



COMMUNITY COUNCILS
A voice for your community



Borough and Bankside Community Council

Date: 13 July 2005

Time: 7.15 PM

Place: The Cathedral School of St Saviour and St Mary
Overie, Redcross Way, SE1

PRESENT

Councillors Danny McCarthy (Chair), Catriona Moore, Lorraine Zuleta, Richard Thomas.

1. Introduction and welcome by the Chair

The Chair welcomed members of the public, Council Members and Officers. The Chair apologised for the late start of the meeting, the van carrying the meeting document was stuck in traffic; caused by the closing of Old Kent Road.

2. Apologies

Apologies were received from Cllr Mark Pursey and Dr Abdur-Rahman Olayiwola.

3. Disclosure of Members' Interests and Dispensations

No interests or dispensations were declared.

4. Items of business the Chair deems urgent

There is one item that is urgent and that is a report on local parking schemes, which need to be approved by Members. If agreed today, it will go out to the community on consultation to run the scheme.

5. Minutes and Matters arising from the previous meeting

5.1 Letter from senior staff in Housing to Peter Davies has not been received.

The minutes of the last meeting were agreed and signed by the Chair.

6. Matters relating to the previous meeting

6.1 There have been a number of prosecutions on fly tipping. The Council instigated 125 cases of legal action against perpetrators of Envirocrime last year (1 April 2004 to 31 March 2005)

29 of these cases related to fly tipping –
4 were in Borough and Bankside at the following sites:
Borough High Street – 2
Southwark Street – 2

6.2 List of planning applications received since 1 March available at the meeting.

6.3 The School Governor team will be meeting with the Community Councils Manager to address Members Concerns on the quality of school governor reports.

6.4 Extra information on Disability Discrimination Act had been received, and members and officers were looking into making Charles Dickens School compliant with the legislation.

7. Community Announcement and Information Items

Adele Morris: Could an investigation be instigated into the £10,000 that was allocated to Charles Dickens Square. A feasibility study had been funded for the Square. Adele is concerned, as Southwark's Regen team appears (as reported in the Southwark News) to be using that information to suggest that the Park and Adventure Playground are under used, and implies that it is not a problem to build homes there.

The money was originally allocated to BOST, but it went to Patkins then to Tibbalds consultants.

Cllr Moore: The money was allocated to a particular group and if it has not gone to that group, then the money should come back to the Community Council.

8. Deputations

There were no deputations.

9. Street trading on designated pitches

Gemma Gallagher talked about Street Trading's proposal to designate for street trading the area of Blackfriars Bridge to the Millennium Bridge. Gemma spoke about the legal solution to prohibit illegal trading. The proposed area will be a prohibited area and this will ban ice cream vans selling in that area.

Gemma welcomed community feedback on these proposals.

Questions followed:

Q. Can you assure us that the consultation letter will go out as per the deadline? Can you ensure that this does not happen in August and can you tell us why is there the need for the consultation?

A. The letters will go out as per deadline. Consultation is necessary for licensing of pitches and to enable the legal checks to be carried out.

Q Can you tell us what will happen to the revenue?

A. The revenue will be reinvested in street trading.

Q. How big will the pitches be and where would you put them?

A. Depending on feedback received, LBS is thinking of a small size old fashion style pitch (half size of 6 ft ones).

Q. Will it stop people trading from little tables?

A. Yes it will.

Q: Have you taken into account the law provisions, as there is a school there and school children are attracted by the ice cream van?

A. Yes we have

Q. Have you information as to whether these proposals have worked elsewhere, eg. Lambeth appears to have successfully implemented similar proposals?

A. Yes, Lambeth has opened up a café by the millennium wheel, this has stopped other ice cream sellers and this is working well as all tourists and visitors go to the café.

Q. How much have you budgeted for a pitch?

A. £15 to £25/per pitch depending on the location.

Q. Is the revenue going to be enough to pay for the salary of the patrolling wardens?

A. It should be enough to pay for at least half of the cost.

10. Community Strategy.

Presentation by Paul Evans: See Appendix 1 attached.

Questions followed:

Adele Morris: Will people be getting access to the document?

A. Email Paul Evans for a response.

Q. It is good to give residents opportunities but there are also other people who are not looking for work and who would like something done to give them access to those opportunities.

A. LBS is concentrating on childcare as the major barrier to people getting jobs.

Anna Radford: (Bankside Residents Forum): Is this development discussed in a way that you'll try to give as much information as possible for a balanced style of property and are you able to tell us the number?

A. Not exactly but the number of needs is rising

Charles Osborn: Is there anything that Southwark Council can do to maximise the benefit of the Olympics?

A: The event is concentrated in East London - Southwark may not get the benefits, depends on what borough contributes.

Liz Justice: The strategy is almost impossible; ordinary people like me on my estate don't get a chance to get involved whilst people in Dulwich get a chance to decide on project. Almost the entire block where I live is on benefit.

A. LBS spends a lot of time on consultation and there are many conversations and opportunities to address groups. The thing to do is to share practical impact and determine what will make things better for them in a plain language and in a clear statement that people will understand

The chair ended the question time by asking people to email Paul Evans their views and concerns.

11. Transport Strategy

A presentation by Kendal Mackay followed, on the Local Implementation Plan. See Appendix 2 attached.

12. Housing Update

There were no questions. The Chair informed the meeting that a Senior Housing Person was available during the break should anyone wish to raise specific issues.

13. Police Update

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

The Cathedral Team has increased patrols to address issues on drugs and robberies and there was also a graffiti operation but there have been no arrests.

The main patrol areas are Lant Street and St George's area. Local police officers are meeting regularly with St Mungo's.

Since 7 July, patrols have been put on high visibility duty and as of today could be sent elsewhere. So please bear with us if we are not able to patrol in the local area.

Sgt Jones talked to the community on suspicious packages and asked the community to dispose of rubbish sensibly and think of their belongings in public places or on transport.

Sgt Jones informed the community that there were leaflets at the meeting with Police contact numbers to be used for non-urgent issues and contact numbers for Chaucer Ward Police. For any urgent issues, call 999.

Questions followed:

Q. At last meeting it was agreed that leaflets would be delivered to each household. Is this going to happen?

A: Boxes of leaflets were ordered and delivered but not sure what is happening with them.

14. Cleaner, Greener, Safer 2005-2006

Borough and Bankside Community Council has been allocated £400k to fund this year's schemes. Tim England read the list out to Members and community. Members of public spoke in support of bids they put in and members made decisions as listed below.

Cleaner, Greener, Safer 2005/06 schemes

(Number refers to number on list circulated to meeting)

Chaucer Ward

36. Falmouth Road Park – funds to complete project as per detail in table.	£36,000
26. Lawson estate – various works (prioritize ball park)	£75,000
35. Haddonhall estate – greening / play area – two play parks to be dealt with (caged football area to be consulted on and bid encouraged for submission to next year's programme)	£30,000
20. Newington Gardens ball area (Gaol Park) – flood lighting	£55,000
Total	£196,000

Cathedrals ward

1. Cycling signage and route delineation for Thames cycleway	£5,000
2. Community Noticeboards – wall mounted Option to be pursued	£13,500
3. Cross Bones Graveyard green gates	£2,000
5. Nelson Square Gardens – lighting and greening – 50% of funding bid agreed	£20,000
12. Little Dorrit Park mosaic	(£2,500)
15. Red Cross Gardens environmental works	(£2,400)
30. Christ Church Gardens – compost bins and planters	(£405)
31. General park improvements	(£550)
Grant to BOST for above small works	£5,900
19. Elliott Row and Hayle Street greening	£22,000
21. Mint Street Adventure playground –part funded – playground works prioritized	£80,000

23. Albert Triangle – reinstate original paving	£30,000
24. Chaplin Close – refurbish old parking area - greening and lighting	£8,000
28. Webber Row estate - planters/greening	£5,000
39. Nelson Square – complete planting	£1,400
Total	£192,800
Total for both wards	£388,200
Contingency	£11,200

15. Update on Neighbourhood renewal work

See attached information – Appendix 3.

16. Statement on community involvement

The 'Carnival del Pueblo', Burgess Park will be on 7 August 2005

17. Local parking issues

Members agreed for the proposals in the report to go out for further consultation. Cllr Richard Thomas stated that he is agreeing to it based on the information supplied from officers that this is the community's wish

18. Public Question time and Information items

Q. What happened to the database?

A. Paul Evans: I'll need to get back to you

25 July and meeting to discuss school governor's appointment.

19. Members Decisions

These are included in the main minutes above.

The report on school governor appointment for Joseph Lancaster school was deferred to the Planning meeting on 25 July 2005.

Closing Comments by the Chair

The Chair thanked everyone for attending and contributing to the meeting. The next general meeting is on 27 September 05. The venue is to be advised.

The meeting closed at 21.50pm

Community Strategy

SOUTHWARK 2016: Overview

- Community Strategy sets a 10-year vision and priorities for the borough
- Aim is to drive the priorities of all partner agencies and local organisations
- Topic Papers are to help us think beyond the here and now to what Southwark may be like in 10 years time – big picture challenges
Themes
 - The changing place, economy and opportunity for all
 - Housing, education, health, safety, active involvement of citizens and modern, accessible public services
- The consultation process – final Strategy for March 2006

We are a diverse and complex borough:

- Diversity of population – 37% BME - faith (66% Christian, 28% no faith, 7% Muslim) - more than 6% lesbian, gay or bisexual - more than 9000 people with life limiting disability or health condition
- Diversity of households – larger households, more children & young adults
- 21st most deprived borough by number of poor neighbourhoods
- Some groups affected more than others by hate crime, unemployment, low educational achievement, poor health
- But also highly qualified, high earners, vibrant economy in NW Southwark

Ten years from now we might expect...

- Population likely to rise, with 120,000-126,000 households by 2015
- Further increase in diversity from 37% BME to about 43% BME
- Economic and physical development pressure likely to continue in north of borough - yet Southwark may remain a deprived borough
- Employment growth will mainly need high skilled mobile people
- Social housing now 53% of Southwark homes - up to 80% in some areas **Change could have different impacts depending on** Economic fortunes of London & levels of public investment
- National policies
- How we tackle the educational achievement and adult skills gaps
- How we deliver 'choice' in public services like housing, health, education – so access improves for those who are excluded
- Whether a 'three zone' Southwark is reinforced or neighbourhoods become more economically and socially mixed

What do you want Borough & Bankside to look like in ten years?

- Sense of community safety and low level of crime?
- Low level of anti-social behaviour and good community relations?

- Focus on providing opportunity for the young and adult population?
- Good community spirit and active involvement of citizens?

Discussion in Borough & Bankside

- What do you think the future might and should hold for Southwark as a whole, and Borough & Bankside as an area?
- Exploring Borough & Bankside as a Place, its People, and its Services

Contact Details:

E-mail thoughts, opinions, suggestions by end July 2005 to:

–Responses.southwark2016@southwark.gov.uk–Fax 020 7525 7324

–Or visit www.southwarkalliance.org.uk/southwark2016

Southwark Transport Strategy 2005-2010 - Local Implementation Plan

Why are we producing a transport strategy?

Southwark's transport strategy will also be known as the *Local Implementation Plan* (LIP)

- The LIP is required under the GLA Act 1999
- It will set out how an integrated package of transport improvements from 2005 through to 2010.
- It will identify Council's own priorities
- It will show how and when we will deliver the Mayor's *Transport Strategy*.

What does the transport strategy include?

- Core Document
- Road Safety Plan
- Walking Plan
- Cycling Plan
- Parking and Enforcement Plan
- School Travel Plan Strategy
- Strategic Environmental Assessment
- Equalities Impact Assessment

What are our transport objectives?

1. Improve accessibility throughout the borough
2. Promote sustainable travel and improve travel choice
3. Improve safety and personal security
4. Promote greater integration of land use development and transport
5. Improve quality, efficiency and reliability of transport
6. Improve efficiency, reliability and safety of freight distribution
7. Promote and improve social inclusion, economic development, education and housing
8. Improve visual amenity and the quality of the environment
9. Reduce energy use
10. Work with partners to progress and promote transport improvements

What are our transport priorities?

- Road Safety
- Sustainable Travel
- Accessibility to public transport
- Personal Safety & Security
- Integrating of transport and land use

What does our strategy say and what are we going to do?

Road user Hierarchy

- Pedestrians
- Cyclists
- Public transport and community transport
- Powered Two Wheelers (PTWs)

- Taxis
- Freight Vehicles
- Private Cars

Major transport and regeneration projects

- Cross River Tram
- East London Line Extensions
- Thameslink 2000
- Walworth Project
- Elephant & Castle
- London Bridge
- Canada Water
- Bermondsey Spa
- Peckham and Camberwell

Walking

- Pedestrian audits
- Promote walking (Walk to School Week, Walking Wednesdays, etc)
- Walking improvements (strategic routes such as Thames Path / Green Chain and local routes)
- Improve access to transport & services (transport nodes and key centres of services, employment and attractions)
- Improve safety and security (where this is a barrier to walking)
- Monitoring and review programme

Cycling

- Complete the London Cycle Network (LCN+) by 2009
- Improve the local network (review signalised junctions, install advanced stop lines (ASLs), convert 1-way streets to 2-way)
- Provide more cycle parking
- Improve safety
- Review enforcement practices
- Promoting cycling
- Undertaking training in schools and for adults.

Public Transport

- Implement bus priority improvements and make all bus stops accessible by 2009
- Review bus services in major and district town centres
- Investigate potential for new or extensions to existing bus routes
- Establish a programme of station access improvements and lobby the DfT and TfL to make all stations fully accessible
- Lobby to increased capacity and extend tube and rail networks
- Investigate potential for greater utilisation of ferry services
- Work in partnership to improve levels of service

PTWs and motor vehicles

- Promote the BikeSafe training programme

- Review new ways to reduce PTWs casualties
- Review design of speed reductions measures
- Review theft hotspots implement secure parking facilities
- Support congestion charging
- Implement a range of different CPZs, charging and enforcement in accordance with the Parking and Enforcement Plan
- Preparing a programme of road maintenance on borough roads

Road Safety

- Lobby for funding for area wide traffic management studies
- Reduce speeds (20mph zones) and undertake local safety schemes
- Utilise new powers to enforce moving traffic offences and work with the police to improve enforcement
- **Establish programmes of road safety promotional activities and education and training for all modes of transport**
- Lobby for funding to implement home zones
- Implementing safer routes-to-school initiatives

Maintaining the network

- Continue programmes of principal and borough road maintenance
- Continue programme of bridge assessment and strengthening
- Continue to improve our underpasses and rail arches
- Prepare guidelines for the design and maintenance of our streets
- Prepare an asset management register of all street infrastructure
- Continue programme of winter maintenance
- Work with TfL to minimise disruption on our streets resulting from highway works

Accessibility

- Provide safe and easy access to recreational facilities
- Continue programme to improve pedestrian crossing facilities and linking places of interest
- Review accessible parking throughout the borough
- Review accessible transport services and consider accessible transport brokerage options
- Support Taxicard and work with partners to the service
- Investigate opportunities to fund an accessibility planning pilot

Air, Noise and Freight

- Continue air quality monitoring programme
- Develop the Biodiesel Fuel in partnership with other boroughs
- Support the London Low Emission Zone (LEZ) by 2007
- Use low noise emitting surfaces in all road renewal schemes
- **Manage freight through Freight Quality Partnership**

Land Use

- Develop a transport Supplementary Planning Document (SPD) to guide future development

- Preparation of a Green Travel Plan for the council
- Require green travel plans for all new developments as well as for existing land uses
- Establish Local Travel Planning Groups to assist the delivery of green travel plans
- Promote car free development, car clubs and car sharing

What happens next?

Full strategy mid July for public consultation throughout the summer

Questionnaires and feedback forms will accompany the public consultation.

Final plan will be influenced by your contributions

When approved by Executive, it will be submitted to the Mayor of London for his approval – sometime in the autumn.

In the meantime, for more information you can contact:

The Transport Group

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Chiltern House, Portland Street, SE17 2ES

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Email: transport@southwark.gov.uk

Neighbourhood Renewal - Blackfriars and Borough

- targeting most deprived parts of England
- 70% of Southwark wards qualify
- trying to narrow the gaps
- neighbourhood focused improvements
- to facilities and council services

Projects in education and the young

- Charles Dickens School library
- Waterloo Sports and Football Club
- Summer Youth programme
- Blackfriars Settlement - Mint Street

Neighbourhood focused:

responding to clear needs:

- specific groups – many lone parent families and single pensioners
- few green spaces near by

AND less obvious:

- in schools – bullying and rotting teeth
- health – low male life expectancy, low birth weights

Some visible work....

- Charles Dickens School library
- STEP festival funding
- Community Games funding
- lock fitting led by Blackfriar's Settlement

... and not so visible but just as important

- changes in management of services to target most deprived areas
- getting different council departments to work together
- focus policy on specific problems
- focus policy on poorer areas
- reshaping services to reflect local needs
- learning from pilot projects

Projects to improve Health & Well-being

- BOST Gardening
- Lorrimore Counselling
- Teaching Assistants training
- Community Games
- Health Promotion - run by the Primary Care Trust

Projects to address crime, housing & liveability

- Anti-bullying theatre working with school children
- D:side drugs education and prevention in schools
- Blackfriars Settlement security and safety scheme

Projects to tackle worklessness.....

- generally requires large borough wide initiatives but through my office...
- Cuming Museum initiating a training course for pregnant teenagers
- Training teaching assistants

Projects to develop community involvement and cohesion

- STEP July festival
- Community Council festival
- Youth inclusion programmes at Blackfriar's settlement and with Waterloo Sports and Social Club
- encouraging wider involvement in Community Councils

Events coming up

- STEP July Festival – until the end of this week
- Benefits Bus event for Blackfriars & Borough in August – venue to be confirmed
- Community Games this summer

Beyond 2006

- increased focus on localised needs
- longer term goals met – health and education
- services which are better at meeting needs
- good Neighbourhood Renewal projects taken up for permanent funding
- further innovation
- capturing community opinions

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