



Bermondsey and Rotherhithe Community Council

MINUTES of the Bermondsey and Rotherhithe Community Council held on Wednesday 29 January 2014 at 7.00 pm at the Harris Academy, 55 Southwark Park Road, SE16 3TZ

PRESENT:

- Councillor Graham Neale (Chair)
- Councillor Paul Kyriacou (Vice chair)
- Councillor Anood Al-Samerai
- Councillor Michael Bukola
- Councillor Denise Capstick
- Councillor Mark Gettleson
- Councillor Jeff Hook
- Councillor David Hubber
- Councillor Richard Livingstone
- Councillor Eliza Mann
- Councillor Wilma Nelson
- Councillor Paul Noblet
- Councillor Lisa Rajan
- Councillor Michael Situ
- Councillor Nick Stanton

OFFICER SUPPORT:

- Tim Cutts, Team Leader Planning Policy
- Lorna Fraser, Vocational Skills and Apprenticeship Manager
- Michael Tsoukaris, Group Manager, Design & Conservation
- Gill Kelly, Community Council Development Officer
- Tim Murtagh, Constitutional Officer

1. INTRODUCTION AND WELCOME

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

2. APOLOGIES

There were no apologies for absence received. Apologies for lateness were received from Councillors Paul Kyriacou and Michael Situ.

3. ITEMS OF BUSINESS THAT THE CHAIR DEEMS URGENT

The chair announced that a late report - Rotherhithe and Surrey Docks Neighbourhood Area Forum had been circulated as part of Supplementary Agenda No. 2. This was agreed as a late and urgent report due to the timeframe for consultation.

Additionally, a late report - Shad Thames Conservation Area Management Plan had been circulated as part of Supplementary Agenda No. 3. This was agreed as a late and urgent item as it was due to go to Planning committee in March 2014 for consideration.

4. DISCLOSURE OF MEMBERS' INTERESTS AND DISPENSATIONS

There were none.

5. MINUTES

RESOLVED:

That the minutes of the meeting held on 4 December 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 Boer war memorial

Gary Magold, a local resident, said that about four years ago funding was allocated to restore the Bermondsey Boer War memorial. The restoration had been completed and the memorial was located in St James Church. There would be a service and rededication on Sunday 16 February 2014.

Health ambassadors

Chaddy Ndongola, explained that he worked with Kings College Hospital, as a local health ambassador. That meant working with the community to promote better health. Residents were encouraged to approach him during the break, if they wanted to find out more.

Bermondsey in bloom

Eugene Ankomah, from the Salmon Youth Centre (SYC), explained that the SYC was getting involved in the Bermondsey in Bloom project. The SYC would take photos of gardens around Bermondsey as part of the competition. There were several categories including window boxes, gardens, community and school gardens. Forms would be available on the SYC website in February 2014. Councillor Eliza Mann thanked the SYC for taking over the running of the project.

Harmsworth Quays redevelopment

Eleanor Wright, from British Land, explained that there would be an event at Harmsworth Quays in February or March 2014, to give residents an opportunity to meet the development team. Details would be published nearer the date.

Business Improvement District

Russell Dryden, Chair of the Blue Bermondsey Business Association, explained that a lot of work was being done by local businesses to improve the area. In July 2014, local businesses would vote on whether or not to become a Business Improvement District (BID). In a BID area businesses pay a levy towards improving the local environment to encourage further investment. Bankside was highlighted as one BID location which had transformed its area in recent years.

Consultation on the revised draft community infrastructure levy (CIL) charging schedule

Tim Cutts, Team Leader Planning Policy, explained that the council was consulting on the CIL proposed charges. The CIL was a levy charged as pounds per square metre on new developments. Consultation on the charging schedule would end on 25 February 2014. The money generated from would support growth in jobs and homes for the next 10 years.

Consultation on the draft Section 106 planning obligations

Tim Cutts, Team Leader Planning Policy, explained that the CIL levy, once adopted, would change the way section 106 planning obligations work. Consultation was taking place on a new planning document that would provide guidance on section 106 planning obligations. Consultation would run until 25 February 2014.

8. POLICE AND COMMUNITY SAFETY UPDATE

Sergeant Chris Baker, Surrey Docks local police team, explained that under the new police model there were five police teams in the north east sector. Each ward now selected three ward promises. Every three months the ward teams meet with the panel chairs to discuss and decide the priorities for an area.

Current priorities were:

- burglary from homes and gardens
- theft of mobile phones and street crime
- anti-social behaviour.

In response to questions, Sgt Baker made the following points:

- There was an emergency response team separate from the local policing model which could be contacted via 999 calls.
- There were fewer estate patrols under the new police model due to other duties taking up officer time.

- Calls to the local police team should either be answered straight away or if they go to voicemail, responded to within 24 hours.

9. SOUTHWARK APPRENTICE PROGRAMME

Lorna Fraser, Vocational Skills and Apprenticeship Manager, explained that the Southwark apprenticeship scheme had helped many people with opportunities around the borough. The programme was in place for anyone over 16 years of age and those who took part could gain experience whilst at college and also earn whilst learning. The scheme helped people gain experience and skills and assisted them in gaining employment. The scheme had been running for eight years and 93% of apprentices had achieved a positive outcome through participation in the programme.

Young apprentices, Mariam Akintokun, Suley Muhidin and Jermaine Fevrius each spoke to the meeting and summarised how the programme had helped them develop skills, and gain confidence in a range of sectors. The programme provided comprehensive training to those who took part.

In response to questions, Lorna explained that the work of Southwark apprentices was closely monitored and they were paid the London living wage whilst carrying out their duties. Contact: lorna.fraser@southwark.gov.uk

10. FEEDBACK FROM THE JOB FAIR

Gill Kelly, Community Council Development Officer, explained that the job fair had started at 5.30pm and ran until 7pm. All the employers who had taken part said they had a positive response from the public. Several dozen applications had been made and training sessions arranged as a result of the fair.

11. PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

The following questions were submitted in writing at the meeting:

1. "Would members ask council officers to consult widely with residents to review the Bermondsey Street conservation area extension in the current calendar year." The chair added that he would ask officers to do so.
2. "As we grow older we need more light in corridor homes and kitchens. We need lifetime homes and blocks. When carrying out major works, why can't Southwark council at least make sure our kitchens have a minimum 150 lux lighting levels and heat detectors too. Can we have some common sense design standards for existing homes and blocks." The chair added that he would follow that up with housing officers.

The following public questions was posed at the meeting:

3. "A great deal of money was spent on the paving in the Blue market, Bermondsey. Three years on the paving is caving in which is disappointing and dangerous. What

recourse is there against the contractor who installed it.” The chair said he would follow that up with the relevant officer.

12. REVISED CANADA WATER AREA ACTION PLAN CONSULTATION

Tim Cutts, Team Leader Planning Policy, explained that the council was consulting on the final set of revisions to the Canada Water Area Action Plan (CWAAP). The consultation would run until 25 February 2014. The CWAAP is the policy that would guide development at Canada Water for the next 15 years. The revisions being consulted on were around the developments for Harmsworth Quays and its impact on the surrounding area.

The CWAAP could be viewed on the council website and also in libraries. The next stage was to consider implications of the Mayor of London’s proposed changes to the London Plan. The council hoped to adopt the CWAAP in Autumn 2014.

In response to questions, Tim made the following points:

- The council was doing a study on the Lower Road gyratory with Transport for London (TfL).
- There had been no changes regarding school places. A new secondary school would be provided in Bermondsey. The council had also been looking at extending existing schools in the area.
- The criteria in the CWAAP for non-residential use would be as robust as possible.
- High speed broadband had been identified as an issue in the infrastructure plan. It would be open for the council to look for funding to improve local broadband services.
- The cycle superhighway plan by the Mayor is expected to be implemented by 2015. The council is investigating to what extent that could be linked in with the council proposals to rearrange the gyratory.

13. ROTHERHITHE AND SURREY DOCKS NEIGHBOURHOOD AREA FORUM

Tim Cutts, Team Leader Planning Policy, explained that the council had received an application from a group of residents for a neighbourhood area for Rotherhithe and Surrey Docks. The council was currently consulting on the neighbourhood area which was the first stage of the process. Future stages would include:

- another consultation
- a neighbourhood forum
- drafting the neighbourhood plan
- a public referendum requiring more than 50% support.

The boundary area applied for covered Rotherhithe, Canada Water and to the west of Southwark park. The consultation would last until 28 February 2014.

Pauline Adenwalla, a representative of the group that made the application, took some questions on the application. In response to questions Pauline made the following points:

- On the neighbourhood area, views could be inserted via the Southwark website.
- The Localism Act gave rise to the possibility of neighbourhood forums. The group thought there were some deficiencies with the area action plan and were seeking to address those by setting up a neighbourhood forum.
- Pauline envisaged that the forum would evolve over time and be based on consensus.

There was a discussion on the size of the area and some disagreement on the amount of consultation that had taken place with groups in the community.

Members emphasised that this was the initial stage of the process and that it was vital for consultation and consensus to take place throughout.

14. SHAD THAMES CONSERVATION AREAS MANAGEMENT PLAN (FORMERLY ITEM 19)

Michael Tsoukaris, Group Manager, Design & Conservation, explained that about a year ago he was invited by residents of Shad Thames to look at the area from the viewpoint of a conservation officer. The area was cherished by residents but had been affected by poor repairs, street clutter and the wrong lighting. Following on from the walkabout and various discussions, a conservation management plan had been developed. The residents were keen to develop a sense of community identity within Shad Thames. Consultation on the document was running for 12 weeks which would end on 12 March 2014.

RESOLVED:

Members noted the report and encouraged residents to take part in the consultation.

15. CLEANER GREENER SAFER FUNDING REALLOCATION (FORMERLY ITEM 18)

Note: This is an executive function.

Members considered the information contained in the report.

RESOLVED:

That an under spend of £40,069 from the Cleaner Greener Safer programme be reallocated to the budget for the CGS Capital Fund 2014/15.

16.1 CLEANER GREENER SAFER (CGS) CAPITAL FUNDING 2014/15 (FORMERLY ITEM 14.1)

Note: This is an executive function.

Members considered the information contained in the report.

RESOLVED:

That the following amounts of CGS capital funding 2014/2015 be allocated to the projects listed below:

GRANGE

Proposal	Amount
Eynsford House	£1,600
Abbey Street improvement	£5,200
Eveline Lowe dog walkers	£6,250
Magdalene Hall courtyard lighting	£5,200
Whites grounds garden lighting	£2,700
Magdalen TRA notice boards	£13,650
Hamilton Square lighting	£5,378
Safer pavements on Grange Road	£10,000
Tower Bridge Road lights	£21,600
Whites grounds estate community sculpture	£8,100
The Albert McKenzie VC statue	£2,700
Tower Bridge Road arch	£2,682
Hanging baskets	£10,000

RIVERSIDE

Proposal	Amount
St. Crispin's football pitch	£3,900

Jamaica Road and St James Road community space	£20,500
Railings along William Ellis Way	£3,500
Bermondsey Wall East	£6,500
Haredale House football pitch and goals	£40,800
Parkers Row garden	£12,500
Tower Bridge Road arch	£1,824

ROTHERHITHE

Proposal	Amount
Pedworth garden renovation	£28,074
St. Mary estate communal garden	£1,900
Albion estate tiered gardens	£43,000
Pynfolds safer play area	£10,400
Grow local network – St Peter and angels	£2,700
Abbeyfield notice boards	£3,450

ROTHERHITHE LIVESEY

Proposal	Amount
Links lick of paint – a touch of pride	£1,690
Walkways of Manor Grove, Tustin estate	£6,695
A cleaner, greener, safer Tustin estate	£25,312
Hanging baskets	£5,000
Brighten up Bowness	£14,400

SOUTH BERMONDSEY

Proposal	Amount
Donahue House security fencing	£12,000

Rennie estate green area	£15,140
Stevenson Crescent estate play area	£27,034
Longfields bike sheds	£6,500
Rennie and Manor estate notice board	£2,600
Rolls Road greening project	£16,250
Hanging baskets	£10,000

SURREY DOCKS

Proposal	Amount
Rejuvenation of Surrey Docks playground	£16,542
Surrey Water tree works	£47,750
Pearsons park outdoor gym	£28,750
Making hay with the sunshine	£22,680

16.2 CLEANER GREENER SAFER (CGS) REVENUE FUNDING 2014/15 (FORMERLY ITEM 14.2)

Note: This is an executive function.

Members considered the information contained in the report.

RESOLVED:

That the following amounts of CGS revenue funding 2014/2015 be allocated to the projects listed below:

ALL WARDS

Proposal	Amount
Rotherhithe and Bermondsey transition	£2,800

GRANGE

Proposal	Amount
Bermondsey Street Festival	£5,000

JMB Summer fun days for over 65s £4,000

Magdalen Hall youth club £17,000

RIVERSIDE

Proposal	Amount
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Tupman House worms at work	£1,000
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Shad Thames area – additional cleaning	£5,000
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Leap into life project	£13,000
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ROTHERHITHE

Proposal	Amount
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Grow local network – St Peter and angels	£5,380
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Grow local network – Detached youth team	£11,220
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Pynfolds cleaner bin area	£2,900
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SOUTH BERMONDSEY

Proposal	Amount
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Bede detached youth work team	£18,700
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Blue planters	£800
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SURREY DOCKS

Proposal	Amount
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Bermondsey Colts Football Club	£1,000
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RIVERSIDE / GRANGE

Proposal	Amount
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Bermondsey in Bloom	£1,000
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SURREY DOCKS

Proposal	Amount
Docklands JFC	£17,000

LIVESEY

Proposal	Amount
Millwall for All	£6,000
Lilderton Road cleaning	£3,700

17. COMMUNITY COUNCIL FUND 2014/15 (FORMERLY ITEM 15)

Note: This is an executive function.

Members considered the information contained in the report.

RESOLVED:

That the following amounts of Community Council Fund 2014/2015 be allocated to:

Proposal	Amount
Oxford and Bermondsey Youth Club - summer activities programme	£980
Yalding healthy living centre - Christmas party	£900
The Quay Players – musical performance	£980
Bonamy and Bramcote TRA – St George’s Day	£1,000
St Helena and Oldfield TRA – over 50s party	£954
Tustin Community Association - snooker championship	£953
Dance in SE16 and Arts Odyssey – More dance	£1,000
Fair community housing – Christmas party	£350
St Crispins TRA – Christmas pantomime	£800

Shad Thames Residents Association - Shad Thames Area Management Plan	£350
Southwark Arts Forum – START	£1,000
Alfred Salter School – organic garden	£500
Bede House Association – fun day	£600
Brunel Museum – summer play scheme	£600
Cavendish School – gardening workshop	£246
Friends of Southwark Park – photography project	£600
London Bubble Theatre – newcomers group	£500
Rainbow Arts and Crafts Group – calendar project	£300
Rotherhithe angling club – summer fishing scheme	£400
Time and Talents Association – summer party	£600
The Mayflower TRA – Un Zeu d’Enfant	£400
Avondale Community Events – parent and toddler	£850
Astley Coopers TRA – carnival comes to Astley	£850
Avondale Square residents association – fun day	£850
CAPIC – community trip	£650
Longfield TRA – fun day	£850
Stevenson Crescent estate TRA – fun day / barbq	£750
Proposal	Amount
Empowering People for Excellence - aim high programme	£800
Rotherhithe and Bermondsey choral society - come and sing ‘Joseph’	£400
Southwark Citizens Advice Bureaux - International Day for people with disabilities	£200
Southwark hate crime network – activities	£267

Southwark helping hands – seaside trip and picnic	£1,000
Southwark playhouse schools programme - play ground	£813
Volunteer Centre Southwark – Southwark stars	£300
Bermondsey Street Area partnership - Bermondsey Street festival	£980
Leathermarket JMB – community boat trip	£980
Spa Gardens and Thomas Keyse Society - art and Fun event	£980
Docklands settlement – taster day	£900
Friends of Lavender pond – discovering nature	£970
Osprey estate TRA – barbecue	£1,000
South Dock Marina Association – Dockstock 3	£1,000
Stave Hill Ecology Park – children’s bee-keeper suits	£525
Surrey Docks Farm – farm fairs	£1,000

18. LOCAL PARKING AMENDMENTS (FORMERLY ITEM 16)

Note: This is an executive function.

Members considered the information contained in the report.

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:
 - Hawkstone Road – install four hour destination disabled bay outside the Park Medical Centre.
 - Rollins Street – install double yellow lines adjacent to the entrance to Jewson’s yard and Leathams yard.
 - Redriff Road – install double yellow lines both sides of the highway between Lower Road and Worgan Street.
 - Melior Place – install double yellow lines across dropped kerb and

entrance to 17 Snowfields.

- Devonshire Grove – reposition bollards and amend associated prohibition of vehicular traffic.
2. That the following local parking amendment be deferred so that officers can consult with ward councillors on amendments to the proposal:
- Canada Street – extend the existing double yellow lines at the junction with Wolfe Crescent.

Councillor David Hubber enquired about an issue raised at a previous meeting concerning Southwark officers contacting Lewisham council regarding double yellow lines near Plough Way. The issue was near the borough boundary and required action on the Lewisham side. The chair said officers had spoken to Lewisham about it and that he would ask officers to follow up on that.

Councillor Eliza Mann asked that officers look into the possibility of cutting back trees on the northern end of St James Road, as the trees blocked the pavement. The chair said he would ask officers to follow up on that.

19. COMMUNITY COUNCIL QUESTION TO COUNCIL ASSEMBLY (FORMERLY ITEM 17)

Following discussions during the Canada Water area action plan item, about concerns over infrastructure and projected school places in future, the community council considered whether to submit a question to the Council Assembly meeting on 26 March 2014 and agreed the following:

“In the next 10 years, how many residents are you expecting to live in Rotherhithe and where will they go to school. What percentage of students of Bacon's College live in Rotherhithe?”

Meeting ended at 9.35pm

CHAIR:

DATED: