



BERMONDSEY AND ROTHERHITHE COMMUNITY COUNCIL

MINUTES of the Bermondsey and Rotherhithe Community Council held on Wednesday 7 December 2016 at 7.00 pm in the ground floor meeting room G01A - 160 Tooley Street, London SE1 2QH

PRESENT: Councillor Bill Williams (Chair)
Councillor Evelyn Akoto
Councillor Anood Al-Samerai
Councillor Stephanie Cryan
Councillor Catherine Dale
Councillor David Hubber
Councillor Ben Johnson
Councillor Sunny Lambe
Councillor Richard Livingstone
Councillor Hamish McCallum
Councillor Eliza Mann
Councillor Damian O'Brien
Councillor Leo Pollak
Councillor Michael Situ
Councillor Dan Whitehead

OFFICER Michelle Normanly, Senior Project Manager
SUPPORT: Gill Kelly, Community Councils Development Officer
Tim Murtagh, Constitutional Officer

Prior to the start of the meeting, awards were presented to winners of this year's Bermondsey in Bloom competition. The winners were:

- Balcony and Window Box - Violet Harris
- Community Garden - Wade Hall
- Pubs and Businesses - The Surrey Docks
- Resident Garden - Gongsoo Jeon.

1. INTRODUCTION AND WELCOME

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

2. APOLOGIES

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Lucas Green (Vice-Chair), James Okosun and Kath Whittam.

3. ITEMS OF BUSINESS THAT THE CHAIR DEEMS URGENT

There were none.

The chair announced that item 11 had been withdrawn so that councillors could consult with residents before meeting with officers to discuss a way ahead.

4. DISCLOSURE OF MEMBERS' INTERESTS AND DISPENSATIONS

Councillor Catherine Dale declared a non-pecuniary interest in item 7, as she is a school governor at Galleywall Primary School, which has an application being considered for funding.

Councillor David Hubber, declared a non-pecuniary interest in item 7, as he is a member of the Surrey Docks Provident Society, which has an application being considered for funding.

Councillor Dan Whitehead, declared a non-pecuniary interest in item 7, as he is a member of the Surrey Docks Provident Society, which has an application being considered for funding.

5. MINUTES

RESOLVED:

That the minutes of the meeting held on 13 September 2016 be agreed as a correct record of that meeting.

6. DEPUTATIONS / PETITIONS (IF ANY)

There were none.

7. COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS - PART ONE

Eleanor Wright of British Land highlighted the forthcoming transport walkabouts and drop-in sessions taking place in the area. Residents were invited to take part in the consultation and share thoughts and ideas.

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8. CLEANER GREENER SAFER (CGS) 2017-18 WORKSHOPS

Michelle Normanly, senior project manager, introduced the ward-based workshops on the cleaner, greener, safer (CGS) capital programme for 2017-18. The workshops lasted one hour and were member-led.

9. QUICK FEEDBACK FROM THE CGS WORKSHOPS

The chair thanked everyone who had taken part in the workshops and said that it had been a valuable exercise. He added that it had brought the applications to life.

Councillors commented that there were several bids for funding in Southwark Park that were from different wards and for a variety of projects. Some work would be needed following the meeting to ensure that contributions from several wards were made to achieve the funding required for a project.

10. COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS - PART TWO

Rotherhithe to Canary Wharf Bridge

Cliff Matsuya, Business & Quality Manager at Sustrans, explained that Sustrans had put together a feasibility study for the bridge which identified a real need for the bridge in the area. The bridge would see over 13,000 journeys a day: effectively emptying 15 full Tube trains or 160 full buses of passengers. The study demonstrated that a bridge connecting the two sides of the river was feasible between Durand's Wharf park and Westferry Circus. The bridge would open on average three times per day, but would otherwise provide 24-hour a day access for free. Cliff added that Transport for London (TfL) were considering options.

Councillors thanked Cliff and Sustrans for their work on the study and the campaign for the bridge. There was general agreement that it was an excellent idea and many said that TfL should focus on making it happen, instead of putting resources into the garden bridge elsewhere on the Thames.

Southwark Civic Awards 2017

The chair announced that the nominations process was open until 31 January 2017. Anyone could nominate someone in the community for an award. Contact: 020 7525 7303 or email: mayors.office@southwark.gov.uk

11. ROTHERHITHE PARKING STUDY

This item had been withdrawn.

12. LOCAL PARKING AMENDMENTS

Note: This is an executive function for decision by the community council.

Councillors considered the information contained in the report.

RESOLVED:

1. That the objections received against two non-strategic traffic management orders be noted and determined as follows:
 - Middleton Drive – reject objections and install double yellow lines adjacent to junctions with Stanhope Close, Hawke Place and off street parking areas to improve traffic flow and access.
 - Snowsfields – reject objections and proceed to convert Snowsfields to one-way working (eastbound) with a cycling contraflow and to formalise the two zebra crossings at the western end of Snowsfields and the northern end of Crosby Row.
2. That the following local traffic and parking amendments, detailed in the appendices to the report be rejected:
 - All Bermondsey and Rotherhithe Community Council wards to install new double yellow lines to improve inter-visibility and road safety for all road users.

Councillors commented on their rejection decision and asked that officers note the following points:

- Requests for double yellow lines should come from the community rather than officers.
- Ward members should have been notified in advance that these proposals were being considered before they were included in a report for decision.

13. LOCAL POLICE UPDATE

The local police were not in attendance.

14. REALLOCATION OF NEIGHBOURHOODS FUND 2016-17

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Councillors considered the information contained in the report.

RESOLVED:

That the Shad Thames Area Management Partnership be authorised to use an underspend of £700 from their 2016-17 Neighbourhoods Fund grant to fund the revenue costs of another local project, Shad Thames Green wall.

15. PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

The following public questions were raised at the meeting:

- Q1 In response to a question on what would happen next following the Cleaner Greener Safer (CGS) workshops, the chair explained that members and officers would follow up on issues raised and discuss how best to allocate funding. The next community council meeting would formally take the decisions.
- Q2 In response to a question about progress on installing box junctions on Jamaica Road, Councillor Al-Samerai thanked the more than 500 residents who had signed the petition requesting box junctions. Councillors were in agreement that Transport for London (TfL) needed to improve the situation as a matter of urgency. The traffic flow to and from the Rotherhithe roundabout needed to be addressed.

16. COMMUNITY COUNCIL QUESTION TO COUNCIL ASSEMBLY

RESOLVED:

That the decision on a question to be put to the 22 March 2017 meeting of council assembly be deferred to the next meeting of the community council.

Meeting ended at 8.55pm

CHAIR:

DATED: