

Bermondsey and Rotherhithe Community Council

MINUTES of the Bermondsey and Rotherhithe Community Council held on Tuesday 15 March 2016 at 7.00 pm at St James Church, Thurland Road, London SE16 4AA

PRESENT:

- Councillor Bill Williams (Chair)
- Councillor Sunny Lambe
- Councillor Anood Al-Samerai
- Councillor Stephanie Cryan
- Councillor Catherine Dale
- Councillor Lucas Green
- Councillor David Hubber
- Councillor Ben Johnson
- Councillor Hamish McCallum
- Councillor Damian O'Brien
- Councillor James Okosun
- Councillor Leo Pollak
- Councillor Richard Livingstone
- Councillor Eliza Mann
- Councillor Michael Situ
- Councillor Kath Whittam

OFFICER Michelle Normanly, Senior Project Manager
SUPPORT: Elizabeth Mings, Community Sports Team
Marian Farrugia, Community Councils Development Officer
Tim Murtagh, Constitutional Officer

1. INTRODUCTION AND WELCOME

The chair welcomed residents, councillors and officers to the meeting.

2. APOLOGIES

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Evelyn Akoto and Lisa Rajan.

3. ITEMS OF BUSINESS THAT THE CHAIR DEEMS URGENT

There were none.

4. DISCLOSURE OF MEMBERS' INTERESTS AND DISPENSATIONS

Councillor David Hubber, declared a non-pecuniary interest in item 13, as he is a member of Surrey Docks Provident Society, which has an application being considered for funding.

Councillor Kath Whittam, declared a non-pecuniary interest in item 13, as she is a member of Surrey Docks Provident Society, which has an application being considered for funding.

5. MINUTES

RESOLVED:

That the minutes of the meeting held on 27 January 2016 be agreed as a correct record of that meeting.

6. DEPUTATIONS / PETITIONS (IF ANY)

There were none.

7. COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

Council sports and activity sessions

Elizabeth Mings, community sports team at Southwark Council, explained that she was attending to promote some of the physical activities, sports and leisure services available. "Get Active Southwark" was a website platform – www.southwark.gov.uk/getactive on which residents could search for any activity going on in their local area by simply entering their postcode. Additionally, there was a "Free Swim and Gym" pilot for all Southwark residents under 18 or over 60 years of age, contact: elizabeth.mings@southwark.gov.uk

Southwark Civic Awards

Gary Magold, local resident explained that the Southwark Civic Awards scheme for 2016 was open for nominations. The civic awards recognised excellence in active citizenship and members of the public were encouraged to nominate individuals, projects, organisations and businesses across the borough worthy of being honoured. The closing date for nominations was Tuesday 29 March 2016 and nomination forms were available from the Mayor's Office and on the council's website.

Redriff Primary School

Councillor Lucas Green, chair of governors at Redriff Primary School, explained the issue was about the on-going traffic situation around the school at the junction with the new Downtown development. A petition had been drafted by concerned residents. Work had taken place with the developers and traffic management to ensure that the area was as safe as possible. The road in question, where parents drop their children off for school, was not a council or Transport for London (TfL) road. It is part of the Barratt's private

development. The school had ordered a traffic management study with the aim of minimising the risk to children, parents and other users. Whilst the responsibility lay with Barratts, the school and council were doing what it could to make it as safe as possible.

Canada Water master plan

Eleanor Wright, from British Land, thanked all those who had taken part in the recent consultation at Surrey Quays. About 2,500 attended to see the draft master plan and give feedback. The feedback was being collated and would be circulated in due course at future meetings in April. Eleanor explained that they were looking to find community groups to make use of the unit in Surrey Quays shopping centre, next to Tesco. Any groups interested should contact: eleanor.wright@britishland.com

Councillors requested that the development model be on display at the next community council meeting and that the item be given more time on the agenda for discussion. In response to a public question, Eleanor said there would be about 3,500 new homes across the 46 acres and the tallest building in the current master plan was about 40 to 50 storeys. Further consultation and discussions about the detailed plans would take place later in the year.

Friends of Southwark Park

Gary Glover, from the Friends of Southwark Park, explained that a consultation was taking place regarding the café area and former old nursery site. About £3million would be spent and local input and feedback was encouraged. Further information was available on the Southwark website.

8. COMMUNITY SAFETY UPDATE

Inspector James Cole, from the local police team gave a summary of recent activities.

9. AGE-FRIENDLY BOROUGH

Councillor Stephanie Cryan, cabinet member for adult care and financial inclusion, introduced the main theme item on the agenda, along with Jess Leech, resident participation coordinator: Age-friendly borough consultation.

The World Health Organisation describes an age friendly place as one where:

- people of all ages actively participate
- everyone is treated with respect
- it is easy to stay connected
- people are helped to stay healthy and active
- the frail and vulnerable are helped to live with dignity and enjoyment.

To become more age-friendly Southwark is developing an action plan to address the barriers to living and ageing well. The action plan would be developed through talking to people who live, work and provide services in Southwark.

The action plan would set out what needed to change for the borough to be more age friendly.

3 workshops took place on:

- Housing

- Social participation
- Communication and Information.

Feedback from the workshops would go towards creating the action plan.

10. PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

The following public questions were raised at the meeting:

- Q1 In response to a question about how the decision was made about the facilities within the leisure centre, specifically the length of the swimming pool, Councillor Stephanie Cryan explained that under Sport England guidelines, pools should be either 25 metres or 50 metres long. The current Seven Islands facility has a 33 metre pool. She added that a longer swimming pool could deter less able swimmers and the council wanted to encourage less active people to take up swimming.
- Q2 In response to a question about traffic delays from Abbey Street to the Rotherhithe tunnel and what could be done to fix the problem, councillors responded that there was cross-party agreement that something needed to be done. A joint letter would be sent from the community council to Transport for London (TfL) requesting a yellow box at the junction of Abbey Street and Jamaica Road, and another yellow box at the junction of St James Road and Jamaica Road.
- Q3 A local resident submitted the following question in writing:
 “Dear councillors / community, there is community concern in the existing non transparent structure and disjointed operating protocol of the Housing Forum. Dates, locations, agendas or past minutes are not available on the council's website or via an independently published web site. There appears no appetite from Rotherhithe elected members to review the existing structure. Growing numbers of residents now believe there is no point having a delegate based forum system, if there is no link between membership, forum attendance and their delegates representation. Once tenant and residents associations (T&RAs) fall into malpractice and fail to follow good practice then there is no formal consultative structure. Having an antiquated format that potentially only serves individual need or party political gain undermines democracy in Rotherhithe.”

In response, Councillor Richard Livingstone, said that there was an appetite for transparency and openness. He added that the agendas and minutes should be available in the public domain and that fault lay with the council rather than T&RAs. The chair requested an update at the next community council in June 2016.

11. CLEANER GREENER SAFER: FUNDING REALLOCATION

Michelle Normanly, senior project manager, introduced the item.

Councillors considered the information contained in the report.

RESOLVED:

That £82,829 of underspend or returned funding from previous years be re-allocated as follows:

Existing projects requiring additional funding	Funding
Manor Estate netting	£2,500
Dickens Estate notice boards	£800
Spelow House pitch resurfacing	£1,000
Avondale House greening	£1,300
New projects –	
Rennie Estate bollard replacement	£1,000
Surrey Docks Farm western site development	£12,695.

12. CLEANER GREENER SAFER 2016-17: CAPITAL FUNDING ALLOCATION

Michelle Normanly, senior project manager, introduced the item.

Councillors considered the information contained in the report.

RESOLVED:

That the following amounts of 2016-17 Cleaner Greener Safer capital funding be allocated:

GRANGE WARD	Funding
Hanging baskets	£11,000
Hall sign post, Setchell and Longfield Hall	£1,500
Bermondsey Village Hall	£12,000
Better Stevens Street pavement / trees	£38,840
Goodwin Close, hanging baskets	£1,820
Whites Grounds cleaners store	£5,100
Crosby Row, vertical garden	£2,700
CCTV, Bermondsey Street	£27,750
CCTV, Lucey Way and Linsey Street	£13,225
Swan Mead ball court	£15,000
RIVERSIDE WARD	Funding
Hanging baskets	£6,667
Arnold Estate beautiful balconies	£1,080
Arnold Estate bicycle parking	£6,240
Tackling phone theft at Bermondsey Station	£29,000
St James Churchyard lighting improvements	£30,650
Compass School – food growing project	£2,000
Dickens Estate, working for the community	£5,000
Keeton's Estate chicanes	£8,000
Southwark Park improvements	£5,000
ROTHERHITHE WARD	Funding
Pedworth Green Spot	£15,240

SOUTH BERMONDSEY WARD	Funding
Hanging baskets	£1,990
SURREY DOCKS WARD	Funding
Lavender Pond Bore Hole	£2,780

Councillor Michael Situ, said he would look at the CGS revenue option in relation to CGS capital projects that used to exist before that funding programme was merged with the community council fund to create the neighbourhoods fund.

13. ALLOCATION OF NEIGHBOURHOODS FUND 2016-17

Councillors considered the information contained in the report.

RESOLVED:

That the following amounts of neighbourhoods fund be awarded to the following projects:

GRANGE WARD	Funding
David Idowu Foundation youth_Ink	£926.18
Counselling and self-advocacy for young people 11-25	£909.09
Health wealth community	£284.73
Rotherhithe Shed: social and creative activities	£223.09
Girls and women's music to football programme	£909.09
Basketball for everyone	£181.81
Southwark explorers club	£163.64
Finding Solutions: anti-social behaviour	£163.64
Elders Company	£163.64
Supporting community sports clubs	£127.93
Million hands	£181.82
Sculpture project	£5,250.00
Heritage Lives – London Bridge, Shad Thames and Bermondsey Street	£2,425.00
Bermondsey Street Festival	£5,000.00
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Capoeira Angola community	£2,080.00
Bermondsey World Cup	£198.18
Bermondsey in bloom	£909.09
More creative Bede	£2,500.00
Family cultural trips	£500.00
Youth back care	£10,750.80
Community yoga classes for elderly, children and post-natal	£2,920.00
OBC Youth summer outreach programme	£1,852.00
Green mentor for Bermondsey and Rotherhithe	£909.09
It was 20 years ago today – Friends of Southwark Park	£908.18

LIVESEY WARD	Funding
David Idowu Foundation youth_Ink	£1,000.00
Rotherhithe Shed social and creative activities	£200.00
Supporting community sports clubs	£150.00
Million hands	£181.82
Buzz on the B&B and the Blue 2	£3,500.00
Bermondsey community kitchen	£3,500.00
St George's Day	£2,180.00
Bermondsey World Cup	£130.91
Tai chi sessions	£700.00
Silwood music project	£1,640.00
Green mentor for Bermondsey and Rotherhithe	£909.09
It was 20 years ago today – Friends of Southwark Park	£908.18
RIVERSIDE WARD	Funding
Bermondsey community kitchen	£2,300.00
Heritage Lives – London Bridge, Shad Thames and Bermondsey Street	£1,200.00
Unicorn Play Club	£2,300.00
Bermondsey World Cup	£200.00
Bermondsey in bloom	£909.09
Southwark budding builders	£4,000.00
Soft play	£5,000.00
Cleaner Shad Thames	£5,000.00
Community cricket coaching and development	£1,200.00
Shad Thames trail: points of view	£1,965.00
It was 20 years ago today – Friends of Southwark Park	£908.18
Leap into life project	£5,000.00
ROTHERHITHE WARD	Funding
Health wealth community	£1,566.00
Rotherhithe Shed social and creative activities	£1,227.00
Girls and women's music to football programme	£1,000.00
Southwark explorers club	£900.00
Million hands	£1,000.00
Scandi street markets	£1,000.00
Funday@Bede2016	£1,021.00
Brunel museum summer play scheme	£1,000.00
Ageing well in Southwark	£600.00
Bermondsey World Cup	£545.00
More Creative – Bede	£2,500.00
Plants for Jarman House	£2,000.00
Saving Senior Art group	£1,600.00
Rotherhithe Festival 2016	£2,500.00
Community cricket coaching and development	£2,400.00
Tai chi sessions	£700.00
Silwood family hub	£2,500.00
Green mentor for Bermondsey and Rotherhithe	£1,000.00
It was 20 years ago today – Friends of Southwark Park	£2,500.00
T&T gardening pitch-ins and teach-ins	£5,337.00

Mayflower 2020 Rotherhithe map	£500.00
SOUTH BERMONDSEY WARD	Funding
David Idowu Foundation youth_Ink	£926.00
Counselling and self-advocacy for young people 11-25	£909.00
Health wealth community	£285.00
Rotherhithe Shed social and creative activities	£223.00
Girls and women's music to football programme	£909.00
Basketball for everyone	£182.00
Southwark explorers club	£164.00
Finding solutions: anti-social behaviour	£164.00
Elders company	£164.00
Supporting community sport clubs	£128.00
Sport day / A family day event	£500.00
Million hands	£181.82
Astley & Coopers Road Estate fun day	£2,000.00
Picnic on the Green	£818.00
Buzz on the B&B and the Blue 2	£7,337.00
Bermondsey community kitchen	£5,000.00
Bermondsey community kitchen – food outreach project	£4,206.21
Blue car park	£3,955.00
Salsa for all – Old Kent Road	£5,000.00
Bermondsey World Cup	£198.18
Bermondsey in bloom	£909.09
Pensioners afternoon dance	£1,200.00
Girls football project (7-11)	£6,720.00
OBC Youth summer outreach programme	£1,852.00
Community choir 2015-16	£1,125.00
Stevenson Crescent summer outing	£1,150.00
Green mentor for Bermondsey and Rotherhithe	£909.09
It was 20 years ago today – Friends of Southwark Park	£908.18
Half-term youth workshops	£1,940.00
SURREY DOCKS WARD	Funding
Rotherhithe Shed social and creative activities	£223.00
Girls and women's music to football programme	£909.00
Southwark explorers club	£163.00
Elders company	£163.00
Supporting community sports clubs	£128.00
Million hands	£181.82
Rotherhithe children music festival	£2,450.00
Bermondsey in bloom	£909.09
Repainting railings and clearing weed growth and rubbish	£4,730.64
Nellie's flower club	£3,792.00
Youth engagement at Lavender pond	£1,900.00
30 years of urban ecology at Stave Hill in Docklands	£1,600.00
Green mentor for Bermondsey and Rotherhithe	£909.09
It was 20 years ago today – Friends of Southwark Park	£908.18
Rotherhithe children music festival	£970.00

14. LOCAL TRAFFIC AND PARKING AMENDMENTS

Councillors considered the information contained in the report.

RESOLVED:

That the following local traffic and parking amendments be approved for implementation, as detailed in the appendices to the report, subject to the outcome of any necessary statutory procedures:

- Middleton Drive – Install double yellow lines adjacent to junctions with Stanhope Close, Hawke Place and off street parking areas to improve traffic flow and access.
- Dockhead on Jacob Street – Relocate existing permit holders (G) bay and retain and extend existing 'keep clear' road markings to maintain access to the newly developed Fire Station / On Wolseley Street retain and extend 'keep clear' road markings.

15. COMMUNITY COUNCIL QUESTION TO COUNCIL ASSEMBLY

There was no community council question to council assembly submitted at this meeting.

OTHER

In response to concerns raised about the future of community council decision making, councillor Michael Situ in his role as cabinet member for communities and safety, explained that there was an annual evaluation of residents' feedback about community councils. He had recently been looking at the evaluations and had asked officers to look into how things were being done. Councillors were currently being consulted on proposals to engage with more residents. After the councillor consultation period had ended, a way ahead would be considered in response to what residents had been feeding back into the process in the last few years.

Councillor Anood Al-Samerai responded that the Liberal Democrat group did not think decisions should be taken away from councillors and further away from the community, in particular parking decisions. She requested consultation at community councils before any final decisions were made on changes.

Councillor Michael Situ said that he would take on board the comments made and any significant changes, that were needed, would be brought back to community councils.

Meeting ended at 9.15pm

CHAIR:

DATED: