



COMMUNITY COUNCILS
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Borough and Bankside Community Council

Date: Wednesday 8th June 2005

Time: 7.00 PM

Place: Charles Dickens School, Lant Street, SE1

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 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)

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 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 – 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 asb 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 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 programme about parking on BBC, 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 13th July 2005, venue to be advised.

This part of the meeting closed at 9.15pm

Upcoming meetings

| Date | Venue |
|---|--------------|
| Wednesday 13th July 2005 - 7pm | Tbc |
| Tuesday 27th September 2005 - 7pm | tbc |

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 |
|------------------------|-----|-----------|
| Ethnicity | | |
| BME | 40% | 36.6% |
| White | 60% | 63.3% |
| Disability | 3% | 4.5% |
| Gender | | |
| M | 49% | 49% |
| F | 51% | 51% |
| LGBT | 6% | 6% |
| Religion/Belief | | |
| Christian | 55% | 62% |
| Muslim | 11% | 7% |
| No Religion | 18% | 18.5% |
| Age | | |
| 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?