



BOROUGH AND BANKSIDE COMMUNITY COUNCIL

MINUTES of the Borough and Bankside Community Council held on Monday 7 November 2011 at 7.00 pm at Charles Dickens School, Toulmin Street, London SE1 1AF

PRESENT: Councillor Poddy Clark (Chair)
Councillor Geoffrey Thornton (Vice-Chair)
Councillor Claire Hickson
Councillor Tim McNally
Councillor Adele Morris
Councillor David Noakes

OFFICER SUPPORT: Franklin Uwakaneme, Public Realm Manager
Tim Walker, Senior Engineer
Jason White, Project Manager for Thames Path
Fitzroy Lewis, Community Councils Development officer
Mark Whitehouse, Community Councils Development officer
Tim Murtagh, Constitutional Officer

1. INTRODUCTION AND WELCOME

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

2. APOLOGIES

There were none.

3. DISCLOSURE OF MEMBERS' INTERESTS AND DISPENSATIONS

Members declared interests in the following agenda items:

15. Re-promotion of C1 Controlled Parking Zone Review and Statutory Objections

Councillor Tim McNally, personal and prejudicial, in relation to item 15, both as a resident of the area and as the chair of property of the United St Saviours charity which is a landlord of property in the area.

4. ITEMS OF BUSINESS THAT THE CHAIR DEEMS URGENT

The chair said that there was a supplemental agenda containing item 13.2 on the Community Council Fund 2011/12.

5. MINUTES

RESOLVED:

That the minutes of the meeting held on 13 September 2011 be approved as a correct record of the meeting, and signed by the chair.

6. DEPUTATIONS/PETITIONS (IF ANY)

There were none.

7. COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS / VOLUNTEERING SLOT

The Community Film Club would be meeting at Tate Modern on 14 November 2011, where Stephen Humphreys would speak on the history of the Elephant & Castle. All were welcome.

The chair said there was currently an exhibition taking place by a Bengali group at the Ivory Arch at the Elephant & Castle. The group had produced a booklet that highlighted the work of the Robes project. Robes was a charity that helped the homeless across Southwark, Lambeth and Croydon. There would be a charity concert at St. Peters, Walworth on 19 November 2011 and an overnight sleep out at Southwark Cathedral on 2 December 2011 to raise funds and awareness.

The Remembrance service would take place at the war memorial on Sunday 13 November 2011. Southwark Cathedral would hold an Armistice Day service on Friday 11 November 2011.

Fitzroy Lewis, Community Council Development Officer, said that two local people had completed an events training course. Sylvia Martyr and Patricia Thomas were awarded certificates, which were presented by the chair.

8. HIGHWAYS 2012/13 DEVOLVED BUDGET

Councillor Tim McNally said the report favoured Cathedrals ward instead of an equal split with Chaucer ward. He suggested a similar process to previous occasions where residents identified the schemes they wanted via dots on maps.

Councillor David Noakes asked that the list of works compiled at last year's transport themed community council meeting be re-sent to officers to inform them of what residents would like to see.

Councillor Adele Morris said that the practice of dumping tarmac on damaged paving stones should stop as it was undermining some of the good works undertaken. Councillor Hickson requested before and after pictures of highways schemes previously awarded money in the area.

The chair asked that residents attend in January to highlight their preferred roads and that officers publicise the opportunity.

Executive Function

RESOLVED:

That the decision on this item be deferred to the next community council meeting at which residents would have the opportunity to identify their preferred schemes.

9. UPDATE ON SOUTHBANK IMPROVEMENT PROJECT

Jason White, Project Manager for Thames Path, gave a visual presentation.

Southwark Council was implementing a share of the Mayor of London's £4 million access improvements to London's South Bank in time for the London 2012 Olympic and Paralympic Games.

The objective was to provide a continuous, safe and accessible route along the Southbank of the Thames. A route that everyone could use and enjoy regardless of age or disability.

Main work areas:

- Oxo Tower
- Falcon Point
- Tate River Walk
- Bankside / New Globe Walk
- Financial Times Building
- Bank End / Clink Street / Cathedral Street
- Local improvements

The works should be completed by April 2012
Contact Jason.White@southwark.gov.uk or Tel. 020 7803 2670

Jason took questions during the refreshment break.

10. CLEANER GREENER SAFER 2012/13

Previous projects delivered under the Cleaner Greener Safer (CGS) programme were highlighted.

Daniel, a resident from the Rockingham Estate explained that his group had applied for CGS money for an allotment scheme. The various beds produced a lot of food and attracted all sorts of people to the area to plant and share knowledge. Some unusual fruit and vegetables were produced. It had brought the community together and there were other green spaces available for other groups considering similar projects.

Bethany, a resident from the Peabody Estate explained that CGS money went towards improving the appearance of the estate. Several green areas were identified for improvement. The small organising group consulted with all residents on the estate and watering volunteers were sought. Bethany praised the work of the greening contact, Nils Battye who had helped link various groups.

Peter, a resident from Tabard North explained that their gardening and planting projects had depended on consulting and planning ahead. It was important to get as much of the community involved as possible to ensure success. There had been some resistance to cycle lockers from the planning department and that scheme was still to be implemented.

Councillors thanked Nils Battye (Project Manager, Public Realm) for his excellent work and helpful approach in the delivery of several CGS projects.

Franklin Uwakaneme presented some before and after pictures showing CGS projects from previous years.

For 2012/13 the budget was £1.88 million of which £230,228 was allocated to Borough and Bankside. Applications would be accepted between 31 October 2011 and 6 January 2012. Forms were available and officers would assist where possible. There was no limit on the sums applied for but they had to be capital projects in the relevant community council area and completed within two years. Local groups could manage their own projects if they were deemed suitable.

Contact: franklin.uwakaneme@southwark.gov.uk or Tel 0798 411 8260

11. OLYMPIC STREET DRESSING

Jason White, Project Manager for Thames Path, gave a visual presentation. He explained that there were three main strands to deliver:

- Themed Experience Area
- Your 2012
- Greater London Authority programmes

Themed Experience Area, Look and Feel proposals

- All columns on main and vehicle pedestrian movement routes to have banners
- Southbank / Bankside / Thames Path footpaths to have vinyl applications every 20 metres
- Lighting displays in the area to be reprogrammed
- Ad-hoc dressing such as Canvey Street, Tooley Street, Hays Galleria

Your 2012

- Hanging Baskets
- Planning Displays in parks and on highways

- Leisure Centre activities
- Public Art Displays

GLA Programmes

- Bridge Animation
- 'Live' Art spaces
- Olympic Trails
- Spectacular Site – GLA building / More London
- Painted Mandeville and Wenlock statues

In response to questions about the benefit to Chaucer ward, Jason said it was about raising awareness and encouraging residents to be part of the Olympics. There would be an update at the January meeting and residents could submit their questions in advance of that.

Members expressed the concerns of residents about money being spent on Olympic dressing with resulting disruption, which most did not want. They said the local taxpayer should not be paying where it was private businesses that would be making profits.

The chair asked officers to look into whether the council and residents could have a say on what the Olympic dressing money was spent on.

12. PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

A resident said that a premises on Great Dover Street / Spurgeon Street was being converted into a budget hotel and that a two-storey extension at the back of the Morleys takeaway was being built. The chair asked officers to look into those two cases.

Residents complained about the eyesore and nuisance of scaffolds along the buildings on Borough High Street, some of which had been in place for 7 years or more. The baton had been passed between Transport for London (TfL), Southwark Council and King's College.

Councillor Noakes thanked residents and said TfL were doing upgrades on Borough High Street, but were unable to do so where scaffolding remained. He had asked the council to use its enforcement powers to have the scaffolding removed. There was a unanimous show of hands from members and residents in support of asking Councillor Noakes to pursue that approach further at various meetings.

In response to questions about certain shops and licensed premises being allowed to open in the area, members said that planning policy could not dictate ownership and there was an element of market forces at work. Some local neighbourhood forums were working to have a say on what was in their high street. The Localism Bill would have some impact on how this worked.

13.1 COMMUNITY COUNCIL FUND

Executive Function

RESOLVED:

That the under spend of £392 be reallocated to Borough & Bankside Youth Community Council.

13.2 COMMUNITY COUNCIL FUND - REALLOCATION

Members noted the report.

14. LOCAL PARKING AMENDMENTS AND CAR CLUB

Executive Function

RESOLVED:

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

King's Bench Street - Install "at any time" waiting restrictions (double yellow lines), reduce one permit holders parking bay by 4 metres and relocate a further permit bay northwards by 4 metres; opposite the rear vehicle entrance of the St. Georges Almshouses

2. That the following car club locations, detailed in the appendices to the report, be approved for implementation subject to the outcome of any necessary statutory procedures:

1. Holland Street, for implementation 2011/12
2. O'Mera Street, for implementation 2011/12
3. Colnbrook Street, for implementation 2012/13
4. Lavington Street, for implementation 2012/13
5. Sawyer Street, for implementation 2012/13

Councillor Tim McNally left the committee at this point.

15. RE-PROMOTION OF C1 CONTROLLED PARKING ZONE REVIEW AND STATUTORY OBJECTIONS

Executive Function

RESOLVED:

1. That the decisions taken, in 2008, in relation to the C1CPZ review be noted.
2. That the general principles of the review, including extending the operational hours and days of the CPZ be supported.
3. That the statutory objections made in Appendix A of the report be noted.
4. That the design amendments recommended in Appendices B to E of the report, to mitigate those objections be noted.
5. That the design amendments recommended in Appendix F of the report, as a result of issues raised since the 2008 review be noted.
6. That it be noted that the objections and design amendments will be determined by the Cabinet Member for Environment, Transport and Recycling.

16. EXCLUSION OF THE PUBLIC AND PRESS

The chair thanked everyone for attending and announced that the next meeting would be on Wednesday 11 January 2012.

RESOLVED:

That the public be excluded from the meeting for the following items of business on the grounds that they involve the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in paragraphs 1 and 2, Access to Information Procedure rules of the Constitution.

17. SCHOOL GOVERNORS' APPOINTMENTS

Executive Function

RESOLVED:

That Mr Richard Shearman be reappointed as school governor for Friars Primary (Foundation) School.

The meeting ended at 9.45pm

CHAIR:

DATED: