



BERMONDSEY COMMUNITY COUNCIL

MINUTES of the Bermondsey Community Council held on Wednesday 23 June 2010 at 7.00 pm at the Harris Academy, 55 Southwark Park Road, SE16 3TZ

PRESENT: Councillor Paul Kyriacou (Chair)
Councillor Eliza Mann (Vice-Chair)
Councillor Anood Al-Samerai
Councillor Michael Bukola
Councillor Mark Gettleson
Councillor Linda Manchester
Councillor Graham Neale

OFFICER Jane Seymour, Principal Surveyor
SUPPORT: Carles Ferrer Miralles, Neighbourhood Management Co-ordinator

1. INTRODUCTION AND WELCOME

The Chair announced that

- Pat Hickson had been awarded the MBE in the Queen's Birthday honours list for voluntary service to the community in South Bermondsey
- Barry George Albin-Dyer had been awarded an OBE for services to the Armed Forces
- Mark Blundell, Chief Executive of the Salmon Youth Centre, had been awarded an OBE for services to young people

Members congratulated the recipients of the above honours.

2. APOLOGIES

There were apologies for absence from Cllrs Capstick and Stanton; and for lateness from Cllr Mann. Cllr Neale gave his apologies for having to leave the meeting early in order to attend another council meeting.

3. DISCLOSURE OF MEMBERS' INTERESTS AND DISPENSATIONS

There were none.

4. ITEMS OF BUSINESS THAT THE CHAIR DEEMS URGENT

There were none.

5. MINUTES

RESOLVED: that the minutes of the meeting held on 3 March 2010 be agreed as a correct record and signed by the Chair.

6. UPDATES ON MATTERS RAISED AT PREVIOUS MEETINGS

The Chair drew attendees' attention to the written updates provided in the agenda pack.

The Chair asked attendees for feedback on the Bermondsey and Rotherhithe carnival. There was a consensus that it had been a well-run event and a nice day out, but that the following improvements could be made: more drinks facilities, more facilities for babies and more space for the event to be held in.

COMMUNITY EVENTS

The following community events were announced by attendees:

- Plant sale in St John's Church, Saturday 26 June from 12 noon
- St Anne's Church fair, Saturday 3 July from 2-4pm
- St James's Church 'Music for Summer' event, a performance by the Bermondsey and Rotherhithe Choral Society, Saturday 3 July 2010 in the evening
- Dog chipping event in Southwark Park, Saturday 3 July
- Setchell Estate Pie and Mash Cockney night, Saturday 10 July from 7.30pm
- Longfield Estate Tea Dance, Sat 24 July
- Bazaar and Family Fun Day in Burgess Park organised by the Muslim Association of Nigeria on Sunday 25 July
- There are various free events at the Scoop, More London throughout July on Wednesdays, Thursdays and Fridays

7. DEPUTATIONS/PETITIONS (IF ANY)

There were none.

8. COMMUNITY SAFETY UPDATE

PS Iliffe from Grange Safer Neighbourhoods Team (SNT) gave an update about his team's priorities: burglaries and theft, anti-social behaviour, and rough sleepers. Since the last Community Council meeting, the team had conducted 50 reassurance visits to victims of crime, 9 public meetings, 52 stop and searches, 93 stop and accounts, executed four search warrants, issued two cannabis warnings and made 13 arrests.

Residents asked whether the new liaison officer for Guy's Hospital would mean a reduction in officer hours for the SNT, and flagged up that female beggars with babies had returned to Peckham High Street.

PS Iliffe said he would feedback the information about the beggars to the relevant SNT, and informed the meeting that the liaison officer for Guy's Hospital was an extra post, and would not represent a cut in the staffing levels of Grange SNT.

PS Rob Evans gave some feedback on behalf of South Bermondsey SNT who had sent their apologies. Their ward priorities were anti-social behaviour in the Blue and on the Manor Estate, drug issues on the Longfield Estate and anti-social behaviour and drug issues on the Astley Cooper Estate. He said that his colleagues had attended several community events, had visited 1100 homes directly and planned more visits. Weapons sweeps were ongoing. Responding to questions, he explained that these weapons sweeps were searches of areas like car parks or overgrown fields which could be used for hiding weapons. A handgun had recently been found in the Peckham area.

PS Evans then spoke about Riverside SNT's priorities: thefts from shops in the London Bridge area, begging and rough sleeping in London Bridge, and anti-social behaviour by youths on the Four Squares and St Crispin's Estates. The team were now looking to get an ASBO for a rough sleeper around London Bridge who had breached his acceptable behaviour contract. They had also been on after-school patrols on the Four Squares Estate. Several youths had been spoken to and their names had been taken.

9. INTRODUCTION TO COMMUNITY COUNCILS

The Chair gave a short presentation about Community Councils, informing the meeting that:

- Community Councils were public meetings which had come into being in 2003 and met every 6 to 8 weeks
- There were eight community council areas in Southwark
- Community Councils were designed to help residents understand how local decisions were made, to allow them to tell the Council what sort of services they wanted, and to make local decision-makers more accountable

- Community Councils had the following areas of decision making:
 - Local planning
 - Traffic management
 - Environmental improvements
 - Community safety improvements
 - Appointment of primary school governors
 - Cleaner Greener Safer
 - Community Council Fund

- In the past Bermondsey Community Council had discussed:
 - Community Safety
 - Transport
 - Young people
 - Regeneration
 - Green Bermondsey

- Residents could get involved in the Community Council in several ways. For example by:
 - Taking part in a consultation discussion
 - Presenting during the Community Slot
 - Giving ideas for themed meetings
 - Having an information stall
 - Asking a public question
 - Proposing ideas to be funded
 - Bringing a deputation
 - Sending a petition

10. FORWARD PLAN

The meeting then split into workshops, led by Members. The workshops looked at the following questions:

1. What do you think of Community Councils?
2. How can Bermondsey Community Council be improved?
3. What issues or themes would you like to see discussed at future meetings?

The Chair informed attendees that feedback would be given after the break.

ACTION: Forid Ahmed to collate the feedback from the workshops for use by Members.

The group feedback to this item is attached in the minute book as a minute annex.

11. COMMUNITY COUNCIL FUND ALLOCATION

EXECUTIVE FUNCTION

RESOLVED: that the following amounts of Community Fund 2010/2011 funding be allocated to:

Spam Tenants & Residents Association	Community Youth Event	£700
Kiplin Estate TRA	BBQ	£700
Crosby Lockyear & Hamilton TA	Trip to Legoland	£700
Setchell Estate TRA	Cockney dinner and dance	£700
1st James Girlguiding Group	Community taster sessions	£700
Snowfields Tenants & Residents Association	Snowfields summer fun day	£700
Riverside Parents and Carers Association	Christmas party and fun day	£1000
Fair Community Housing Services	School summer holiday project	£1000
St Crispin's Tenants & Residents association	Children's fun day	£1000
Detra	Two day trips; one for OAP's, second for family	£1000
Four Squares TRA	Residents fun day	£1000
Café gallery projects (CGP) & Southwark park playroom	Trip for members of Southwark park playroom	£250
Hats Plus Arts Projects	Scone to the movies	£600
Astley Cooper Tenants & Residents Association	Community fun day	£1000
Longfield Tenants & Residents Association	Dance Aerobics	£980
Bermondsey Street Area Partnership	Bermondsey Street Festival	£1000

12. BOER WAR MEMORIAL - CLEANER GREENER SAFER PROJECT

Gary Magold presented an options paper regarding the proposed location of the Boer War

Memorial. He asked attendees to submit any ideas for a location to him, bearing in mind that the location had to be indoors, within the Bermondsey Community Council area and accessible to the public. Given this, he said, the municipal office building in Spa Road was the current front runner among the options. He went on to say that the memorial would hopefully be in place by the end of the year.

The Chair asked the meeting for their opinions about the location for the memorial. There was a general consensus that Spa Road was a suitable location.

13. FEEDBACK FROM THE WORKSHOPS

Cllrs Al-Samerai, Gattleson and Kyriacou presented the feedback from the workshops.

The group feedback to this item is attached in the minute book as a minute annex.

14. SOUTHWARK ACTIVE CITIZENS HUB

Natasha Plaister, from Southwark Volunteer Centre, gave a presentation which had been circulated as part of the agenda pack. The presentation set out how the organisation could help citizens to become more active and involved in their community and in society.

15. BERMONDSEY SPA PHASES 3&4 BLOCK NAMING

Jean Douglas from Hyde Housing introduced this item.

She invited people to give their views on the list which had been circulated, adding that she would need to hear from people by the second week of July, if they wanted to add more names after the meeting.

There was a discussion around adding more names to the list including a request for the list to include information on what connection the individuals named had to the Bermondsey area.

ACTION: Jean Douglas to add the name of late Southwark councillor Anne Yates, and Grace Kimmons to the list; and to add information to the list about what connection the people, whose names have been suggested, have to the Bermondsey area.

16. PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

The Chair made attendees aware that two written questions had been received.

ACTION: Richard Rawes/ Anne Lippitt (question 1) and Nicola Woods (question 2) to provide written feedback to the next Community Council meeting to the following questions submitted in writing:

"1) How does the council feels that the past, current and proposed developments in Walworth, Canada Water, Bermondsey Spa and Aylesbury Estate will have an impact on crime statistics, unemployment, economic growth, rental and house prices in the area?"

2) How does the council plan to grow in sustainability; will we be providing more recycling facilities for residents and local businesses?"

Recycling used computers

A resident asked for information about schemes which recycle used computers and make them available to older or disabled people. Another resident added she would like information about similar projects aimed at young people.

ACTION: Jane Bailey/Alexandra Laidler to provide information to the next Community Council meeting about schemes which recycle used computers and make them available to young people, and to older and disabled people.

Lights in trees on the Longfield Estate

A resident remarked that the Cleaner Greener Safer (CGS) 2009/10 project of putting lights in the trees on the Longfield Estate had not happened and asked what was being done about it.

ACTION: Jabeen Ayub to provide a progress report for the next Community Council meeting about the CGS project of putting lights in the trees on the Longfield Estate.

Public toilets in the Blue

A resident raised the issue of the lack of public toilets in the Blue.

There was a discussion about the options for this. The Chair explained that the maintenance costs were often prohibitive, but that the council was working to come to an agreement with local shop owners for shoppers and stall holders to use their toilets.

ACTION: Ian Smith to report back to the next Community Council meeting about the provision of public toilet facilities in the Blue including different options.

Flower baskets

A resident asked whether flower baskets could be put in around St James's Church. The Chair advised her to put in a bid for CGS funding next year.

Exercise equipment in Southwark Park

A resident suggested that there should be exercise equipment in Southwark Park. Cllr Manchester reminded the meeting that Southwark Park was outside of the Bermondsey Community Council area. The Chair offered to write to Rotherhithe Community Council about the need for exercise equipment in Southwark Park.

ACTION: Chair to write to Rotherhithe Community Council about the need for exercise equipment in Southwark Park.

Planter maintenance

A resident asked about a lack of maintenance for the planters in Storcks Road and St James's Road which had been funded from the CGS budget.

Cllr Manchester explained that CGS funding did not include ongoing maintenance, and that the money was awarded on the understanding that the community were going to be responsible for maintenance. She added that the resident should contact the council's gardening section, if the local residents were unable to tend the planters. The Chair suggested putting in for some more funding for this or similar schemes.

17. LOCAL PARKING AMENDMENTS

EXECUTIVE FUNCTION

RESOLVED: that the following recommendations of the local parking amendment report are approved:

Willow Walk (1011Q146)

In view of the existing precedent, the low observed residential parking demand and that the maximum stay will remain less than that of the controlled hours (therefore preventing unlimited, unrestricted parking) it is recommended that the maximum stay period is increased to 7 hours to accommodate this change in shift.

Alma Grove (1011Q116)

It is recommended that this disabled bay be installed in Alma Grove outside the applicant's house.

Webster Road (1011Q146)

It is recommended that this disabled bay be installed in Webster Road outside the applicant's house.

Lynton Road (1011Q146)

It is recommended that this disabled bay be installed in Lynton Road outside the applicant's house.

18. CHAIR'S CLOSING COMMENTS

The Chair thanked everyone for attending and for contributing to the meeting, and reminded the meeting that the next Community Council will be held on Monday 27 September 2010.

The meeting ended at 9.35pm.

CHAIR:

DATED: