



## **Bermondsey and Rotherhithe Community Council**

MINUTES of the OPEN section of the Bermondsey and Rotherhithe Community Council held on Wednesday 26 June 2013 at 7.00 pm at Links Community Centre, 353 Rotherhithe New Road, London SE16 3HF

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**PRESENT:** Councillor Graham Neale (Chair)  
Councillor Paul Kyriacou  
Councillor Anood Al-Samerai  
Councillor Michael Bukola  
Councillor Mark Gettleson  
Councillor Jeff Hook  
Councillor Richard Livingstone  
Councillor Eliza Mann  
Councillor Catherine McDonald  
Councillor Paul Noblet  
Councillor Lisa Rajan  
Councillor Michael Situ  
Councillor Nick Stanton

**OFFICER SUPPORT:** Tim Cutts, Team Leader of Planning Policy  
Qassim Kazaz, Principal Project Manager, Transport  
Gill Kelly, Community Councils Officer  
Tim Murtagh, Constitutional Officer

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

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

### **2. APOLOGIES**

There were apologies for absence from Councillor Denise Capstick and for lateness from Councillors Michael Bukola, Catherine McDonald and Michael Situ.

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

The chair announced that a late report - Community Council Highways Capital Investment

2013/14, had been accepted and circulated as part of Supplemental Agenda No. 1.

The report recommendation contained a typing error. The correct unallocated figure was £47,045.

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

Members made the following declarations in relation to the agenda items below:

##### **12. Local Parking Amendments**

Councillor Richard Livingstone, non-pecuniary, as he lived near to the location of the proposed double yellow lines on Goodwin Close.

#### **5. MINUTES**

##### **RESOLVED:**

That the minutes of the meeting held on 29 April 2013 be agreed as an accurate record of that meeting, and signed by the chair.

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

There were none.

#### **7. COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS**

##### **Bermondsey in Bloom**

Councillor Eliza Mann explained that there were various nomination categories available. The awards were open to amateurs only and the benefits would be enjoyed by all residents. The displays helped to improve the appearance of the community and also helped to reduce anti-social behaviour.

Nominations would close in July. All nominations would receive a certificate.

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##### **Dockstock 2 Event**

Furkan Choudhury said this year's event took place on 25 May 2013. There were about 700 people and 10 bands on the day, featuring a broad range of music. The event had been very well received and there were pictures on Facebook. Another would take place on 31 August 2013.

##### **Summer Market, South Dock Marina**

Sharon Coleman explained that a summer market had been open since May 2013 which would run until September 2013. The traders needed the public to get behind the market to make it a success.

### **What's On in Rotherhithe Group**

Pauline Adenwalla explained the Rotherhithe group had been formed in 2006 as part of Southwark's public realm strategy. A map was produced showing the various places of interest for visitors along with a website SE16.com Various grants were sought for signage and information boards in order to promote the area further. Pauline added that some of the group were looking into the idea of setting up a neighbourhood forum in the local area.

### **Docklands Junior Football Club (DJFC)**

Jamie Mehmet with help from several young players from DJFC, explained that the club played out of Bacon's College and all the coaches were volunteers. The youngsters' subscriptions paid for pitch fees and referee's fees. A recent football trip had taken the youngsters to Turkey for a great experience and matches against Besiktas and Galatasaray. The DJFC club was looking for local sponsorship to enable future football trips and to reduce weekly fees for the players.

### **Bermondsey Street Festival**

Damian O'Brien explained that the festival was arranged by volunteers and aimed to unite the diverse community through the arts. It involved people from all sections of the community and was a showcase for local talent. This year it would take place on 21 September. Volunteers were still much needed in advance and on the day. Last year about 15,000 people attended and something similar was hoped for this year.

### **Community Sculpture Project**

Austin Emery said that the project had taken place at Leathermarket in October 2012 There was a free and open workshop with help from community council funding and over one hundred people had come along to make their own piece of sculpture. The idea was to assemble the various pieces into a single sculpture and that work was ongoing. It would be happening again in October 2013 and all were welcome to take part.

### **Bermondsey Map Project**

David Chavannes explained that there were plans to produce a Bermondsey map along similar lines to the Rotherhithe map. It would be an excellent resource to promote the area. There would be an initial working party to look at old previously produced maps and consider options for a new paper map, an online map and an app-map for smart phones.

### **Rotherhithe Society**

Alyson Moore explained that an online survey had responded positively to the idea of a Rotherhithe society and this was followed by a well attended public meeting. There were several practicalities involved in developing the idea further and another meeting would take place on 4 July at the Time and Talents hall.

For further information contact: [officeandlettings@timeandtalents.org.uk](mailto:officeandlettings@timeandtalents.org.uk)

## **8. EVENT IN THE BLUE**

Russell Dryden, Chair of the Blue Bermondsey business association, explained that the group started a few years ago to represent local traders and to make the area more vibrant and attractive. Within the Blue community traders were looking to form a Business Improvement District, this would via the payment of business levies raise much needed funds to improve the area. In the Blue they would hold an annual community day which would particularly welcome new residents into the area and find out more. This Blue day

would take place on Sunday 18 August 2013. The day would feature local bands and stalls from community groups to promote the area.

## **9. THE BERMONDSEY CARNIVAL**

Russell Dryden, Chair of the Blue Bermondsey Business Association, explained that the Bermondsey carnival started over a hundred years ago. It would be held in Southwark Park with various musicians, a funfair, food stalls and face painting. There would also be workshops for young people, among these would be 'Mind Your Own Business' which aimed to show young people how to start up businesses and become professionals. The carnival would take place on Saturday 6 July 2013.

Gary Magold and Barry Duckett added that the Rotherhithe festival would take place on Saturday 27 July 2013, at King George's Field. There would be funfair rides, a blues singer and other bands along with stocks and a gyroscope. It would raise funding for cancer research.

## **10. CANADA WATER AREA ACTION PLAN**

Tim Cutts, Team Leader of Planning Policy, outlined the revisions being made to the Canada Water Area Action Plan (CWAAP). The CWAAP is the plan that sets out the guidance, policies and vision for how development should happen at Canada Water over the next 10 to 15 years. The CWAAP was agreed last year but at the end of the process the Daily Mail announced it would be leaving the print works in the area. This had freed up a large space and so the council was consulting on a framework for development on that site. Consultation would run until 30 July 2013.

Many residential properties had already been built and the plan now was to maximise non residential use, including shops, offices and a study facility. The CWAAP also aimed to extend the network of pedestrian and cycle routes. There was also a commitment to refurbish the Seven Islands Leisure Centre whilst looking longer term to see if there was potential for a site for a new leisure centre.

The revised CWAAP no longer included a new secondary school as that would instead be built in Bermondsey. The potential for the development of taller buildings had been reviewed and these were now included in the plan if they created more public realm and were of excellent design.

A number of local exhibitions and drop-in centres had been arranged as part of the consultation. For further information visit:

[www.southwark.gov.uk/info/200314/canada\\_water/2854/cwaap\\_review\\_201213](http://www.southwark.gov.uk/info/200314/canada_water/2854/cwaap_review_201213)

In response to questions, Tim made some of the following responses:

- The council was looking at the feasibility of expanding existing primary schools in the area to provide additional places. Options for an additional school on Harmsworth Quays had been flagged up in the CWAAP.
- Recently a study had been commissioned with Transport for London (TfL) to look

at the feasibility of two-way traffic on Lower Road and potential junction design. A cycle super-highway was being considered for 2015.

- Conversations had taken place with NHS Southwark about GP surgeries and new health facilities.
- £9 million had been identified as a cost for works on Lower Road.
- Neighbourhood plans could provide another level of detail beyond strategic plans and officers would be keen to work with any neighbourhood forum.
- The CWAAP anticipated open space on Harmsworth Quays but a new park was unlikely.
- The boatyard in St George's Wharf should be retained in the CWAAP. Some car park land nearby may be used for a shop or a hotel development.
- Lewisham should contribute some funds to the Lower Road works.

The timescale for the CWAAP was that it would be presented to council assembly towards the end of 2013, before submission to the Planning Inspectorate. It would then go out for public examination in 2014.

## **11. PUBLIC QUESTION TIME**

Councillor Mark Gettleson updated residents on the situation regarding the junction of Abbey Street with Tower Bridge Road. Following several accidents and a campaign by local residents, preliminary work was under way, including public consultation, for the installation of two crossings. One crossing would be on the west side of Tower Bridge Road and one on the north side of Abbey Street. Residents were encouraged to take part in the consultation.

In response to a public question on the planned October beer festival in Southwark Park, residents and councillors expressed concerns about a paid event which would close off part of the park and may encourage binge drinking.

## **12. LOCAL PARKING AMENDMENTS**

**Note:** This is an executive function

Councillors considered the information detailed in the report.

### **RESOLVED:**

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:

- Neptune Street – install one disabled persons' (blue badge) parking bay outside

12 Blick House

- Ormside Road / Record Street – install double yellow lines on Ormside Street, west side, from the junction with Penarth Street to Record Street; and on Record Street, south side, from the junction with Ormside Street to Hatcham Road
- Roberts Close – install double yellow lines at the junction with Quebec Way to protect vehicle access
- Goodwin Close – install double yellow lines on the southern kerb line from the side of No.4 to outside No.6 to protect vehicle access
- Albion Street – install double yellow lines on the southern kerb line of Albion Street and at the junction with Canon Beck Road

### 13. **CLEANER GREENER SAFER: FUNDING REALLOCATION AND ALLOCATION OF REMAINING 2013/14 CAPITAL FUNDING**

#### **Cleaner, Greener, Safer Capital Fund 2013-14**

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Councillors considered the information detailed in the report.

#### **RESOLVED:**

That allocation of community council funding for the following applications be approved:

#### GRANGE

<b>Proposal</b>	<b>Amount</b>
Notice boards on the Vauban Estate	£5,720
Signage for Lucey Way	£3,500
SPAM T&RA flooring	£18,304
Bermondsey hanging baskets	£10,000
Southwark Park tennis courts	£20,000

#### RIVERSIDE

<b>Proposal</b>	<b>Amount</b>
Bermondsey Wall West	£16,424

Southwark Park tennis courts	£20,000
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#### ROTHERHITHE

<b>Proposal</b>	<b>Amount</b>
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Hawkstone Estate football pitch	£6,500
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Tiered Gardens - Clack St, Temeraire St, Albion Estate	£20,000
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Astroturf lighting	£23,504
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King's Stairs Gardens repair works	£6,500
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#### ROTHERHITHE – LIVESEY

<b>Proposal</b>	<b>Amount</b>
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Links kick-about area drainage and net	£10,000
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Southwark Park tennis courts	£20,000
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#### SOUTH BERMONDSEY

<b>Proposal</b>	<b>Amount</b>
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Rennie Estate play areas	£12,899
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Southwark Park tennis courts	£20,000
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#### SURREY DOCKS

<b>Proposal</b>	<b>Amount</b>
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Greenland Dock paving repairs fund	£43,064
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#### 14. COMMUNITY COUNCIL HIGHWAYS AND CAPITAL INVESTMENT 2013/14

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Councillors considered the information detailed in the report.

**RESOLVED:**

1. That allocation of Highways Capital Investment for the following schemes be

approved:

<b>Project</b>	<b>Estimated cost</b>
• Greenland Quay (part)	£20,000
• St James's Road	£14,174

2. That consideration of the remaining £175,278 be deferred to the next community council meeting in October 2013, so that consultation can take place with councillors and residents on which highways projects in the Bermondsey and Rotherhithe community council area should be considered for funding.

#### **15. COMMUNITY COUNCIL QUESTION TO COUNCIL ASSEMBLY**

Following the earlier discussions around the revisions being made to the Canada Water Area Action Plan, the community council considered whether to submit a question to the Council Assembly meeting in October 2013 and agreed the following:

“Can the administration of the Council please confirm that they will prioritise maximum community benefit and infrastructure from the sale of the Harmsworth Quays site, including a new school, medical facilities and on-site affordable housing, over maximising profit from residential flats.”

#### **16. CLEANER GREENER SAFER REVENUE FUND 2013/14**

**Note:** This is an executive function

Councillors considered the information detailed in the report.

#### **RESOLVED:**

That allocation of community council funding for the following applications be approved:

GRANGE

<b>Proposal</b>	<b>Amount</b>
Bermondsey in Bloom competition	£5,000

LIVESEY

<b>Proposal</b>	<b>Amount</b>
Additional cleaning of Ilderton Road	£9,600



ROTHERHITHE

<b>Proposal</b>	<b>Amount</b>
Astroturf lighting	£3,496
Thyme on our Hands – Sensory Garden	£7,869
Rotherhithe Society contribution to support role	£5,000

SURREY DOCKS

<b>Proposal</b>	<b>Amount</b>
Rotherhithe Society contribution to support role	£3,015

Meeting ended at 9.15pm

**CHAIR:**

**DATED:**