

TAKEnote

Bermondsey Community Council



Notes from the meeting on Wednesday July 6 2005
 Aylwin Girls School,
 55 Southwark Park Road, SE16 3TZ

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Main items at this meeting

- Cleaner Greener Safer Bermondsey
- Bermondsey Spa update
- Community safety update
- New city academy for Bermondsey
- Southwark 2016
- 5-year transport plan
- Disabled badges
- Just say 'know' to drugs and alcohol

£377,000 to help make Bermondsey better

Fifteen projects, designed to make Bermondsey cleaner, greener and safer, were given the funding go-ahead at this meeting.

The largest cash injection of £56k went to Swanmead football pitch to bring about much needed playground improvements. Setchell Estate, Paterson Park and Whites Ground were granted a combined £105k to also bring youth amenities up to scratch.

Money was given to schemes designed to kick-out crime and anti-social behaviour, such as new lighting for Leather Market Gardens and Hamilton Square, gates for Oxley Close to keep out scooters and CCTV for New Place Jamaica Road.

The benefits of public art to enhancing the area was recognised with £30,000 towards a mural in Tooley Street and an additional £25,000 to the Blue Market Art project.

Also, £15k went the Motor Project@Bermondsey, £15k for hanging flower baskets and £3,000 for an estate map for Stephenson Crescent Estate.

For more details of the cleaner, greener, safer scheme contact Yvonne Drake on 020 7525 0868, email yvonne.drake@southwark.gov.uk



The vision for Spa Park

Bermondsey Spa update

Spa Park is one of the first sites to undergo transformation in the Bermondsey Spa regeneration programme. Work on this site is expected to finish on time in December 2005, when residents can expect a peaceful oasis plus much needed facilities for young people. The Park will remain closed to the public until the redevelopment is complete.

Hyde Housing Association has now received full planning permission for work to site E next to Old Jamaica Road. Work will start in September and the development includes 101 new homes and a GP surgery for eight doctors.

To find out more about the regeneration of Bermondsey Spa visit southwark.gov.uk/regeneration, email bermondsey.spa@southwark.gov.uk or call Pascale Rosenbloom on 020 7525 5321

Community safety update

Drop in surgeries are to be held at Blue Beat office on Market Square. Details are being finalised but two sessions a week are planned.

Following a police operation in May, the number of robberies committed by people on push bikes has reduced significantly.

Residents were concerned about anti-social behaviour and intimidation caused by youths on the Four Squares Estate and called for more action. Members recognised concerns and promised concerted efforts to alleviate problems. Here are some measures.

The neighbourhood housing office is establishing estate officers who will have a high profile presence and powers to issue fixed penalty notices for anti-social behaviour. Anti-social behaviour information leaflets will be distributed to all households.

The December 19 Bermondsey CC meeting will move to early autumn with a focus on tackling crime and anti-social behaviour.

New security door entry systems will be installed in Four Squares – Lockwood Square and New Place in October and November, with Marden and Layard Square to follow.

For more community safety information contact Sgt Nick Govind on 020 7232 6812, email nick.govind@met.police.uk



Parking zones and disabled bays: community councils get their say

The public are to be consulted on any changes to controlled parking zones, disabled parking bays, single traffic signs and loading/waiting restrictions. A report on the consultation procedure was presented at the meeting. These details are on www.southwark.gov.uk/communitycouncils, click on Bermondsey then go to agendas and minutes section.

For more information contact The Transport Group, details below

Just say 'know' to drugs and alcohol

Community Drugs Education Project is providing free drugs and alcohol training for people in Bermondsey.

If you'd like to find out more about the effects of drugs and alcohol in the area, work in drugs and alcohol related services or make a difference to your local community, then sign up for their eight-week course. The course covers everything from legal, prescription drugs to illicit substances such as solvents to illegal drugs such as cannabis and crack.

For more information contact Ritchie Humphreys, 020 7708 2404 or email ritchiehumphreys@hotmail.com

Southwark on the move

The council is currently producing its five-year transport plan for Southwark - also known as the 'Local Implementation Plan'. The plan will set out a package of transport improvements from 2005 until 2010 and will incorporate both council priorities and the Mayor of London's plans for transport. The plan will include road safety, walking, cycling, parking, school travel, environmental concerns and an assessment of equality issues.

A strategy and questionnaire will be produced in July 2005 for public consultation throughout the summer. The council and the Mayor will approve the final plan in the autumn - influenced by your views and contributions.

For more information contact The Transport Group, Southwark Council, Chiltern House, Portland Street, SE17 2ES, call 020 7525 5317 or email transport@southwark.gov.uk

A new academy for Bermondsey

A new city academy school to replace Geoffrey Chaucer Technology College and Joseph Lancaster Primary School has been proposed for Bermondsey.

The plans mean that the existing two schools would close on August 31 2008 with the new academy opening on September 1 2008. All pupils in these schools would transfer to the new academy.

All city academies are required to have a specialism and this one will focus on music, performing arts and technology - building on the expertise of Geoffrey Chaucer Technology College.

Public comments received during consultation in July will be reported to Southwark Council's executive this autumn. If the council gives the go ahead they will publish notices about proposed closures and there will be a six-week period this autumn for formal comments. The final decision rests with the Department for Education and Skills. If the new academy is not granted, the existing schools will not close.

If you have any comments contact Chris Randall on 07976 343 981, email chris.randall@mouchelparkman.com or write to The Project Manager, c/o Ark Education, 27 Queen Anne's Gate, London SW1H 9BU.

Southwark 2016: your chance to shape the future in Bermondsey



The Southwark Alliance and Southwark Council asked the community council what they think the borough - and Bermondsey within it - should be like in ten-years time.

As part of 'Southwark 2016', they are holding a series of debates and discussions throughout the year to help shape the future of the borough.

As a borough, Southwark is changing fast. More people are living here and the pressures on health, education, policing and housing are increasing. 'Southwark 2016' aims to ensure that residents, businesses and organisations in Southwark all get a chance to have their say about changes to Southwark and Bermondsey.

Your views and contributions will help create a draft community strategy, ready in the autumn. A final strategy setting out Southwark's vision and priorities for the next ten-years will be ready in spring 2006.

In the meantime you can read the discussion papers and make your views heard by visiting southwarkalliance.org.uk/southwark2016, emailing responses.southwark2016@southwark.gov.uk, faxing 020 7525 7324 or writing to Southwark 2016, c/o Southwark Alliance, Town Hall, Peckham Road, London SE5 8UB

Beating the blue badge burglars

A scheme has been put in place to stop cars with disabled blue badges being broken into overnight and the badges stolen.

Blue badge holders with parking bays outside their homes were given overnight passes, invalid during daytime hours, so deterring would-be badge thieves.

Latest developments: the council agreed a new scheme for blue badge holders on July 14. Blue badge holders will be given a permit containing their vehicle registration number. With the permit useless to anyone other than the car owner, thieves should be given the boot once and for all.

Details of the new scheme will be sent to all blue badge holders in the next few weeks.

Next meeting October 3 2005, 7pm

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