1. INTRODUCTION AND WELCOME

The chair welcomed councillors, members of the public and officers to the meeting.

2. APOLOGIES

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Linda Manchester (Chair) and Nick Stanton. Apologies for lateness were received from Councillors Anood Al-Samerai and Paul Kyriacou.
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 9 June 2011 be approved as a correct record of the meeting, and signed by the chair.

6. COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

Bermondsey Community Council Fund 2011/12
In June 2011, £8,060 was awarded out of a budget of £15,260. Applications are now welcome from local groups for the remainder of the fund for activities. The closing date is Friday 14 October and groups can apply for any amount between £100 and £1000.

A decision on funding allocations for the remaining £7,200 will be taken at the 10 November Bermondsey Community Council meeting. Activities must take place before 31 March 2011. Forms are generally available.
Contact gill.kelly@southwark.gov.uk or Tel. 020 7525 3690

Veolia
Ian McGeogh explained that there would be a lot of changes happening to household recycling services over the next couple of months. All those affected shall be notified.
Contact ian.mcgeough@veolia.co.uk or Tel. 020 7525 2419

Cemeteries Consultation
Christopher Cook, parks and open spaces officer, explained there was a lack of burial space in the borough. The council was looking to implement measures to tackle the problem. The three-month consultation would give the opportunity for cemetery users, community and faith groups, businesses, friends of parks, Southwark and Lewisham residents, sports groups and others to take part and have their say. The closing date was 30 September 2011.
Contact: parks@southwark.gov.uk

7. DEPUTATIONS/PETITIONS (IF ANY)

There were none.
8. COMMUNITY SAFETY UPDATE

Sgt Rob Evans from Riverside Safer Neighbourhood Team (SNT) said that it had been a busy couple of months with many officers facing horrendous disorder during the London riots. Hundreds of hours of CCTV were being looked at by officers whose usual workload had in turn been handed over to local officers.

Sgt Steven Brown had recently joined South Bermondsey SNT and some restructures had taken place in Southwark. Surrey Docks and Rotherhithe SNTs now share one sergeant.

Riverside ward panel met on 1 September 2011 and set the following priorities:
- Drug related anti-social behaviour on the Four Squares estate, Bermondsey Wall East and Cherry Garden Pier
- Alcohol related issues on Tooley Street, Potters Fields and Bermondsey Street

A cannabis factory had been located and a number of leads existed which should lead to arrests.

In South Bermondsey the priorities were:
- Anti-social behaviour (ASB) by youths, ASB on mini-motorbikes and drug dealing on the Longfield, Manor and Cooper estates
- Sharing some work tackling ASB on the Four Squares estate as the same youths were causing trouble on the Blue

In response to questions, Sgt Brown did not think there was a gang problem in the Riverside area. Groups of young people do sometimes cause problems but that was different to organised gangs. To tackle recent stabbings, there had been increased use of stop and search tactics around Bermondsey tube station.

Police leave in Southwark for bonfire weekends (late October / early November) had been cancelled. Due to engagement with shops and schools and the licensed selling of fireworks, there had been less trouble during this period in recent years.

Sgt Chris Iliffe from Grange Safer Neighbourhood Team (SNT) said its ward priorities were:
- ASB on the Neckinger estate
- Drugs on the St Saviours estate
- Rough sleeping on the Kipling estate

Recent arrests were made for dangerous dogs and affray.

Officers thanked the public for their support in the aftermath of the riots.

9. CYCLISTS IN SOUTHWARK PARK UPDATE

John Reid, Southwark Park Liaison Officer, explained that the majority of the patrols carried out were done on bicycles in high visibility jackets. The main parts of the job for the small group of officers were enforcement, education and reassurance. The officers enforce the by-laws and issue fixed penalty notices for littering and dog fouling. Officers can also
seize alcohol in certain locations.

In response to recent complaints of dangerous cycling in Southwark Park leading to injuries, John said that he had observed many cyclists over many weeks but had seen very little that could be considered dangerous. He encouraged residents who have been victims to contact him with details and he would follow it up as a matter of harassment, alarm or distress. Southwark Council has applied for further powers for community wardens which would give the team the power to issue fixed penalty notices for cycling on footpaths.

In response to questions, John said that cyclists should travel responsibly and Southwark Council offers free lessons for cyclists to improve competence and confidence.

Residents thanked parks officers for their hard work.

10. LIBRARY SURVEY REVIEW

Adrian Whittle, Head of Culture, Libraries, Learning and Leisure, explained that the consultation exercise had taken place so that residents had the opportunity to say which parts of the library service were particularly important to them at a time when the service was being asked to make savings. The savings target for libraries was £397,000 over two years. There was also the need to deliver a new mobile library service.

Over 5,500 responses to the survey were received along with less formal consultation with young people.

**Headline figures**

What people came to the library to do:
- 79% borrowed books
- 55% came to read
- 41% information search
- 21% job hunting
- 16% to attend and take part in activities
- 31% to email
- 31% to study

Most favoured options for making savings:
- 41% said reduce opening hours
- 36% said reduce the number of smaller libraries
- 33% said reduce the budget for ICT
- 14% said reduce the number of staff

Adrian explained that the service was looking at the possibility of volunteers and community management for the future running of libraries. There were options under the Localism Bill for community groups to get more involved.

In response to questions, Adrian said there was scope for income generation through hire of spaces and those would be promoted further. However, income from films and music hire was declining due to alternatives being used by consumers.
11. HOUSING SUPPLEMENTARY PLANNING DOCUMENT

Tim Cutts, Acting Head of Planning Policy explained that the affordable housing supplementary planning document was currently being consulted on. The consultation would run until 30 September 2011. It was part of the framework of planning documents that were used to make decisions on planning applications in Southwark. The two types of affordable housing were social rented and intermediate housing and the rent levels have to be below the target rents set by the government. 35% of new homes in Southwark should be affordable of which usually 70% were social rented and 30% intermediate.

In response to questions, Tim said that the affordable housing should be on site or in the near vicinity to any new development. Any payments in lieu go towards a named scheme and the council set out a list to be included in the development agreement. It does not have to be in the area of the development.

Residents and members expressed concerns that there were a lot of building works taking place or scheduled and that less affordable homes and local investment would flow from these works than should be the case.

Contact tim.cutts@southwark.gov.uk or Tel. 020 7525 5380

12. THEME ITEMS - PARKS AND GARDENS

Galleywall Nature Reserve
Jane Stokes explained that the friends of Galleywall, manage and maintain a community garden on the corner of Ilderton Road. It was previously a neglected piece of open land but a small group of local volunteers had transformed the space. It showed people what a positive impact they can have on the local area. There is a new habitat wall to increase biodiversity and a new pond. The facility is accessible and available for use by community and schools groups. Free courses to increase knowledge of green spaces are available. Open drop-in sessions took place the first Saturday of each month, 11am – 1pm. Visit www.galleywallnaturereserve.org.uk

Oxford and Bermondsey Youth Club
Nick Riley, co-ordinator of the venue, explained that members of the youth club had undertaken two local projects funded by grants from the community council fund and the cleaner, greener, safer programme. The new mural depicts some of the club’s past and present members along with activities enjoyed today. The second project was in partnership with Grange Primary School to create a garden in a previously unused space. Crops were harvested for consumption at home. It is now a much nicer environment for all.

Parks and Community Gardens
Andy Chatterton, public realm service manager, gave an update on various projects taking place. Andrea Pita, service officer was also in attendance. Bermondsey Spa gardens, Pattison Park and Southwark Park all retained their green flags status this year. The entrance to Pattison Park would be improved in the Autumn via some reinstatement works.
In response to a question on the linking of Tanner Street Park and Mary Magdalene Park with a footpath by the new development which had yet to happen, Councillor Gettleson said he would follow that up.

Bermondsey in Bloom
Councillor Mann, who led on this, explained how residents had supported the idea of this project when the challenge was set. The response rate had been high and shortlisted projects were on display in the hall. There were five categories on which those present could vote during the break. She thanked all those who had helped make the project a success and in particular Gill Kelly, Forid Ahmed and many volunteers.

Councillor Al-Samerai paid tribute to Councillor Mann who saw this project being cut and took up the challenge which had brightened up the community and been a success.

Other
Councillor Al-Samerai highlighted some leaflets that people could pick up relating to training and work opportunities surrounding the Shard development.

13. PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

In response to questions about Network Rail’s plans for London Bridge station and the lack of proper consultation, Councillor Gettleson said he had met Network Rail recently along with Councillor Al-Samerai and Councillor Tim McNally to discuss the plans. There would be at least six years of building works involved and residents should get a better station along with other benefits to compensate for the disruption endured. He added that the Bermondsey Neighbourhood Forum was putting together a planning document that would enable local people to set planning policy in the area. Councillor Al-Samerai added that Network Rail would attend the next Bermondsey Community Council planning meeting on 13 October 2011 to discuss the plans with residents and members.

In response to questions on council proposals for a £120,000 roof terrace and the lack of publicity to local residents, councillors said that officers should thoroughly consult with local people. Councillors said that the planning application had been refused.

14. LOCAL PARKING AMENDMENTS

Executive Function

RESOLVED:

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

   • Spa Road – Install one disabled persons (blue badge) parking bay.

   • Thurland Road, Spa Road, Dockley Road, St. James’s Road, Priter Road, and Lindsey Street – Proposed amendments to waiting restrictions to enable sufficient
turning space at junctions.

2. That the following local parking amendment, detailed in the appendices to the report, be deferred for clarification and examination of possible alternative proposals:
   - Grange Road – Proposed amendments to the waiting and loading restrictions.

15. DETERMINATION OF STATUTORY OBJECTION TO PROPOSED FORMALISATION OF EXISTING WIDTH RESTRICTION IN LYNTON ROAD

Executive Function

RESOLVED:

That consideration of the objection be deferred so that members can discuss the proposal with officers in-depth.

16. SCHOOL GOVERNOR APPOINTMENTS

Executive Function

RESOLVED:

1. That Dr Tauni Lanier be appointed as school governor for Boutcher Church of England Primary School

2. That Mr Peter Evans be appointed as school governor for St. James’s Church of England Primary School

17. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Mr Charles Stewart was awarded a certificate for completing an events organising course, run by Southwark. He thanked those involved and encouraged others to take part in the course.

Councillor Eliza Mann announced the following winners of Bermondsey in Bloom:

Community Garden
Reed Wharf, nominated by Pippa Lambert

Container/Balcony Garden
Renie Palmer, 204 Neckinger Estate, nominated by Charles Stewart

Estate Garden
Providence Square, nominated by Shital Shah

**Business/Pub/Restaurant**
The Shipwright’s Arms, nominated by a ward councillor

**Front garden**
16 Drummond Road, nominated by a ward councillor

The meeting ended at 9:30pm

CHAIR:

DATED: