

LET'S TALK: FAIRFIELD MINUTES



Ward:	Fairfield
Date:	29/01/2020
Time:	7pm- 9pm
Venue:	St Anne's Church Hall
Note Taker:	Nicola Lodge, Graduate Project Officer, <i>Chief Executive Directorate</i>
Chaired by:	Cllr Sweet, Fairfield Ward Councillor and Cabinet Member of Education and Children's Services, <i>Conservative</i>
Cllr Attendance:	Cllr O'Broin, Fairfield Ward Councillor and Cabinet member of Finance and Corporate Resources, <i>Conservative</i> Cllr McCausland, Fairfield Ward Councillor, <i>Conservative</i> Cllr Rigby, Deputy Leader of the Opposition, <i>Labour</i>
Officer Attendance:	Adam Wells, Head of Pupil Services, <i>Children's Services</i> Elen Richards, Area team Manager West team, <i>Environment and Community Services</i> Andrew Jolly, Community Safety Officer, <i>Chief Executive Directorate</i> Bethany Pepper, Programme and Policy Lead (climate change and sustainability), <i>Chief Executive Directorate</i> Don Ogunyemi, Deputy Head of Network Management, <i>Environment and Community Services</i> Elizabeth Kingdom, Partnership Officer, <i>Chief Executive Directorate</i> Ian Ruegg, Head of Development, Housing and Regeneration, <i>Housing</i> Lisa Pennett, Deputy Area Housing Manager, <i>Housing</i> Lorinda Freint, Business and Enterprise Manager, <i>Chief Executive's Directorate</i> Henry Cheung, Head of Engineering Group 3, <i>Environment and Community Services</i> Michael Singham, Waste Strategy Manager, <i>Environment and Community Services</i> Rajiv Bhattacharjee, Community Engagement Manager, <i>Chief Executive Directorate</i> Sharon Wright, Head of Inspection and Enforcement, <i>Environment and Community Services</i> Sharron Lecky, Deputy Area Housing Manager, <i>Housing</i> Steve Edwards, Head of Communications, <i>Chief Executive Directorate</i>

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Topic: Littering	
Question 1:	What will be done about the littering on Plough Terrace due to the school nearby?
Response:	<p>Michael Singham: Every road in the borough is scheduled to be cleaned once a week. A litter bin can only be placed on a main road where the disposal of waste is collected frequently.</p> <p>Cllr Sweet: Cllrs will get in contact with the school regarding this issue. We are looking into options for bins which tell us when they are full and need to be emptied.</p>
Actions:	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. <i>Michael Singham to check in with the cleaning contractor and check that the service is running properly. If the service is running properly, the council will then look into adding bins in the local area.</i> 2. <i>Sharron Wright to send enforcement officers to patrol the area before and after school when littering may occur frequently.</i> 3. <i>Cllrs to contact the school directly.</i>
Question 2:	Complaint regarding cleaners on Tonsley Place not cleaning the pavements or litter on the ground properly. This has caused the growth of algae and weeds near the garages which have started to damage cars.
Response:	<p>Michael Singham: Each road is scheduled for weekly cleaning. If this is not happening, or if the standards of the work are low, we will be looking into making sure the contractors are delivering the service to a good standard.</p> <p>Cllr O'Broin: Pictures which the resident emailed the councillor have now been forwarded to Sharron Wright.</p>
Action:	<i>Michael Singham to contact contractor to make sure service is being delivered.</i>
Question 3:	The bins outside Wandsworth Town Hall Train station are overflowing with coffee cups and newspapers, what can be done about this? Can the local vendors promote recycling of coffee cups and newspapers which are leading to the bins to overflow? Can we have recycling bins located in this area?
Response:	Michael Singham: In relation to the installation recycling bins in that area, we would have to look at the route of recycling disposal trucks. If the bins are

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	<p>not full upon collection the truck on the road would have more of an impact on the environment.</p> <p>Cllr Sweet: We could look into vendors promoting recycling more in that area.</p> <p>Cllr Rigby: We should make vendors more responsible for the waste of their products, especially the newspapers.</p> <p>Michael Singham: The new Waste Strategy for England (published December 2018) included proposals for introducing extended producer responsibility. A similar approach could potentially be used for other waste streams such as mattresses and possibly even newspapers.</p>
Action:	<i>Cllr O'Broin to contact officers to see what can be done with local vendors and the promotion of recycling.</i>
Question 4:	Complaint regarding the noise of waste disposal trucks taking away the rubbish and using residential areas as cut throughs as early as 5:30am.
Response:	<p>Michael Singham: The collection of waste has been contracted to leave the depot at 6:30am in order to beat rush hour traffic. They shouldn't leave the depot any earlier than 6:30am.</p> <p>Cllr Sweet: Has asked the residents to contact the councillors as and when they hear/see waste disposal trucks out before 6:30am so that they can identify those involved in leaving the depot early.</p>
Action:	<i>Michael Singham to contact contractors as they should not be using residential roads as cut through early hours in the morning.</i>
Question 5:	Resident claims the drain on Penton Street near St Anne's Hill are overflowing. How often are the drains cleaned as there are many drains causing flooding? Can we use the cleaning of drains as a preventative measure?
Response:	Michael Singham: Gully sucking operations are different to street cleaning, they are done as and when needed, the council will look into the drain that has been mention above.
Action:	<i>Michael Singham to look into the drain on the street mentioned above.</i>
Question 6:	Complaint of dog fouling near Bembridge house and the block next to it. What can be done to stop it?

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Response:	Cllr Sweet: In these cases, it tends to be one offender who is responsible. We can send out patrols in that area.
Action:	<i>Sharron Wright to contact dog warden service to send out daily patrols of this particular area.</i>

Topic: Housing	
Question 1:	Resident has an issue with someone repeatedly parking their motorbike outside their home blocking access to the property. The resident also has an issue with the intercom not working, they have contacted the council regarding both issues and nothing has happened.
Response:	Cllr McCausland: Has taken down the details of the resident and will follow up with them and the relevant officer regarding the motorbike.
Actions:	<i>Cllr McCausland to connect relevant officer to resident to support with the issue.</i> <i>Sharron Lecky to contact the resident regarding the intercom.</i>
Question 2:	Can we convert shops that have been boarded up for a long time into housing?
Response:	Elan Richards: This is something that is regulated which allows for the change of use of a building to occur without planning. This depends on the size of the building and the location, such as if it is based on a high street. We also need to keep in mind that we need to keep our economy, so we should consider encouraging other commercial uses rather than just housing uses. Once the building has been converted into housing it is very hard to convert it back to a commercial use. Cllr O'Broin: This is something that could be considered in the local plan, depending on the location and whether it is appropriate for an old shop to be changed into housing.
Action:	N/A
Question 3:	There has been a large increase in the development of housing, has the impact on public transport been considered or the development of a tube station?

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Response:	<p>Cllr Rigby: We should promote more sustainable and active travel such as walking, cycling and public transport. We should invest more in our public transport and have fewer private vehicles on the road to prevent congestion.</p> <p>Cllr Sweet: When applications for new developments come in, they do have to consider the impact on the services within the local area such as transport. In this case TFL conducted a case study and concluded that there is capacity on public transport when travelling through Wandsworth. The capacity at Wandsworth Town has been raised by the Council with TFL.</p> <p>Cllr McCausland: Wandsworth town station has been made more accessible through step free access, they will be reopening an old entrance to siphon off the congestion of people leaving the station and there will be improved timetabling. As it currently stands there will not be any extra trains running through Wandsworth.</p> <p>Cllr O'Broin: There are no plans for a London Underground station in Wandsworth Town as there is not the infrastructure to support this.</p>
Action:	N/A
Question 4:	In relation to the climate change emergency, will new developments be low carbon, for example will they still have gas boilers?
Response:	Elan Richards: There is a policy in place to reduce carbon emissions. Also, we are currently going a local plan review, this will be one of our priorities for greener developments.
Action:	N/A

Topic: Transport	
Question 1:	Can we monitor those who break the 20mph speed limit? Also, Allfarthing lane has a 20mph speed limit but no signs.
Response:	<p>Cllr Rigby: There is ISA technology which tracks this in cars, but they are dormant. If they were activated in public transport, they would set the pace for cars behind.</p> <p>Henry Cheung: We can look at installing 20mph signs on posts and on the road</p> <p>Cllr Sweet: These people tend to be repeat offenders until they get caught. We can look into getting the police involved in speed watch sessions.</p>

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Actions:	<i>Henry Cheung to look into 20mph signage for Allfarthing Lane.</i> <i>Cllr Sweet to contact local police and discuss the possibility for speed watch sessions.</i>
Question 2:	What can be done about the cyclists who don't follow the highway code, who go faster than 20mph, for example on old York street.
Response	Cllr Sweet: We can look into cycling enforcement. The responsibility of this falls with the police.
Action:	<i>Cllr Sweet to contact police regarding cycling enforcement.</i>
Question 3:	There has been an increase of motorbikes on the pavements due to fast food outlets such as Deliveroo, what can be done about this?
Response:	Cllr O'Broin: Motorbikes are allowed to park on the pathway as long as there is a reasonable pathway for pushchairs, disabled and pedestrians. Cllr Sweet: If motorbikes are driving on the pavements that is a police issue.
Action:	<i>The resident has been asked to leave their email address and the transport officer will get in contact with them regarding this issue.</i>

Topic: Developments and green spaces	
Question 1:	What are the councils plans with the old burial ground opposite southside? And what is being done about the disrespect towards the gravestones at the burial ground by developers?
Response:	Elan Richards: The council is concerned about what is happening to the gravestones and this has been passed onto the enforcement team. The council was unaware of the extent of the works being carried out by the developers. Cllr Sweet: The heritage of this ward is important and there has been a lot of work put into the upkeep of this heritage.
Action:	N/A
Question 2:	What is the policy on front gardens turning into car spaces and paving?

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Response:	Elan Richards: You do not need planning to turn your front garden into a car space, but they do need to allow for drainage of waterfall. There is a high demand for off-street parking.
Action:	N/A
Question 3:	When will the Wandsworth Bridge works start?
Response:	Cllr O'Broin: The tender of contract is now complete, this will be going to committee next week in order to release the funds, works are due to start in March.
Action:	N/A

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