



Bermondsey and Rotherhithe Community Council

Minutes of the Bermondsey and Rotherhithe Community Council held on Wednesday 2 December 2015 at 7.00 pm at Links Community Centre, 353 Rotherhithe New Road, London SE16 3HF

PRESENT: Councillor Sunny Lambe (Vice-Chair in the Chair)
Councillor Evelyn Akoto
Councillor Anood Al-Samerai
Councillor Stephanie Cryan
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 Lisa Rajan
Councillor Kath Whittam
Councillor Michael Situ

OFFICER SUPPORT: Alistair Huggett, Planning Projects Manager
Ian Ransom, Project Manager in Environment and Leisure
Doug McNab, Planning Policy Team
Gill Kelly, Community Councils Development Officer
Marian Farrugia, Community Councils 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 Bill Williams (Chair), Catherine Dale and Ben Johnson; and for lateness from Councillors Evelyn Akoto and Lisa Rajan.

3. ITEMS OF BUSINESS THAT THE CHAIR DEEMS URGENT

There were none.

4. DISCLOSURE OF MEMBERS' INTERESTS AND DISPENSATIONS

There were none.

5. MINUTES

RESOLVED:

That the minutes of the meeting held on 17 October 2015 be agreed as a correct record of that meeting.

Matters arising: Edward III Conservation Area

The chair read out a letter from the director of planning, that had been sent to the chair of Bermondsey and Rotherhithe Community Council on 29 October 2015. In the letter, the director of planning apologised for not keeping the community council informed about matters relating to the extension to the Edward III Rotherhithe conservation area.

6. DEPUTATIONS / PETITIONS (IF ANY)

There were none.

7. COUNCIL'S BUDGET CONSULTATION

Councillor Richard Livingstone, cabinet member for housing, explained that, as in previous years, the council was carrying out a consultation on its budget. The council was responsible for a range of services and it had been forced to make savings over the last five years of £156 million. Over the next three years, the expectation was for a further funding reduction of about £96 million.

This year's consultation exercise was interactive voting, in response to a series of eleven questions on future council funding priorities.

Residents in attendance were given voting pads and their responses were recorded for analysis along with those recorded at other community council meetings in the borough.

8. COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

Neighbourhood Fund 2016-17

Marian Farrugia, community council development officer, explained that the neighbourhood fund 2016-17, had been launched on 2 November 2015 and would close at 12 noon on 6 January 2016. Southwark's community councils had a total of £630,000 to support activities run by local groups, for local people, across the borough.

The funding was ward-based and each ward had been allocated approximately £30,000

for community projects. Awards would generally be between £500 and £5,000. Residents were encouraged to apply if they had an idea for a community project that would enhance their local area or bring local people together. Contact: marian.farrugia@southwark.gov.uk or Tel. 020 7525 1780.

Update on Canada Water Masterplan from British Land

A spokesperson from British Land encouraged residents to join the email distribution group and receive regular updates on the development. Feedback from two recent planning sessions was available online. Newsletters were also distributed. All were welcome to attend future sessions and feedback on those would be given in due course. Consultation on the masterplan would take place in 2016.

Silvertown Tunnel

Councillor Stephanie Cryan explained that she had been working jointly with Councillor Damian O'Brien on Silvertown Tunnel as a cross party issue. They were against the idea of tolling the Silvertown Tunnel and Blackwall Tunnel as that would have a negative impact on the Rotherhithe Tunnel and the traffic and air quality in the area around Jamaica Road. The plan was to send a letter from the community council to Transport for London (TfL).

9. COMMUNITY SAFETY UPDATE

Apologies for absence were received from Inspector Steve Landers, Sergeant Chris Iliffe and PC Chris Chapman.

10. COMMUNITY INFRASTRUCTURE PROJECT LIST (CIPL) WORKSHOPS

Alistair Huggett, from the planning projects team, explained that residents were invited to give their views on the current project list and suggest additional projects for inclusion.

The meeting broke up into ward based workshops with large maps to assist the discussion.

Following on from the workshops, Alistair asked for councillors to email comments to him capturing the conversations from the workshops. He added that he would probably attend the next community council with an updated list. Residents could write directly to Alistair with their project ideas or via their ward councillors.

For further information see:

www.southwark.gov.uk/info/856/planning_policy/2696/community_infrastructure_levy

Contact: alistair.huggett@southwark.gov.uk or Tel. 020 7525 5776.

11. JUBILEE CYCLE QUIETWAY

Ian Ransom, project manager from the environment and leisure team, introduced the report on cycle routes through quieter streets. He explained that the cycle route also went through the area of Borough, Bankside and Walworth Community Council and the report had previously gone to that community council for comment. The decision would be taken

by the cabinet member for environment and public realm, Councillor Darren Merrill.

Councillors raised concerns that the proposals would lead to congestion and said they would forward those to Councillor Merrill.

RESOLVED:

That the community council generally supports the recommendations in the report with the exception of the one way systems for Leathermarket Street and Tanner Street, where it was thought the traffic flows should be reversed to flow in the opposite direction.

12. PLANNING POLICY VISION FOR BERMONDSEY AND ROTHERHITHE

Doug McNab, from the planning policy team, gave a presentation.

The New Southwark Plan

- A new local plan for Southwark setting out policies for determining planning applications and identifying sites for development
- A replacement to Core Strategy (2011) and Southwark Plan (2007)
- Will include visions for how residents want different places to change
- To be adopted in 2017 after three stages of consultation

Second stage of consultation – Preferred option version

- Consultation period runs from 26 October 2015 to 12 February 2016
- Online at: www.southwark.gov.uk/newsouthwarkplan
- Comments welcomed

Area vision consultation

- Alongside consultation on the New Southwark Plan there would be consultation on area visions
- For Bermondsey and Rotherhithe, a focus on the following areas of change: London Bridge, The Blue, Canada Water
- Officers are contacting local groups to offer to attend meetings to discuss the area visions.

For enquiries and comments: please email planningpolicy@southwark.gov.uk or Tel. 020 7525 4530.

13. PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

In response to a question from a resident, the chair explained that prior to the meeting awards had been given to the winners of the Bermondsey in Bloom competition. This year's winners were:

- Winner of the resident garden category – Ayse Emirali
- Winner of the community garden category - Arundel Court Resident Association, submitted by Linda Manley
- Winner of the edible gardens category – Time and Talents, submitted by Bruno

- Lacey (award picked up by Alex Evans)
- Winner of the estate garden category – Pynfolds Garden, submitted by Edwina Mayne
- Winner of the balcony and window box category – Julio Calderon and Ve' Keech.

In response to a question about the lack of suitable road markings at Redriff Primary School (RPS), and concerns about safety, Councillor David Hubber said he had discussed the issue with the Head of RPS. It had been raised at a recent meeting of the construction group and it now was up to Barratt to come up with a solution. Councillor Lucas Green added that he was happy to also take up the issue as the chair of governors at RPS.

In response to a question about the Pumphouse Museum and whether there could be more transparency on any proposals, Councillor David Hubber said that bidding was taking place currently. He added that there was no reason why local people should not know who the bids were from and what they were for. Any successful bid would then be subject to the council's planning process.

14. LOCAL PARKING AMENDMENTS: GRANGE WALK - REMOVAL OF AMBULANCE, DISABLED BAYS AND PROVISION OF SHARED USE BAYS

Note: This is an executive function.

Councillors considered the information contained in the report.

RESOLVED:

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

Grange Walk

- removal of disabled bay
- removal of ambulance bay
- provide shared use bay.

15. COMMUNITY COUNCIL QUESTION TO COUNCIL ASSEMBLY

The community council considered whether to submit a question to the next council assembly meeting.

RESOLVED:

“Can the Leader of the Council make sure that a full traffic management survey is carried out for the area between Great Dover Street, Borough High Street, Tower Bridge Road and the river. Also, that it includes any information obtainable from Network Rail.”

Meeting ended at 9.30pm

CHAIR:

DATED: