



Bermondsey and Rotherhithe Community Council

MINUTES of the OPEN section of the Bermondsey and Rotherhithe Community Council held on Wednesday 19 March 2014 at 7.00 pm at St James Church, Thurland Rd, London, SE16 4AA

PRESENT:

- Councillor Graham Neale (Chair)
- Councillor Paul Kyriacou (Vice-chair)
- Councillor Anood Al-Samerai
- Councillor Michael Bukola
- Councillor Jeff Hook
- Councillor David Hubber
- Councillor Richard Livingstone
- Councillor Linda Manchester
- Councillor Eliza Mann
- Councillor Wilma Nelson
- Councillor Lisa Rajan
- Councillor Michael Situ

OFFICER SUPPORT:

- Helen Laker, Community Involvement Officer
- 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

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Columba Blango, Denise Capstick, Mark Gettleson, Catherine McDonald and Paul Noblet; and for lateness from Councillors Michael Bukola, Paul Kyriacou and Lisa Rajan.

3. ITEMS OF BUSINESS THAT THE CHAIR DEEMS URGENT

The chair announced that a late report: Cleaner Greener Safer – Change Control Report had been circulated as part of Supplementary Agenda No. 1. This was agreed as a late

and urgent report due to the timeframe for works to be carried out.

4. DISCLOSURE OF MEMBERS' INTERESTS AND DISPENSATIONS

12. Local Parking Amendments.

Councillor Jeff Hook, non-pecuniary, as he had introduced several of the parking amendments to officers. He would not take part in that decision.

5. MINUTES

That the minutes of the meeting held on 29 January 2014 be agreed as a correct record of that meeting and signed by the chair, subject to the following change:

In item 13, the penultimate paragraph should be amended to read:

“There was a discussion on the size of the area and the benefit from the proposals, and some disagreement on those matters and on the amount of consultation that had taken place with groups in the community.”

6. DEPUTATIONS / PETITIONS (IF ANY)

There were none.

7. COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

Riverside Ward - Safer neighbourhoods panel

Colin Hartridge-Price explained that the panel consisted of people with an interest in the community who discussed current local issues and concerns. The meetings were held every two months. At those meetings local priorities were agreed with the police. New panel members were welcome.

Harmsworth Quays development

Eleanor Wright, British Land Company Plc, thanked those who had attended a recent “meet the team” event at the print works site. She explained that the first stage of the consultation on the print works had been released. Further information was available on the website and via a newsletter. Contact: Eleanor.Wright@britishland.com or Tel. 020 7467 3335.

Tea Break Theatre

Claire from London Bubble Theatre Company, explained that taking part in the theatre generally offered something positive to a person's wellbeing. After Easter, a tea break theatre project would be commencing. It was aimed at people who wanted to do something creative - perhaps story telling, poetry or performing, but without formal classes. It would be on Wednesdays 4.30pm – 6.30pm and refreshments would be available. There would be singing and a fun atmosphere during the sessions. All were welcome. Contact: claire@londonbubble.org or Tel. 020 7237 4434.

8. POLICE AND COMMUNITY SAFETY UPDATE

Sergeant Mike Rigby, Rotherhithe Police Team, explained that he had been working in Rotherhithe since November 2013 and in Southwark since 1987. He emphasised the importance of residents reporting crime as that helped the police see a pattern of incidents and to properly assign officers to the relevant areas.

Sgt Rigby reported that crime had fallen 13% since the same period last year. One exception was motor vehicle crime which had risen during the year. The main concerns of residents were anti-social behaviour and drug related crime. There was a new borough commander for Southwark in post – Chief Superintendent Zander Gibson. He would review police arrangements for the borough in due course.

Certificates of appreciation

At this point in the meeting the chair invited several young people from the Bermondsey and Rotherhithe Youth Community Council to collect certificates of appreciation. The certificates were in recognition of their work in the community.

9. HEALTH AND WELLBEING THEME

The chair thanked all those who had taken part in the health and wellbeing fair that had preceded the community council meeting (5.30pm – 7pm).

Stopping Smoking

Gareth Absolom from Guy's and St. Thomas's Trust, explained that the programme to help people to stop smoking offered support through specialist services for those who wanted to quit. The support included medicine and home visits in certain cases. Gareth highlighted the dangers of illegal tobacco often aimed at younger smokers or the socially disadvantaged. Illegal tobacco also affected local businesses, tax revenues and was sometimes linked to organised crime.

In response to questions, Gareth made the following points:

- The specialist stop smoking service in Southwark was looking to do evening clinics. The services offered in pharmacies was available evenings and weekends.
- Shisha tobacco was not safer than cigarette tobacco and was often inhaled deeper into the lungs due to the cooling process in the smoking.

Southwark Health and Wellbeing Board

Helen Laker, Community Involvement Officer, explained that the Health and Wellbeing Board was a new statutory body bringing together health partners in the borough. It included King's Hospital, Guy's Hospital, Healthwatch Southwark, the council and the Clinical Commission Group (CCG). The main purpose was to improve and join up services and improve health and wellbeing. At the moment the team were speaking to local people about their stories and experiences of health issues "the 1,000 lives programme". There

were interviews taking place with groups and one to ones at various drop-in sessions around the borough. The board would then develop a strategy for the community. Contact: helen.laker@southwark.gov.uk or Tel. 020 7525 0848.

Councillor Lisa Rajan announced that several residents including herself were running the London marathon to raise money for the Time and Talents charity. All were welcome to support the fund raising effort.

Health through Dance: Dance in SE16

Marilena and Paul, opened the item with a performance of 'merengue dancing' involving residents, officers and councillors.

Marilena explained that Dance in SE16 was a community organisation to provide information on dance classes, groups and events. There were numerous benefits that flowed from dancing: improved fitness, reduced blood pressure, stronger bones, along with making new friends. Dance in SE16 was a hub for various types of classes and social events. Contact: laura_erwin@rocketmail.com or see Dance in SE16 on Facebook.

10. WORKSHOPS

The following three workshops took place after the break and ran concurrently:

Workshop 1 – Future for Bermondsey

Workshop 2 – Future for Rotherhithe

Workshop 3 – A healthier Bermondsey and Rotherhithe

The chair thanked everyone for taking part in the workshops and advised that feedback would be circulated via the community council newsletter and at the first meeting of the new municipal year in July. One idea behind the workshops was that many of the themes and topics raised by residents would be covered at future community council meetings.

11. PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

The following public questions were submitted in writing at the meeting:

1. "Would Southwark council be applying for money to fix potholes." The chair added that Bermondsey and Rotherhithe should be applying for some of the available funds.
2. "What action was the council taking to tackle relative deprivation, inequalities and health concerns in the areas along the A200 (Jamaica Road, Lower Road and Evelyn Street)."

The following public questions were posed at the meeting:

3. A resident gave thanks for the all the work done that led to the restoration of the Bermondsey Boer War Memorial that was situated on the St James Church site.

12. CLEANER, GREENER, SAFER - CHANGE CONTROL REPORT (FORMERLY ITEM 13)

Note: This is an executive function.

Members considered information contained in the report.

RESOLVED:

That an under spend of £10,800 from the Cleaner Greener Safer programme be reallocated to the following application:

ROTHERHITHE

Proposal	Amount
Southwark Park play area improvements	£10,800

Note: At this point Councillor Jeff Hook left the meeting.

13. LOCAL PARKING AMENDMENTS (FORMERLY ITEM 12)

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:
 - Canada Street – extend the existing double yellow lines at the junction with Wolfe Crescent.
 - St. Marychurch Street – install double yellow lines both sides of the highway across the entrance to Time and Talents at the junction with Mayflower Street.
 - Shad Thames area – install double yellow lines across dropped kerbs in Queen Elizabeth Street, Gainsford Street, Maguire Street and Lafone Street.
 - Kipling Street – install double yellow lines opposite entrance to multi-storey car park.
 - Grange Walk – install new car club bay.
 - St Marychurch Street and Tunnel Road – extend double yellow lines at the junction with Tunnel Road and the entrance to Adams Garden Estate.

- Fishermans Drive – extend double yellow lines (southwest side) at the junction with Timber Pond Road.
 - Timber Pond Road – extend double yellow lines (southwest side) outside No.6.
 - Quebec Way – extend double yellow lines (southwest side) leading to the width restriction outside the Alfred Salter Primary School.
 - Rotherhithe Street – install double yellow lines outside and opposite the Orange Bull public house.
2. That the following local parking amendment be deferred so that officers can consult with ward councillors on amendments to the proposal:
- Hatteraick Street and Brunel Road – install double yellow lines at the junction with Brunel Road and entrance to estate.

Meeting ended at 9.05pm

CHAIR:

DATED: