

SOUTHGATE GREEN WARD FORUM MINUTES

Thursday 20th July 2017

Beaumont Nursing Home, 15 Cannon Hill, London N14 7DJ

COUNCILLORS IN ATTENDANCE

Ward councillors: Cllr Claire Stewart (Chair); Cllr Alessandro Georgiou (Minutes); and Cllr Daniel Anderson.

Approximately 25 residents were in attendance.

GUESTS

Peter George, Assistant Director for Regeneration, Enfield Council
Rathai Thevananth, Managing Partner of the Arnos Grove Medical Centre

INTRODUCTIONS

Cllr Stewart welcomed everyone to the forum and introduced her colleagues.

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were received from Jeff Leaver, Evelyn Ryan, Andy Barker, Don Arthur, Anna Marianska and Alok Agrawal.

MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING

Accepted as a true record.

MATTERS ARISING

- Residents were concerned about harassment from beggars along Bowes Road. A resident suggested signs designating areas as no begging areas;
- A resident informed the meeting that traffic monitoring strips had been cut in the Lakes Estate;
- Residents were curious as to why there was traffic monitoring on the Lakes Estate;
- Derek Honor has included minutes of a meeting of the CCG meeting at Ruth Winston House (attached); and
- Questions were raised around the timeline of Safer Neighbourhoods.

POLICE UPDATE (Written Update provided)

A resident was concerned about the increase in violent crime in Broomfield Park, taking of legal highs, violent attacks in the bowling green, and the use of the netball poles for damage to other areas of the park.

REGENERATION AND DEVELOPMENT IN SOUTHGATE GREEN

Peter George, Assistant Director for Regeneration provided an update on developments in Southgate Green including Ladderswood/Montmorency Park; the Lee Valley Heat Network (Energetik); Crossrail 2 and the Ritz Parade.

Matters arising

- A resident of Highview Gardens asked why they cannot be included in the Energetik Scheme;
- Residents raised concerns about the lack of infrastructure in place for the substantial increase in population within the ward (North Circular and Montmorency Park Developments) and wanted a greater level of consultation for all prospective developments in the future. Peter George agreed that these developments would cause more pollution due to the increase in cars in the area;
- A resident suggested Seafield Road should be opened up; and
- Residents were concerned about potential change alluded to in the Local Plan that had recently been out to consultation.

ARNOS GROVE MEDICAL CENTRE UPDATE

Rathai Thevananth, Managing Partner of the Medical Centre, provided an update and her plans for expansion subject to support and agreement from NHS England and Enfield's CCG. The surgery has over 5,000 patients on its roll. 19 years ago they had 1,800 and yet the space within the surgery is currently the same. Concerns were raised at the waiting times for GP appointments. Councillors agreed that the practice should meet with senior officers and councillors in the administration to help progress the proposed expansion.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Residents raised concerns about traveller incursions in our parks and the ongoing issue with beggars along the A406 North Circular.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING

To be confirmed.