small and there is a great pressure on them to cover the ward. The chair promised to pass on the concerns raised around visibility to PC Dobson.

Redevelopment of site at the rear of Place Ladywell

Luke Riley from Lewisham Homes, Chris Pittway and Joya Zaman, architects from Feilden Clegg Bradley Studios introduced themselves and provided an outline of the proposed redevelopment of the site to the rear of Place Ladywell as follows:

- The team plans to submit a full planning application for the site to the Council in October / November

- The project is to provide 100% social housing to meet the chronic shortage of affordable homes in the borough
- A long consultation process has already taken place with different stakeholders since 2019
- The key constraints, drivers and opportunities of the scheme were explained.
- Some of the topics which has come up during the consultation process were highlighted. These includes issues around security, antisocial behaviour and flytipping. The information received has helped drive some of the design of the scheme, in trying to resolve / address some of the problems highlighted.
- The developer promises an energy efficient scheme which will ensure the sustainability of the area
- There was also a desire for more green and outdoor spaces within the design where people can come together to socialise as well as creating play spaces for children

A snap short of how the architect responded to the feedback collected from the consultation in the design of the scheme were provided as follows:

- Security in the community will be improved by installing lighting designed to maximise surveillance and create a secure place
- New waste management system has been designed to reduce occurrence of flytipping
- Improving biodiversity with trees planted on site
- Adopting a fabric first approach for the buildings to reduce the reliance on energy and help reduce fuel poverty in the new homes

Proposed heights of building

- The tallest building will be block A located to the north of the scheme comprising of 7 storey, this then steps down to 3 stories in Block D to the south. These building had been lowered to ensure there is sufficient sunlight to surrounding properties.

In terms of type of materials people wants to see in the development, there was a strong preference for brick which coincide with a wider analysis of building in the area.

Proposed landscape would comprise of a communal garden for the community to enjoy green garden space for relaxation and enjoyment, a shared street space and pocket parks with bio diversity planting offering seating and play area.

Three workshops has been held with secure by design officers who provide advise on how to make the design more secured and safe for residents.

Next Steps:

- Planning application will be submitted in October 2022
- It is hoped that works will commence in the Summer of 2023
- Building works should be completed in the Winter of 2025

A question and answer session followed this presentation.

Healthy Street Programme – Consultation on Changes to Lewisham to Catford Walking & Cycle Route

Zoe Murphy and Josh Freestone from Transport for London (TFL) introduced themselves. The pair went on to present on outline of TFL's consultation on proposed changes to the Lewisham to Catford walking and cycling route. The route is a TFL road. The scheme was introduced in September 2020 during Covid as a temporary measure, using a temporary order which allows the scheme to be installed without proper consultation with locals.

The explanation was provided that TFL had started to review a number of schemes that were introduced during Covid, including the A21 Lewisham to Catford walking and Cycle Scheme. The consultation began in May 2022 and is due to close on 30th November 2022. TFL are keen to receive residents' input into the consultation to ensure that any decisions taken on whether to retain or remove the scheme was informed by local residents.

A report of the outcome of the consultation will be published in September 2023

A question and answer session followed this presentation.

Ladywell Playtower Refurbishment update

Cllr Johnston-Franklin provided an update on the Ladywell Playtower refurbishment stating that the planning application which was submitted early in the year will be presented to the council's planning committee on 6th of October. The full planning application including officer's recommendations can be viewed online. Officers will return to the Assembly to provide a clearer update once the plan has been approved.

Feedback from NCIL funded project – Max Media Arts

Maira from Max Media Arts introduced herself and provided feedback on the Brockley Max Festival held during the first week of June. This was a nine day community art festival which took place across Ladywell, Brockley, Honor Oak and Crofton Park. The NCIL funding received from Ladywell was used to facilitate Art in the Park closing event on 4th of June up on Hillyfields. A list of photos taken during the festival was shown at the meeting.

Community updates and any other business

Max Media Art

The meeting received further news about a successful funding bid made by Max Media Arts, from a Mayor of London funding. The fund was to deliver a project titled "Untold Stories". The fund will be spent towards the installation of 3 street murals of black female Icons who have lived and worked in Lewisham along Brockley Road. Around 15 names has been put forward for consideration. Four young female muralist has been chosen to do the work. People can also add their own suggestions to the list on the Brockley Max website.

Any other business

Questions were raised about issues concerning a bus stop on Vicars Hill and delays with an approved NCIL approved project. The ward Cllrs promised to raise both matters with the appropriate authority and report back at the next meeting.

Declaration of interest

There were no interest declared at this meeting.

The chair thanked everyone in attendance and brought the meeting to a close.