

## **Borough, Bankside and Walworth Community Council**

MINUTES of the OPEN section of the Borough, Bankside and Walworth Community Council held on Saturday 7 February 2015 at 1.00 pm at St Saviour's and St Olaves's School, New Kent Road (entrance at Bartholomew Street), London SE1 4AN

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**PRESENT:** Councillor Martin Seaton (Chair)  
Councillor Claire Maugham (Vice Chair)  
Councillor Maisie Anderson  
Councillor Neil Coyle  
Councillor Karl Eastham  
Councillor Paul Fleming  
Councillor Dan Garfield  
Councillor Eleanor Kerslake  
Councillor Lorraine Lauder MBE  
Councillor Maria Linfoth-Hall  
Councillor Rebecca Lury  
Councillor Darren Merrill  
Councillor Adele Morris

**OTHERS** Councillor Radha Burgess, Deputy Cabinet Member for Women's Safety  
Christine Adeosun, local business woman

**OFFICER SUPPORT:** Eva Gomez, Community Engagement Officer  
Susannah Pettit, Planning Officer  
Andrea Allen, Senior Project Manager  
Sean Usher, Constitutional Officer

### **1. WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS**

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

### **2. APOLOGIES**

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors David Noakes and Vijay Luthra.

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

There were none.

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

The chair announced that the following stalls were at the back of the hall:

- New Southwark Plan
- Licensing Consultation.

## **5. MINUTES**

Following a query from the public on the public questions section of the minutes of the meeting it was:

### **RESOLVED:**

1. That officers investigate the issue raised about the public question section of the minutes and;
2. The minutes of the meeting held on 29 November 2015 be resubmitted to the 17 March 2015 meeting.

## **6. PETITIONS AND DEPUTATIONS**

There were none.

## **7. YOUTH COMMUNITY SLOT**

A representative from the Youth Community Council (YCC) addressed the community council and gave an update on their activities. The YCC are hoping to repeat their successful Youth Hub at Easter and have activities such as music, beatboxing, circus skills, CV skills, healthy cooking and various art activities. The representative informed the community council that Lend-Lease had offered the YCC some space in Art Works.

## **8. POLICE ANNOUNCEMENT**

The chair and the members of the community council agreed to vary the agenda slightly to allow the new inspector, Inspector Martin Nicholson to speak earlier in the meeting as he had to leave early.

Inspector Nicholson outlined his work in the area and informed the meeting of the large fall in street crimes. He reminded the local community that their chances of being a victim of crime is very low. The inspector answered a variety of questions from the local residents and councillors including questions relating to cyclists ignoring traffic lights in Walworth and issues of visibility of police on the beat. Local residents expressed the opinion that they wanted more police on patrol throughout the community council area.

The chair invited Inspector Nicholson to the next meeting.

## **8. COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS**

The chair and vice chair then made the following announcements:

### **Fairtrade Fortnight**

Southwark is a Fairtrade borough, meaning that the council and the community have committed to coming together to promote the use and sale of Fairtrade products. By choosing Fairtrade products, we have the power to change the world every day. With one simple choice farmers get a better deal. That means they can make their own decisions, control their futures and lead the dignified life everyone deserves. That is why the tea and

coffee at Community Council meetings is Fairtrade.

Fairtrade Fortnight this year is 23 February to the 8 March. All local Fairtrade events are on the council's website. If anyone is planning anything for Fairtrade Fortnight, please visit [www.southwark.gov.uk/Fairtrade](http://www.southwark.gov.uk/Fairtrade) to let us know about your event. This webpage will also provide details about other planned events, and further information about Fairtrade in Southwark.

### **Have your say on Southwark Quietway Routes**

Whether or not you cycle, the council wants you to tell us what we can do to improve safety conditions for all road users along this route. Your comments will inform the design of the proposals along the route. The council wants to work with residents, cyclists, pedestrians and motorists who use this route to develop proposals that will benefit all road users.

Using the [Interactive Map Tool](#), tell us what improvements you would like to see along the route. You can pinpoint locations and add comments. Tell us about problem locations or opportunities to improve road safety and your aspiration for the street environment. For example, there may be a junction you want to see improved for both pedestrians and cyclists.

Outline proposals will be shared with the public as and when they become available. If you would like to give more detailed feedback please contact [streetcare@southwark.gov.uk](mailto:streetcare@southwark.gov.uk).

You can also have your say on the cycling strategy at:

[http://www.southwark.gov.uk/info/200123/cycling/447/cycle\\_routes](http://www.southwark.gov.uk/info/200123/cycling/447/cycle_routes)

### **The Neighbourhoods Fund**

The Neighbourhoods Fund is an amalgamation of the Community Council Fund (CCF) and the Cleaner Greener Safer Revenue fund (CGSR). The fund was launched on Monday 5 January.

The total amount available borough-wide is £542,000 to support projects and activities run by local groups that enhance inclusion, improve the neighbourhood and develop stronger communities.

Each ward will have just over £25,000 to allocate/spend on projects.

What kind of things can be funded?

The Neighbourhoods Fund can provide money for projects benefitting people, who live in the community council area, that:

- Encourages people from different backgrounds to work together;
- Establishes projects which promote respect and consideration for each other;
- Gives residents the opportunity to improve their local area;

- Provide funding for additional neighbourhood improvement such as clean ups.

This is an online application process, however a few application forms were available at the registration desk. Closing date for receipt of all applications is 12 noon, Monday 16 February 2015. Applications submitted after this time will not be considered.

Councillors will announce their decision at the next community council meeting on Tuesday 17 March.

For more information please contact Pauline Bonner on 020 7525 1019 / email [Pauline.bonner@southwark.gov.uk](mailto:Pauline.bonner@southwark.gov.uk)

Additional community announcements were made by:

Southwark Council's licensing department are conducting a review of the licensing policy and asked local residents to take part in the consultation.

Old Kent Road Community Forum announced that their first meeting is being held at the former Livesey Museum on Wednesday 11 February 2015. The representative invited local residents and businesses to attend.

## **9. PROPOSED THEME: SAFETY FOR WOMEN, SAFETY FOR ALL**

The theme of the meeting was introduced by Councillor Radha Burgess (deputy cabinet member for women's safety) and Eva Gomez Safer Communities Team Manager. Eva informed the meeting that many of the premises that had signed up to the charter were local to the community council area.

Following a presentation of the women's safety charter, questions were taken from members of the community council and the public.

The council is seeking a wider adoption of the charter and officers asked for help from the local community to have more premises involved. Local residents were asked to persuade their local pubs and clubs to get involved and sign up. Further information is available on the council website and from officers who are happy to post out information to those residents who did not have internet access.

Councillor Radha Burgess suggested that the charter could be incorporated into the licensing policy, licensing conditions in some way. Councillor Adele Morris stated that recently a premises that was being reviewed by the licensing sub-committee mentioned it was signing up to the charter. It was suggested that the charter could be included in the council's licensing policy which is currently being reviewed and consulted on. It is also possible to report venues that are signed up to the charter if someone feels that the specific premises is in breach of the charter. Officers informed the meeting that venues could be reported to the council if they were in breach.

As well as the main theme, a local businesswoman had been invited along to the meeting. Christine Adeosun a local business woman spoke to the community council about being a woman in business in Southwark and the difficulties she had encountered and the help she had received from Southwark Council.

## **10. THE NEW SOUTHWARK PLAN**

Susannah Pettit, planning officer presented the Southwark Plan and councillors and the public had questions for the officer. Questions were received about local pubs and the possibility of counting the amount of existing pubs in Southwark. The issue of pubs being closed and converted was raised. Local residents asked if the plan could have more about disabilities and the elderly.

The officer presenting the plan informed the public and members that the consultation was ongoing and local residents could suggest these things as part of that consultation.

## **11. PUBLIC QUESTION TIME**

The following public questions were received at the meeting: :

- Southwark Fire Station (this was taken as the Community Council question to Council Assembly on March 25 2015). See item 12.
- How did the council get into the mess over the judicial review (super sewer) and the cost to council tax payers. Can we sack the head of legal?
- Why is the council closing payment offices? Does it save money to close payment offices?
- Every time I pass through the Heygate Estate and cross the Heygate Street bridge I feel unsafe. Can officers ensure it is safe?
- Why are we not given the opportunity to disagree with a response or question an officer over our public questions?

In a response to a query about outstanding answers, officers will seek the outstanding answers from previous meetings and bring them to a future meeting of the community council.

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

The community council agreed to submit the following question, which had originally been raised during public question time, to council assembly:

“What actions has the council taken to try and help ensure (an element of) the existing Southwark fire station building is retained so there is potential for it to be returned to use as a fire station at a later stage and used for community use in the interim?”

## **13. LOCAL PARKING AMENDMENTS**

**Note:** This is an executive function.

Members considered the information contained in the report.

**RESOLVED:**

That the following local traffic and parking amendments, detailed in the appendices to the report, be approved for implementation subject to the outcome of any necessary statutory procedures:

- Meadow Row – install double yellow lines and extend existing permit holder only parking bays to improve access and resident parking availability.
- Newcomen Street – remove existing permit parking bay and replace with double yellow lines and reprovide the parking bay to east of the junction with Tennis Street.

#### **14. EAST CAMBERWELL PARKING ZONE REVIEW**

##### **RESOLVED:**

The community council noted the contents of the report.

#### **15. CLEANER GREENER SAFER: FUNDING REALLOCATION**

**Note:** This is an executive function.

The community council considered the report.

##### **RESOLVED:**

1. That the re-allocation of a total of £57,147 to seven projects be approved one in 2012/2013 Cleaner Greener Safer capital programme and six in the 2014/2015 Cleaner Greener Safer capital programme; and as part of the 2015/2016 programme, as set out in Appendix 1 of the report.
2. That the partial change of scope for project Albert Barnes House sheds / yard project reference [106280], be approved.

#### **16. CLEANER GREENER SAFER CAPITAL FUNDING 2015 - 2016 - DECISIONS**

Andrea Allen, Senior Project Manager, introduced her report.

**Note:** This is an executive function.

Members considered the information in the report.

##### **RESOLVED:**

1. That the following cleaner greener safer capital funding be allocated for 2015-16:

<b>Ref</b>	<b>Proposal Name</b>	<b>Ward</b>	<b>Award</b>
400163	Slade Picnic Area	Newington	£12,500.00
372950	Planting in Ambergate Street	Newington	£3,000.00

376217	Kids gardening club	Newington	£1,080.00
377684	New Improved recycling centre on Hampton Street.	Newington	£8,340.00
400205	Children's play area and outdoor gym Penrose Estate	Newington	£25,000.00
377916	Greener Draper 2015	Newington	£5,400.00
378083 & 378100	Designing out grot spot at Walworth Garden Farm	Newington	£22,700.00
378207	Rutley Close landscaping and community gardening project	Newington	£15,000.00
378344	Kennington Park Extension Orchard Growing space	Newington	£8,000.00
	Newington - Unallocated		£204.00
	Total		£101,224.00

Ref	Proposal Name	Ward	Award
400176	Lucy Brown House fish pond	Cathedrals	£3,675.00
400192	Continuation of gardening project at Lant and Bittern St TRA	Cathedrals	£2,380.00
400191	Cooper Close 2 wheeled solution	Cathedrals	£14,610.00
377621	New play for Little Dorrit Park	Cathedrals	£12,000.00
377779	The Rochester Estate bubblegum adventure playground	Cathedrals	£24,179.00
377945	Styles House bin improvements	Cathedrals	£2,600.00
378011	Christ Church Cross	Cathedrals	£1,080.00
378065	Floodlighting Most Precious Blood Church	Cathedrals	£5,400.00
378075	Scovell Playground	Cathedrals	£20,000.00
378210	More air for London	Cathedrals	£1,000.00
400243	Pattball - Marlborough playground	Cathedrals	£2,600.00
	Total		£89,524.00

Ref	Proposal Name	Ward	Award
360858	Keep Cartwright House tidy	Chaucer	£9,500.00
371107	Symington House and Dawkins Court interactive wild garden	Chaucer	£16,200.00
374287	Green Walk (Tower Bridge Road improvement)	Chaucer	£650.00
374313	Albert Barnes House back yard raised flowerbeds	Chaucer	£5,850.00
374326	Greening Thorn Ham	Chaucer	£460.00
377215	Peveril House pocket park	Chaucer	£7,560.00
377225	Meadow Row	Chaucer	£4,000.00
377560	Woodland corner for St.George's Gardens	Chaucer	
378085	Betsham House play area and garden.	Chaucer	£12,500.00
400270	Manciple St improvements	Chaucer	£4,500.00

400271	Harper Row shops	Chaucer	£12,500.00
368987	Making Meakin more	Chaucer	£13,500.00
376598	Rock-it kids Gardening Club	Chaucer	£216.00
	Chaucer - Unallocated		£2,088.00
	Total		£89,524.00

The meeting ended at 3.49pm

**CHAIR:**

**DATED:**