



Bermondsey and Rotherhithe Community Council

MINUTES of the OPEN section of the Bermondsey and Rotherhithe Community Council held on Saturday 27 June 2015 at 1.00 pm at St James Church, Thurland Road, Bermondsey, London SE16 4AA

PRESENT: Councillor Bill Williams (Chair)
Councillor Sunny Lambe (Vice-Chair)
Councillor Evelyn Akoto
Councillor Anood Al-Samerai
Councillor Stephanie Cryan
Councillor Catherine Dale
Councillor Lucas Green
Councillor David Hubber
Councillor Hamish McCallum
Councillor Damian O'Brien
Councillor James Okosun
Councillor Leo Pollak
Councillor Richard Livingstone
Councillor Eliza Mann
Councillor Michael Situ
Councillor Kath Whittam

OFFICER Stephen Douglass, Head of Community Engagement
SUPPORT: Eamon Doran, Manager Road Safety & Community Projects
Marian Farrugia, Community Council Development Officer
Tim Murtagh, Constitutional Officer

1. INTRODUCTION AND WELCOME

The chair thanked the New Covenant Choir for performing songs prior to the meeting.

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

A one minute silence was observed in remembrance of: Armed Forces Day, Barry Albin-Dyer (community activist recently deceased) and Tommy Blackmore (a recent victim of murder on Tower Bridge Road).

The chair congratulated Simon Hughes on the recent award of a knighthood and also Neil Coyle MP on his parliamentary election victory in May 2015.

2. APOLOGIES

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Ben Johnson and Lisa Rajan.

3. ITEMS OF BUSINESS THAT THE CHAIR DEEMS URGENT

There were none.

Councillor Al-Samerai raised a matter which she had discussed with the chair prior to the meeting. A few years ago the council had put out for consultation an area around Cherry Gardens, known as the Edward III conservation area. A report had been received by the Bermondsey and Rotherhithe Community Council and members voted for the area to be designated as a conservation area. However, the conservation area had not yet been implemented.

RESOLVED:

The following motion was moved by Councillor Anood Al-Samerai, seconded by Councillor Bill Williams, and agreed:

“Bermondsey and Rotherhithe Community Council regrets the decision of the planning department to ignore and override the views of elected members in failing to designate the Edward III conservation area extension. We call on the planning department and cabinet member to designate this area or attend the next meeting of Bermondsey and Rotherhithe Community Council to explain how the views of the community will be enacted.”

4. DISCLOSURE OF MEMBERS' INTERESTS AND DISPENSATIONS

There were none.

5. MINUTES

RESOLVED:

That the minutes of the meeting held on 23 March 2015 be agreed as a correct record of that meeting.

6. DEPUTATIONS / PETITIONS (IF ANY)

There were none.

7. COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mediator training in SE1 and SE16

Dave Walker, Mediation Coordinator, gave a brief overview and requested volunteer mediators. For further information contact: davewalker@southwarkmediation.co.uk or

Tel. 07932 762 001 / 020 7708 4959

Black History Month grants scheme

Marian Farrugia, Community Council Development Officer, explained that the grant application programme would close on Monday 29 June 2015. Black History Month would take place in October 2015. Further information available on the Southwark website.

Community Infrastructure Project List (CIPL)

The chair read out a statement from officers that explained this would be an item at the next community council meeting in October 2015. Residents seeking to add projects to the CIPL should email the council at: zayd.al-jawad@southwark.gov.uk or jack.ricketts@southwark.gov.uk

Councillors requested workshops on this item at the next meeting to involve the community in project selection for the CIPL.

Unicorn Theatre

Sally Pembroke, from the Unicorn, highlighted the summer project for 11 – 17 year olds called Urban Arts Week. Also, Fun Palace, was part of a national campaign, that would run in early October 2015. The format in Southwark would be up to the community. Contact: sally.pembroke@unicorntheatre.com

11,000 New Council Homes Consultation

Councillor Richard Livingstone, Cabinet Member for Housing, briefly updated the meeting on the programme. The next stage of the consultation on design features, community facilities and amenity spaces was about to commence. Forms were available at the venue and on the council website.

British Land – Progress on Canada Water master plan

Sarah Ward, from British Land (BL), explained that BL had acquired the Surrey Quays leisure park site in March. That meant the site could be considered along with the print works and shopping centre site to enable a more joined up approach to the master plan. Local residents would receive newsletters in July referring to update sessions taking place over the summer. Further consultation would take place on the master plan in the Autumn.

GP Services in Southwark

Lucy Ing, Engagement Team of NHS Southwark Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG), outlined briefly some changes to GP services in Southwark. Some residents had found difficulty in arranging appointments and the services on offer confusing. The CCG had been working to simplify the services available. An extended primary care service meant that registered residents could now get appointments up until 8pm in the evening and over the weekends from two overflow clinics – Bermondsey Spa health centre and the Lister primary care centre.

8. COMMUNITY SAFETY UPDATE

Inspector Steve Landers from the Local Police Team gave a summary of recent activities.

9. GP SERVICES IN SOUTHWARK

This item was covered under item 7.

10. COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT THEME

Stephen Douglass, Head of Community Engagement, gave an overview of the item.

A drama performance took place by the London Bubble Theatre Company.

Bermondsey Carnival / Bermondsey Beat – Russell Dryden explained that this year's carnival would be taking place on Saturday 4 July 2015.

Rotherhithe Festival – Gary Magold and Barry Duckett, explained that this year's festival would be taking place on Saturday 11 July 2015.

Southwark Food Bank - Felicia Boshorin, Project Manager, explained that the food bank was one of six projects in Pecan. The food bank started in 2002. Last year 26 tonnes of food was given out. All volunteers and donations would be welcomed.

Contact: felicia.boshorin@pecan.org.uk

Summertime programme – Various local forthcoming community events were announced.

There were 3 ward based workshops / discussions on themes for the year ahead and how the community council meetings could be improved.

At the end of the break there was brief feedback from each group on the workshop discussions that had taken place. The chair explained that the notes would be fed back into the planning of future community council meetings.

11. PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

The following public questions were asked at this meeting:

1. A resident asked for a consensus on the old Fisher Athletic football ground to stay as a park which would be a good legacy for Barry Albin-Dyer. The chair said that reflected the mood of members present.
2. A resident said that too many pubs were closing. One was the Clipper pub and he highlighted the campaign to have the Clipper pub recognised as an asset of community value. Councillor Hubber responded that planning officers were taking legal advice in light of the application.

12. LOCAL TRAFFIC AND PARKING AMENDMENTS

12.1 ESTATE PARKING SCHEME ON FOUR SQUARES ESTATE, BERMONDSEY

Note: This is an executive function.

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:

- Four Squares Estate (Corner of Drummond Road and Clements Road) to be included in estate parking scheme.

12.2 LOCAL PARKING AMENDMENTS

Note: This is an executive function.

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:

- St Marychurch Street – install double yellow lines adjacent to a proposed vehicle crossover that will provide access to No.1.
- Moodkee Street – convert existing single yellow line to double yellow lines to provide vehicle access to the park at any time.
- Bryan Road – extend existing double yellow lines at the junction with Rotherhithe Street to ensure sufficient space for two vehicles to pass at the junction.
- Downtown Road – install double yellow lines to improve inter-visibility at the junctions with Steers Way and Somerford Way.
- Plough Way – install double yellow lines to prevent obstructive parking and improve traffic flow and improve inter-visibility at the junctions with Lighter Close and Sweden Gate.

13. SECURE CYCLE PARKING (BIKE HANGARS)

Eamon Doran, Manager Road Safety & Community Projects, summarised the report. Comments from the community council included:

- The response to the consultation was numerically low but a high percentage of respondents were in favour. Please could efforts be made so that it was more widespread in future.

- Bike theft was one area of crime on the rise so bike hangars were a positive step to tackle that.
- A request was made for some bike hangars to be located on the corner of Western Street and Leathermarket.

14. COMMUNITY COUNCIL QUESTION TO COUNCIL ASSEMBLY

There was no question put forward from this meeting.

Meeting ended at 3.50pm

CHAIR:

DATED: