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## **Borough and Bankside Community Council Agenda**

**Date:** Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> July 2005

**Time:** 7.00 PM

### **The Cathedral School of St Saviour and St Mary Overie, Redcross Way, SE1 (MAP ON PAGE 21)**

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1. Introduction and welcome [*Chair*]
2. Apologies
3. Disclosure of Members' interests and dispensations
4. Items of business that the Chair deems urgent

#### **Matters from the previous meeting**

5. Minutes to be agreed from the meeting on 8<sup>th</sup> June 2005
6. Update on issues raised at the previous meeting
7. **Community Announcements and Information Items**  
An opportunity for members of the community to raise local matters not covered by the agenda. There is a further opportunity to ask questions, after the break

#### **Main Business**

8. **Deputations and Petitions** (7.10pm)

9. **Street trading on designated pitches** (7.15pm)

See pages 18-20 for further information on this item

10. **Community Strategy** (7.25pm)

Paul Evans, Director of Regeneration, will update the meeting on how the community strategy for the next 10 years will be revised

- 11. Transport strategy (7.55pm)**  
Kendal Mackay will present the consultation on the Local Implementation Plan (LIP)
- 12. Housing Update (8.05pm)**  
General housing matters.
- 14. Police Update (8.10pm)**  
General issues can be raised at this point in the meeting.  
Police officers are available at the break to discuss individual cases.
- Break (8.20pm)**  
Opportunity for members of the public to speak with councillors and officers. (Tea and coffee available.)
- 15. C,G,S 2005-06 (8.30pm)**  
Report on the response to this year's programme and Members to make decisions on allocation of £400K
- 16. Update on Neighbourhood Renewal work (8.45pm)**  
Tim Holton, new Project Manager will be at meeting
- 17. Statement of Community Involvement (8.55pm)**  
What it is and how it fits into the new planning system /  
Introducing an initial round of consultation
- 18. Planning developments in area (9.05pm)**  
Paul Evans on upcoming planning applications
- 14. Public Question time and Information items (9.15pm)**
- 15. Members Decisions (9.20pm)**  
Members to consider appointing school governor to Joseph Lancaster primary – one nomination received – Ms Sarah Etwell
- Closing Comments by the Chair (9.30pm)**

### Upcoming meetings

Date	Venue
Tuesday 27 <sup>th</sup> September 2005 - 7pm	Venue to be arranged
Monday 21 November 2005 – 7pm	Venue to be arranged

## ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

### **Borough and Bankside Community Council Membership**

Daniel McCarthy (Chair)

Dr Abdur-Rahman Olayiwola (Vice Chair)

Catriona Moore

Mark Pursey

Richard Thomas

Lorraine Zuleta

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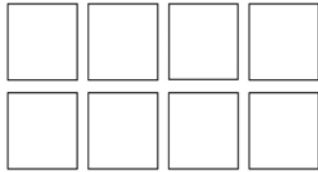
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## **Borough and Bankside Community Council**

**Date: Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> June 2005**

**Time: 7.00 PM**

**Place: Charles Dickens School, Lant Street, SE1**

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### **PRESENT**

Councillors Danny McCarthy (Chair), Dr Abdur-Rahman Olayiwola (Vice Chair),  
Richard Thomas

### **1. Introduction and welcome by the Chair**

The Chair welcomed members of the public, Council Members and officers.

### **2. Apologies**

Apologies were received from Cllrs Moore and Zuleta.

### **3. Disclosure of Members' Interests and Dispensations**

No interests or dispensations were declared.

### **4. Items of business the Chair deems urgent**

There were none.

### **Announcement –**

- Southwark Alliance with the council is carrying out a review of its Community Strategy.
- Have begun by developing nine papers on themes ranging from health to education to spark debate on what Southwark and Borough and Bankside will look like in ten years time.
- Summary document of those papers was available.
- Southwark Alliance and council will be attending meeting on 13 July with a presentation and possibly workshops for discussion to feed into development of the strategy.

### **All Hallows Church**

There was a request from the floor to discuss All Hallows Church.

Cllr McCarthy: we cannot discuss it as it would compromise Members if planning application comes to future B&B Community Council for decision. Aware of the issues. Residents can attend B&B Community Council Planning meeting and make views and objections to Members before a decision is made.

## **5. Minutes and Matters arising from the previous meeting**

The minutes were agreed and signed by the Chair.

### **5.1. Matters relating to the previous meeting**

- Peter Davies, Boughton House, Tabard has received a reply from the Area Housing Manager re his concerns about Tabard estate.
- Hayden Tuck will be in touch with Mr Vel about the obscured sign near Tate Modern.
- Education was not on agenda but Ark has organised a series of public meetings on the new academy combining Joseph Lancaster and Geoffrey Chaucer schools (listed on page 11 of agenda pack).
- Waiting to hear details from the education department on a separate meeting that is being organised.

### **Complaint about closure of Trundle Street:**

- Reply received from Martin Lindley (Streetworks Manager)
- Lad Construction has planning consent to re-develop old church site on corner of Trundle and Lant Streets - includes excavation of entire site.
- Not possible to provide site welfare facilities on the site.
- Following consultation with council, it was agreed that to accommodate the welfare facilities, protect the public during excavation and construction up to first floor level, part of Trundle Street could be temporarily closed.
- Closure from 9th May until 11th November, after which site welfare facilities will be moved on to the site.
- Lad Construction paid for a Temporary Traffic order in South London Press on 22 April and 6th May 2005,
- Copies of notice posted in Trundle Street on the same dates.
- Lad Construction also notified Trundle House residents and Charles Dickens School.
- Streetworks Officer checked that the closure is in accordance with the temporary traffic order, so people would not have to walk in the road.
- In recognition of the inconvenience of the temporary closure, Lad Construction will resurface the carriageway & footway of the area they have closed as a gesture of goodwill.

## **6. Better Bankside bid**

Peter Williams gave update on the Business Improvement District (BID) pilot project, where businesses in Bankside help to fund environmental improvements and ongoing maintenance in the area.

See [www.betterbankside.co.uk](http://www.betterbankside.co.uk) and <http://www.betterbankside.co.uk/services/community.htm> for help (financial and other) available for local community groups

- Area comprises north of Southwark Street, east of Blackfriars Road, west of Borough High Street and south of river
- 300 businesses voted by postal ballot in January 2005 - 75% in favour of establishing BID
- BID went live on 1 April and was third in UK
- Now eight BIDs are live (four BIDs were unsuccessful)
- Better Bankside can now apply levy (according to Rateable Value of businesses in area)
- Charge 2% of RV
- Will raise £520K in year
- Also receive donations from outside of area, subscriptions from businesses and partnership funding
- 17 Board Members include police, TfL, LBS, BRF and 12 local businesses
- Keen on collaborative working
- Keen on CGS agenda
- Work with LBS on Warden service
- Corporate Social Responsibility – money for community projects available - take applications from community groups – keen on education, youth, children
- Funding STEP
- Local graduates in work with local employers
- Joint funding if appropriate for environmental projects in Bankside
- 5 years duration – 2005 – 2010
- Businesses can then vote again on success of Better Bankside
- Some businesses are contributing up to £45K pa (small businesses start at £200pa)

**Questions followed:**

Q: How do projects apply for funding?

A: Directly to Peter Williams by email ([info@betterbankside.co.uk](mailto:info@betterbankside.co.uk))

Felix Dicum: what has been effect of charge on small businesses?

A:

- Requires approval from Secretary of State. Businesses are selected according to RV – 75% of 300 businesses should be small and they have been very supportive
- No opposition to idea
- Bankside Traders Association in favour
- Reach smaller businesses and reflect their concerns
- Work with Wardens and act on feedback



- Deal with local concerns e.g. aggressive begging

## **7. Street Action Team workshops and this year's Cleaner, Greener, Safer programme**

Tim England gave a presentation on the work of the Street Action Team:

### **Borough and Bankside Street Action Team:**

Has been working for three years particularly in northern part of area (Bankside)

#### **What we are:**

- Problem solving team
- Cleaner, Greener, Safer
- Multi-disciplinary partnership
- Focus on doing it not talking about it!
- Match Community Council boundary

#### **What we are not:**

- Consultative forum
- Able to deal with individual issues
- Duplicating other services
- Funded

#### **Examples were given of some of the things SAT had done:**

- Dealing with litter spots
- Eradicating graffiti
- Providing more bins
- Litter picking and rubbish collections around Southwark Cathedral
- Improving lighting in various locations
- Improving small green spaces
- Future work includes improving bridges on Southwark Street

#### **How you can help:**

- Report fly tips, abandoned vehicles etc via
- Customer Contact Centre 020 7525 2000
- Log on [www.southwark.gov.uk](http://www.southwark.gov.uk) and use the forms
- Use the cards provided at the Community Council meetings
- Use services such as free bulk collection
- Encourage your neighbours to do it too!
- Become a Street Leader

#### **Questions and comments followed:**

Q: Are there any statistics on prosecutions for flytipping?

A: Will endeavour to provide this information

Q: Trees in Hopton Street have been over-pollarded

Cllr McCarthy: at junctions of Peckham Park Road, Commercial Way and Peckham Hill Street hanging baskets and window boxes have been provided. These brighten up area and perhaps a pilot could be funded in B&B Community Council area.

Cllr Thomas: Residents can lobby B&B Members for their areas.

Q: What about revenue implications?

Cllr McCarthy: Officers will work on this. May be eligible for funding from BID (Better Bankside).

Ted Bowman: Some lamp posts have hanging baskets and some don't – it feels like them and us.

Cllr McCarthy: We could look at providing these baskets in trial areas. There is no revenue funding for this.

Cllr Thomas: There is no them and us; B&B Councillors want to improve where people want improvements. If projects are eligible for C, G, S funding all ideas will be looked at.

Tim England: Small amounts of revenue money can be attached to capital bids.

Clare Armstrong: community involvement could be encouraged at same time.

The meeting split into SAT Workshops to identify issues SAT team should work on, where the grot spots are, where more trees could be provided and if any of these issues could be dealt with by C, G, S funding.

Tim England: Closing date for C, G, S bids is 15 June. Decisions will be made at B&B Community Council meeting on 13 July 2005.

## **8. Housing Update**

There were no general issues.

## **9. Police Update**

Sgt Russell Jones, Walworth Station was standing in for Sgt Steve Dutton and presented the update:

Introduced Police Officers Arthur Hazel and Chris Lemington to meeting

### **Rockingham estate:**

- 2 Cartwright House – Crack House protocol applied - three arrests for crack possession – 9 in flat – flat now boarded up

- 9 Crompton House – Drugs Squad arrested three – possession and intent to supply – Crack House Protocol now instigated

**Cathedrals Ward Safer Neighbourhood Team** – Mobile Police station working with University of Arts and South Bank University on crime prevention

**Geraldine Mary Harmsworth Park** – Safer Neighbourhood Team has been there following complaints. Arrested three for handling stolen goods

**Newman House** – extra patrols there – rough sleepers turfed out

**Activity across Southwark** –

- there has been a rise in robberies
- Territorial Support Officers from New Scotland Yard have been posted into Southwark
- Highly visible presence - is having effect now

**Winchester House**

Police welcome feedback on commune of vagrants there

**Lant Street** - anti social behaviour being dealt with – two ASBOs served on two people and in process of serving ASBO on another person.

**Bogus callers** – had increased in last few months but has recently dropped by 50% although still a problem.

**Burglary advice** – keep windows closed

**Boughton House, Tennis Street** – drug dealing was a problem but patrols over last few weeks has led to an improvement for residents

**Crime figures** – website - [www.met.police.uk/crimefigures](http://www.met.police.uk/crimefigures) – post code search for crime in area or click on map and compare figures for each ward.

**Questions followed:**

Adele Morris: Request to have **leaflet** detailing who does what between Metropolitan police / home beat officers / PCSOs / Community Wardens and who people should go to with specific complaints

A: every ward will get Safer Neighbourhoods Team of six or more officers

Chris Hartup: lot of anti social behaviour in Lant Street – ASBOs and good behaviour contracts have been served as serious Anti Social Behaviour is occurring and culprits have been identified. When does process of serving ASBOs start?

A: Other criminal offences such as harassment needs course of action to get power of arrest. Anti Social Behaviour is more common and people are concerned ASBOs are becoming too common. It becomes a crime when ASBO is breached.

Mr. Brown (worker at Mint Street Adventure Playground): what partnership work is being done at moment? There have been problems of youth coming into the Adventure Playground and causing a nuisance. There are burned out bins and cars. When these problems have been reported to the police, he has not had a response – the police seem to be very stretched.

Sgt Jones: no knowledge of partnership working in this area but this is something Sgt Dutton's team will be developing. Mr Brown's details will be passed on and police will visit.

### **10. Southwark Equalities strategy for 2005-08 – appendix 1**

Nathalie Hadjifotiou, Head of Social Inclusion unit, presented this item. As well as the issues in appendix 1, she also highlighted that:

- Disabilities are self-reported
- LGBT figures are London average
- Religion has facilities impact

#### **Questions followed.**

Cllr Dr Abdur-Rahman Olayiwola:

- There are some gaps in the figures.
- What is the source of the figures?
- LGBT figures are London average – are figures for B&B compared to Southwark?
- What about level of attainment of Asian children?
- Level of response to hate crime – noways – particularly hate crimes are in relation to religion and belief system

A: Most figures are from 2001 census

- There is no question in census on LGBT – information is from surveys by National LGBT organisations – 6% is the estimate
- Other figures are from census
- Islamophobia is matter of concern – e.g. women have had hijabs pulled off in East Street market – that is a hate crime

Clare Armstrong – does all this relate mostly to council services? Employment is often not publicly available and leads to exclusion.

A: The main purpose of the strategy is not to do with employment. The main purpose of the review is to find out if the way the council carries out its functions is discriminatory. The question would be is the function of recruitment discriminatory?

Adele Morris: what about parking around mosques?

A: There are tensions in some parts of Southwark. People are more relaxed about Sunday parking near churches. Friday parking near mosques is new to many in the community and so is unfamiliar. It is important to have dialogue with mosque users for better understanding.

Adele Morris: On BBC programme about parking, it was shown that people who park near mosques do not get parking tickets. If you park outside cathedral on Sunday you do receive ticket.

A: The council does need evidence of that difference in treatment.

Cllr Thomas: The allegations in that programme were false, the programme makers did not check with LBS and did not invite council to participate in programme.

### **11. Public Question time and Information items**

Tim England: Southwark Noise Team is featured on War at the Door at 8pm on 9 June 2005 on BBC1.

#### **Venues:**

Cllr McCarthy announced it may not be possible to hold meetings in Charles Dickens School again as it is non-compliant with Disabilities Discrimination Act. Many schools do not comply with DDA requirements but are exempt from the Act. Possible alternative venues are Cathedrals School, St Matthews Church, Salvation Army

Cllr Thomas: one venue is best, particularly one that is central between wards.

Neil Kinnon: it would be a good idea to include disabled children into mainstream schooling and perhaps a disabled toilet at this school could facilitate that.

Cllr Thomas: could WC be worked on?

Cllr Abdur-Rahman Olayiwola: central venue for B&B Community Council meetings is best. Can Act be enforced? It would be best to hold meetings here and provide solutions.

Debbi Gooch: will find out and provide information for next meeting

Katie Nichols (West Bermondsey Community Forum) -

#### **Meeting 9 June at 6.30pm at Bermondsey Village Hall:**

- Men's Health
- Southwark Equalities
- Pre AGM session (AGM on 30 June 2005)
- Sub-groups to be established one will be to encourage involvement in Community Councils

**Clare Armstrong: London Sustainability weeks – 6 - 19 June 2005**

- Meeting on 9 June with Simon Hughes and Charles Secrett (ex Friends of Earth Director)
- This is receiving cross- party support
- Details in In SE1 magazine
- Southwark Living Streets 020 8693 2618 - Improve Borough High Street - 6.15pm Monday 13 June 2005. Street audit of Borough High Street between Southwark Street and Harper Road - meet outside the Slug and Lettuce and finish at the Ship pub. Group will be looking at crossings, pavements, lighting, street furniture and the general streetscape.

Adele Morris: **Berwick Square Fayre on 12 June 2005** – profits in support of REPA

Cllr McCarthy: **Mayor’s Community Event - Lucas Gardens, Peckham Road on 12 June from 10 – 4 – fundraising for Mayor’s charity**

**Centenary of Cathedral and Diocese of Southwark – 3 July 2005**

**Launch of Community Film Club** –on 11 July 2005 – Bankside Residents Forum and Tate Modern have joined together to show films free of charge at Tate Modern starting with The blue Lamp. Will continue if it’s supported.

**12. Members Decisions**

**School Governors**

**RESOLVED**

**Agreed** to appoint:

Mr Ibrahim Taguri as a governor to Charles Dickens School

**Closing Comments by the Chair**

The Chair thanked everyone for attending and contributing to the meeting. The next general meeting is on Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> July 2005, venue to be advised.

The meeting closed at 9:15pm

**Upcoming meetings**

<b>Date</b>	<b>Venue</b>
<b>Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> July 2005 - 7pm</b>	<b>Tbc</b>
<b>Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> September 2005 - 7pm</b>	<b>tbc</b>

Chair

Date

## Equality & Diversity in Southwark

- Not a “stand alone” approach
- Mainstreamed – Community Strategy, Corporate Plan: already incorporate equality and diversity
- Equality Impact Assessments challenge process: checking we are on track to get things right

## Statutory Duty

Race Relations (Amendment) Act 2000 requires Southwark Council to:

- Eliminate unlawful racial discrimination
- Promote good race relations
- Promote equality of opportunity

## Southwark’s approach:

### Extended to include:

Gender, faith/belief, sexual orientation, disability & age

## What do we know about Borough & Bankside?

Theme	B&B	Southwark
<b>Ethnicity</b>		
BME	40%	36.6%
White	60%	63.3%
<b>Disability</b>	3%	4.5%
<b>Gender</b>		
M	49%	49%
F	51%	51%
<b>LGBT</b>	6%	6%
<b>Religion/Belief</b>		
Christian	55%	62%
Muslim	11%	7%
No Religion	18%	18.5%
<b>Age</b>		
0-17	19%	22.5%
65+	9%	10%



## **Possible key issues**

### **How:**

- are we impacting on educational attainment of African-Caribbean, White and Traveller children?
- are we promoting good community relations?
- are we impacting on services for older people?
- are we impacting on accessibility to services for people with disabilities?
- are we impacting on reducing the higher levels of BME young people in the criminal justice system?
- good is our knowledge of different communities in Southwark?
- do we impact on BME and other small & local businesses?
- are we impacting on the level of, and response to, hate crime?
- are we ensuring access to services for new/emerging communities?

### **Questions**

- Are these the right areas we should be looking at?
- Are there any gaps? What are the big issues for you?



Street Trading Section  
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05/07/2005

Dear

Re: Consultation questionnaire about designation of Bankside for Street Trading

Southwark Council is aware of residents and local businesses concerns regarding illegal street trading in the Bankside area. The Council is dealing with the problem, but are finding that there are grey areas in the law that allow ice cream vans to trade as long as they move after a "short period", and it is costing thousands of pounds in enforcement and legal costs to deal with the illegal street traders.

The Council has come up with a solution to the problem: to designate the area between Blackfriars Bridge and the Millennium Bridge for a limited number of pitches and prohibit trading in the rest of Bankside all the way down to Shad Thames. The benefits would be:

- It would be illegal for ice cream vans to trade in the area
- Licensed traders in the area would deter and report illegal street traders
- The generated income will be directed to fund additional enforcement in the area (the legislation doesn't allow street trading fees to be profit making)
- Strict controls would be placed on the quality of goods, appearance of structures used, days, times and health and safety conduct of the licensed traders.

The Street Trading section of Southwark Council is intending to present a proposal for the designation of Bankside before the licensing committee. We believe the following points should frame the proposal:

- No licenses will be issued for the selling of food
- Only a limited number of stalls will be licensed
- The stalls will be provided by the council and will be in keeping with the area

This letter and the questionnaire attached is part of an informal consultation being carried out before the proposal is submitted. We would be very grateful if you could fill in and return the questionnaire so we can get an idea of what your opinions are with regard to number of pitches, times and days, goods to be sold, and other issues. In this way we can make sure that we are representing the wishes of people in the area in our proposal.

Yours truly,

Gemma Gallagher  
Client and Enforcement Projects Officer

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# Designation of Bankside for Street Trading

## What are the current problems in Bankside?

The council is aware of the resident's and local businesses concerns regarding illegal street trading in the Bankside area.

The majority of the complaints from members of the public received in the street trading office from the Bankside area relate to ice cream vans, illegal street traders and buskers.

## What are the problems with ice cream vans and illegal street traders?

- Noise (engines, echoes)
- Fumes from engines running
- Amenity
- Blocking streets which can be very narrow in places on the riverside
- Rubbish and debris dumped
- Attracting vermin – ice cream spills and packaging waste attract rats
- No quality control or guarantee

## What does the law say?

Illegal street traders, including buskers, can be and are reported and prosecuted at magistrates court. We have prosecuted over 65 people for street trading offences in the last year.

Itinerant ice cream traders benefit from an exception to the law on street trading not available to general street traders. They can trade without a licence in any streets **except licence streets** (streets where licensed pitches exist) and streets which have been prohibited for ice cream trading provided that they stay within the definition of "itinerant ice cream trading" in section 21 (1) of the London Local Authorities Act.

## What is itinerant ice cream trading?

The Act has a vague definition of "itinerant ice cream trading". It means *ice cream trading* from a vehicle which goes from place to place remaining in any one location in the course of trading for short periods only"

- This definition is not very helpful or easy to enforce in practice, as it is not specific.
- The statute doesn't say how long " a short period" is.
- This is the **only** legal definition.
- There is not yet any hard and fast rule that traders can be in one place for 15 or 20 minutes and still be itinerant. Parliament may introduce a time limit, but there isn't one in current legislation.

It is therefore a difficult task to prove to a Magistrate that a van was not being itinerant

### **What are we currently doing to tackle the problem?**

As part of a pilot scheme and thanks to extra funding we will have a dedicated team of four offices dealing with illegal street trading in the Bankside area over the summer months. This will hopefully improve the situation but it is only a temporary measure whilst the Bankside problems need a long-term solution.

### **What is the long-term proposal?**

The council, after consultation with our legal department, believes that the most efficient way of dealing with this grey area in the law regarding ice cream vans and also to deal with any other illegal street trading more efficiently is to designate the area from Blackfriars bridge to Millennium bridge and to prohibit the area from millennium bridge all the way down to Shad Thames.

### **How will this proposal help?**

Designating a limited number of pitches in the area will:

- Make it illegal for **any** ice cream vans to trade in the area (whether itinerant or not)
- Licensed traders paying for pitches will report illegal traders in their area and will deter illegal traders from setting up in the area
- Allow the council to place strict controls on the quality of goods, sold, appearance of structures used, days and times of trade and general health, safety conduct of the licensed traders.

### **Where will the money from license fees go?**

The legislation doesn't allow street trading fees and charges to be profit making. The income generated will be directed to fund additional enforcement in the area.

Enforcement and legal costs of dealing with illegal street trading in Bankside amount to thousands of pounds a year. The street trading account, which is currently in deficit, simply can't cope with funding any additional enforcement activity in Bankside but this would change with the extra income generated from licences in the area.

### **How many stalls are intended to be licensed and what goods will they sell?**

We will take into account the consultation feedback in particular on these issues. At present, the street trading section believes that the following points should frame the proposal:

- No licences will be issued for the selling of food. We might consider granting licences for the selling of traditional scoop or organic ice cream only, provided that there are no fuel or diesel engines and it is not sold from vans.
- Only a maximum number of 6 stalls will be licensed
- The structures will be provided by the council and will be in keeping within the area.



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