



## **BERMONDSEY AND ROTHERHITHE COMMUNITY COUNCIL**

MINUTES of the Bermondsey and Rotherhithe Community Council held on Thursday 12 July 2012 at 7.00 pm at Southwark College, Keetons Road, London SE16 4EE

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**PRESENT:** Councillor Nick Stanton (Chair)  
Councillor Michael Bukola (Vice-Chair)  
Councillor Anood Al-Samerai  
Councillor Columba Blango  
Councillor Denise Capstick  
Councillor Mark Gettleson  
Councillor Jeff Hook  
Councillor David Hubber  
Councillor Paul Kyriacou  
Councillor Richard Livingstone  
Councillor Eliza Mann  
Councillor Catherine McDonald  
Councillor Graham Neale  
Councillor Paul Noblet  
Councillor Michael Situ

**OFFICER SUPPORT:** Tracy Chapman (Development Management)  
Akinola Daisi (Revenues & Benefits)  
Gill Kelly (Community Engagement)  
Beverley Olamijulo (Constitutional Team)  
Gerald Gohler (Constitutional Team)

### **1. INTRODUCTION AND WELCOME**

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

### **2. APOLOGIES**

There were apologies for absence from Councillors Wilma Nelson and Lisa Rajan.

### **3. DISCLOSURE OF MEMBERS' INTERESTS AND DISPENSATIONS**

Councillors made the following declarations in relation to the following agenda items:

#### **7.1 Edward III's Rotherhithe Conservation Area**

Councillor Anood Al-Samerai, non-pecuniary, as she is a member of the Alfred Salter statue campaign.

Councillor Richard Livingstone, non-pecuniary, as he is a member of the Alfred Salter statue campaign.

#### **9. Millwall Football Club**

Councillor Michael Bukola, non-pecuniary, as he is a member of the board of "Millwall for All".

### **4. ITEMS OF BUSINESS THAT THE CHAIR DEEMS URGENT**

The chair drew attendees' attention to the information stalls about bowel cancer, the Coopers Road redevelopment and about changes to council tax benefit.

He said he intended to vary the running order of the meeting, and that the "Millwall FC" item and the police community safety update will be taken under "Community announcements".

### **5. DEPUTATIONS / PETITIONS (IF ANY)**

There were none.

### **6. COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS AND PRESENTATIONS**

#### **Millwall FC**

Jeff Burnidge, Chair of the "Millwall for All" trust and former chairman of Millwall FC, explained that the club had been in Southwark since the early 1900s, and so had a strong connection to Southwark. There were a few issues on match days, but on the whole the club had a good relationship with the community living around the 20,000-seater stadium, built in 1992/93 in the wake of the Hillsborough disaster. He went on to outline the efforts the club was making to link in with the local community, and highlighted the advantages for the community of having a football team of this stature in the area. "Millwall for All" had been founded primarily as an organisation to counteract racism, and to foster community cohesion and inclusion. It was important for the club that their core support came from around where their stadium was located. For historical reasons the club did not enjoy much support among BME communities, but it was trying to reach out to these. Millwall was very diverse in their management structure: it had, for example, had the first black, female chairman. The Millwall community scheme, which was independent of "Millwall for All". It had a similar remit, but went for large funding streams. The club was trying to become "the natural choice" for people in the area. Responding to questions, Jeff

Burnidge said that the club's ultimate aim was to get into the premier league, which would also be beneficial to Southwark. The council could help "Millwall for All" with small amounts of financial support to "pump-prime" other sources of funding. A resident thanked the football club, for providing a meeting space for a Makaton fund-raising event, free of charge.

The meeting heard that the Olympic torch would make its way through Southwark on the morning of Thursday 26 July 2012. The route would take it across the Millennium Bridge at about 10am, past the Globe Theatre, Southwark Bridge Road, Marshalsea Road, Bricklayers Arms, Trafalgar Avenue, Peckham Academy, Peckham Road, Camberwell and continue on into Lambeth via Coldharbour Lane.

### **Community Safety Update**

Sector inspector Al Irving, who manages the Safer Neighbourhoods Teams (SNT) in the Bermondsey and Rotherhithe sector, addressed the meeting saying that there had been an arrest that morning related to a spate of burglaries in SE16. Another suspect was awaiting sentencing after he had been arrested for breaching his ASBO in Rotherhithe ward. Responding to questions, Inspector Irving said that the local police would be pulled in different directions during the Olympics, all officers would have to help out. To counteract this, he would put together "flex-teams" which could be moved around to guarantee cover in all the wards. He informed the meeting that Rotherhithe police station would close sometime after the Olympics, and that the investigation into a recent rape in Bermondsey was still on-going. He went on to advise people to download the "find my iPhone", or similar apps, to protect their phone.

Responding to a comment from the floor, PC Steven Brown from South Bermondsey SNT explained that one of Riverside SNT's priorities was the theft of phones around Bermondsey tube station, and that plain clothes officers were deployed there. Across Grange, Riverside and South Bermondsey wards, four anti-social behaviour orders (ASBO) had been issued. The police were in the process of getting clearance to name the suspects, and were working with the council's housing department to start proceedings against people who housed known robbers.

The current priorities for his team were: anti-social behaviour, robberies and thefts, and handling stolen goods. He then presented some of the recent activities and priorities for the other teams:

Grange SNT had concentrated on street drinkers (especially on the Old Kent Road) and rough sleepers on the Kipling Estate with the support of outreach workers. Nine acceptable behaviour orders had been issued. ASBOs had been issued for a person on the Neckinger Estate.

South Bermondsey SNT were dealing with the stabbing incident in Paterson Park investigations into which were ongoing. There would be a street briefing in Paterson Park with regards to this. Anti-social behaviour was the main focus of the team. A ring leader for anti-social behaviour among young people had been issued with an ASBO barring him from South Bermondsey ward.

PC Brown reminded people to report all non-life threatening issues to the new police number 101, which could also put people through to their local SNT.

### **Albion Street Community Charity Shop**

Pauline Adenwalla informed the meeting that a charity shop run by a consortium of four churches (the Norwegian and Swedish churches, St Mary's and Paradise Street) had opened its doors for the first time at 10am that day, after 2 years of preparatory work. The shop would be open on Thursdays, Fridays and Saturdays from 10am-4pm. She encouraged people to visit, and to buy or to donate items. All the profits would be ploughed back into the community via the churches. In answer to questions, Pauline said that the shop sold items donated from the local community: books, clothes, bric-a-brac and bags.

### **Albion Street Steering group**

Pauline Adenwalla said that the group was involved in several projects, for example Cleaner Greener Safer funded environmental improvements around Irwell Green and Railway Avenue South. The group was also involved in plans to organise a street market to coincide with the Christmas fairs at the Norwegian and Swedish churches which would take place on 24/25/26 November. This event would be well advertised. The issue around the toilets in front of the Norwegian church was still on-going. The closed library which had been purchased for redevelopment. Pauline said that the Albion Street working group had been a subgroup of Rotherhithe Community Council, and should continue on. The chair agreed that this group would be a subgroup of the new community council as well. Simon Hughes, MP, said he wanted to pay tribute to the work of the group. He had recently met with traders in the area, and with the ambassadors of several Scandinavian and Baltic countries who had historical links to the area. The ambassadors had been keen to help with linking up businesses from their countries with those in the Albion Street/Albion Square area. The traders had also been keen on the idea, and had wanted to invite the ambassadors to visit the area. Simon Hughes MP went on to call for better maintenance and tighter organisation in the shops in Rotherhithe village. Councillor Richard Livingstone said the council agreed with this, that it had agreed a small amount of money for Albion Street, and was keen to continue working with the traders there.

### **London Fire Brigade**

Paula Burns, Project Manager, informed the meeting about the refurbishment of the existing fire stations at Dockhead and on the Old Kent Road. Paula encouraged attendees to pick up a leaflet, which featured the proposed designs for both stations and the timescales for the works. Alternatively the information was available from the Fire Brigade's website, which also featured feedback from the recent consultation events. The refurbishment works at the station on the Old Kent Road would start in summer 2013, while the refurbishment of the station at Dockhead would commence in summer 2014. While the refurbishment works were going on, the local fire crews would be patrolling the area and would be based at New Cross, and Deptford fire stations. In answer to a question from councillors, Paula responded that both fire stations would have a community space on the first floor, which would be available to community groups and organisations as meeting space. There would also be a public reception space, which would feature fire prevention information.

### **Big Dance**

Lara Erwin, a freelance dance artist living in Surrey Quays, told the meeting that she had applied for a grant from "Big Dance", with the aid of which she had organised a dance

event - "Locomotion" - the previous Saturday. 12 community groups and 84 performers had participated. The event had also attracted 250 spectators. She went on to say that she would like to organise more dance events and regular groups in the area for example for 0-6 year-olds and for young people aged 18-25, especially on the plaza. She encouraged all those interested to get in touch with her. The meeting heard a suggestion that this should be tied in with the Albion Street steering group.

### **Biscuit Factory, Drummond Road**

Jonathon Shelton from Workspace explained that Workspace managed this development and that most of the present tenants on the site were small businesses of 1-10 people. In total 600 people were employed at the site. The first phase of the redevelopment of the rest of the site was now in progress. This would create up to 1,500 jobs on site, but also another 1,000 in the surrounding community. In November the initial plans had been out for consultation. Changes had been made – the current plans included 800 residential units on the northern part of the site, and the creation of 1,2,3 and 4-bedroom flats, duplexes and town houses. Under the new plans, Storcks Road would be opened up again. The development would not have gates, and the roads within it would be open to the public.

In answer to questions from the floor, Jonathan said that there would be a 20%-ratio of parking spaces to residential units. Residents of the new development would be excluded from applying for parking permits in the surrounding CPZ area. The percentage affordable housing would be optimised and family homes would also be part of that. Transport consultants had conducted traffic studies which had fed into the transport plan which had been verified with Southwark planning officers. Workspace had a proven track record of creating jobs, and encouraged their tenants to provide young people with work experience places every year.

## **7. CONSERVATION AREA CONSULTATION**

### **7.1 EDWARD III'S ROTHERHITHE CONSERVATION AREA**

Tracy Chapman introduced the report by outlining the content of the numerous consultation responses, which had been received. Most had been in favour of the conservation area; some of the views expressed had included: extending the proposed area westward (which officers deemed feasible), and eastwards to link up with St Mary's Rotherhithe conservation area (which was deemed not to be possible), and including Cherry Gardens and two grade 2 listed buildings in the area. Officers would now re-consult on the westward extension and report back on this after the 12 week consultation.

#### **RESOLVED:**

That officers note the following feedback by the community council on this item:

- The community council agrees with the proposals included in the report, but draws attention to the fact that residents on Bermondsey Wall East have not been consulted on this. This needed to be done.
- The word "King" should be added to the name of the proposed conservation

area

- Consideration should be given to the precise boundary to the west of the conservation area – potentially excluding of some the houses on Bermondsey Wall East from the conservation area
- That a management plan should be put together for this conservation area and presented to the community council

## **7.2 PAGE'S WALK CONSERVATION AREA**

Tracy Chapman introduced the report highlighting the suggestions received for a change in the boundaries of the conservation area. Views were expressed that the former school keeper's house should be included, as well as the former school and the Victoria public house. The meeting heard that the proposed area should be extended to Tower Bridge Road. The area around the conservation area also needed to be looked at.

### **RESOLVED:**

1. That officers note the following feedback by the community council on this item:
  - The community council agrees with the suggestions set out in the report
  - A management plan should be put together for this conservation area, and presented to the community council at a future date
  - Consideration should be given to a planning framework for the area
2. That the following be fed back as the community council's official response to consultation about the local development scheme:

"The community council asks that a planning framework be put in place, to shape and guide planning in the area around the proposed Page's Walk conservation area, between the conservation area and Tower Bridge Road, and in particular regarding the light industrial units which are likely to be redeveloped."

## **7.3 THORBURN SQUARE CONSERVATION AREA**

Tracy Chapman introduced the report highlighting the consultation feedback received. This included adding the Queen Victoria public house to the area. The tree officer had included stipulations around the trees in Reverdy Road.

Councillors were keen to replace the trees which would be lost with some of the same species and quality. The meeting also heard that officers should be more proactive in improving existing conservation areas through management plans. Tracy responded that conservation area management plans were in the process of being put together, starting with a pilot in Rye Lane, which had just commenced. The meeting heard that there were issues around the cobbled street in Shad Thames which was supposed have been protected, but which had been tarmaced over. Tracy was asked to investigate this. Many

residents had not heard of the Thorburn Square conservation group, and asked to be put in touch with the group.

In response to a statement that St Anne's Church required funds for refurbishment, the chair informed the meeting that October's community council meeting would feature an item on refreshing the Community Project Bank.

**RESOLVED:**

That officers note the following feedback by the community council regarding this item:

1. The conservation area should be extended to include the Queen Victoria public house
2. A management plan should be put together for this conservation area, and brought to the community council
3. The species of trees, i.e. cherry trees, in the area should be preserved

The meeting heard that management plans for all conservation areas should be put together, and that these should be brought to a future meeting.

Residents who wished to enter the Bermondsey in Bloom competition had until 30 July 2012 to do so. Please email [gill.kelly@southwark.gov.uk](mailto:gill.kelly@southwark.gov.uk); or Councillor Eliza Mann at [eliza.mann@southwark.gov.uk](mailto:eliza.mann@southwark.gov.uk)

Cllr Graham Neale informed the meeting that the tree preservation policy was going to be looked at by an Overview and Scrutiny Committee.

**8. COMMUNITY COUNCIL FUND - WORKSHOPS**

The meeting broke up into six, ward-based workshops to discuss funding allocations.

**9. MILLWALL FOOTBALL CLUB**

This item was discussed under "6. Community announcements and presentations"

**10. PUBLIC QUESTION TIME BERMONDSEY / ROTHERHITHE**

A resident commented that cyclists were allowed to cycle on the pavement around Bermondsey Tube Station, as this was "shared-use". He said he did not agree with this as it made it easier for robbers on bikes to snatch mobile phones or bags. The pavement was the responsibility of TfL, and Val Shawcross AM had raised this with TfL.

The following public questions were submitted in writing:

- Why have almost 200 trees throughout Southwark, have been cut down without replacement over the last two years according to the official FOI Information provided?
- Why 110 trees were destroyed in B&R without replacement over that period, whilst at the same time, Walworth gained (127) and Borough & Bankside gained (46)? Are we becoming the 'Grey borough' instead of the 'Green Borough'?

## 11. COMMUNITY COUNCIL FUND 2012

Executive Function

Councillors considered the information set out in the report.

### RESOLVED:

That the allocations discussed in the workshops be agreed, as listed below:

Group	Project	Award
Look Ahead Housing and Care	Mum's Healthy Living	£100
Clive Brown, The Camden Society	Community Project South,	£500
Longfield Tenants & Residents Association	E.T.M. Classes	£1,000
Grange Road Management (Bermondsey) Ltd	Neckinger Walk	£500
Bermondsey Street Aarea Partnership	Bermondsey Street Festival	£1,000
Setchell Estate TRA (SETRA)	Christmas Community Get-together	£500
SPAM TRA	SPAM Adventure Day	£500
Guinness Trust TRA (Pages Walk)	Summer Fete Funday	£900
Southwark Intergenerational Network	Celebrating Intergenerational Southwark	£450
Leathermarket JMB	Leathermarket Sculpture Project	£1,000
Bonamy and Bramcote Tenants and Residents Assoc	The Olympic Outing	£800



St Helena and Oldfield TRA	Get Active! Get Involved! Get Olympic!	£1,000
fair community housing	summer holiday trip out	£500
DETRA	2 Seaside Trips	£900
Salmon Youth Centre	Building Belonging	£860
Bede Youth Adventure Project	Funday@Bede	£900
Friends of Southwark Park	Jubilee Celebrations	£1,000
Bermondsey Artists Group	DIY Allotment Summer Holiday	£500
Southwark Arts Forum	Volunteer Passport	£900
Southwark Community Festival	Southwark Community Festival	£750
St Crispins TRA	Sports Quiz & Pizza Night	£540
Rotherhithe Festival Group	Rotherhithe Festival	£1,000
Southwark Park 1 O'Clock Club	50TH YEAR CELEBRATIONS AND OLYMPIC GAMES	£600
Stevenson Estate Steering Group	Bringing our community together	£750
Time and Talents Association	125 Years of Time and Talents	£900
Save Kings Stairs Gardens	Jubilee Celebrations	£1,000
London Bubble Theatre	From Docks to Desktops	£1,000
1st St James Girlguiding	Recruitment Campaign	£900
Albion Street Steering Grp, Street market sub grp	Christmas Street Market	£900
Albion Street Steering Grp, Community Shop sub grp	Marketing and launching the charity shop	£550
c.a.p.i.c	Going for Gold	£950

Bermondsey Youth and Community Council	Tolerance and Integration Awareness (Residential)	£1,000
Julie O'Sullivan 1st St Anne's Brownies	Queens Diamond Jubilee Brownie Activity weekend	£1,000 £750
1st St Anne's Guides	Go For It!	£700
2nd St James Rainbows	Visit to Drusilla's	£726
Hornafrik Integration Projects Ltd	Refugee youth Project	£800
Osprey Tenants & Residents Association	Meet your neighbours, make new friends picnic	£1,000
friends of Russia Dock woodland	schools bird and bat box making	£1,000
	TOTAL	£30,626

## 12. CLEANER GREENER SAFER REVENUE FUND

Executive Function

Councillors considered the information set out in the report.

### RESOLVED:

That the following amounts of Bermondsey & Rotherhithe Community Council Cleaner, Greener, Safer (CGS) revenue fund 2012/13 be allocated:

Rotherhithe Society	£10,000 (£5,000 from Surrey Docks and £5,000 from Rotherhithe wards)
Rotherhithe Festival	£5,000
Surrey Docks Adventure playground	£5,000
Millwall for All	£5,000
Estate Sports and fitness sessions delivered by Salmon Youth Centre	£10,000
Funding for Oxford And Bermondsey Youth Club to run extra youth/sports activities	£10,000

### **13. CLEANER GREENER SAFER REVENUE FUND - SIGNATORIES**

Councillors considered the information set out in the report.

#### **RESOLVED:**

That the following councillors be appointed signatories for the bank account for the Cleaner, Greener, and Safer (CGS) revenue fund 2012/13:

- Councillor Jeff Hook
- Councillor Nick Stanton
- Councillor Richard Livingstone

### **14. LOCAL PARKING AMENDMENTS**

Executive Decision

Councillors considered the information set out in the report.

#### **RESOLVED:**

That, subject to the completion of the statutory notification procedures, the installation of the following at any time waiting restrictions (double yellow lines) be agreed:

- on Bermondsey Street, at the location set out in Appendix 1 of the report
- on Lamb Walk, at the location set out in Appendix 2 of the report.

The chair thanked everyone for attending, and reminded people that the next Bermondsey and Rotherhithe Community Council meeting would be on Wednesday 10 October 2012.

Meeting ended at 9.50 pm

**CHAIR:**

**DATED:**