

TAKEnote

Bermondsey Community Council



Notes from the meeting on Tuesday November 21 2006
Ellen Brown Centre, 145 Grange Road, London SE1 3EB

Issue no. 10

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Main items at this meeting:

- Community fund 2006/7
- Cleaner, greener, safer 2006/7
- South Bermondsey annual review
- Police update



Community Fund 2006/7

This year £15,000 will be distributed between nineteen local groups. Among those who successfully bid were:

Yachay Wasi – who are holding a day to raise awareness about the cultures of the Andes in the local community. Includes a music and dance workshop plus an arts and crafts exhibition.

16th Bermondsey Scout Group – who wish to build story benches and outdoor lighting. This will enable twenty young people from cubs, beavers, scouts and day nursery to play outside in the evenings.

Bermondsey Community Nursery – who are inviting the NPV Arts Magic Eye Theatre to come and do a show for the children in the nursery.

Cynth Sinclair Music – who will re-establish Dulwich Progressive Music School. Instruction will include keyboards, strings, wind, brass and singing.

Hornafrik Integration Projects – who will carry out educational and sports classes for local Somali youths. Includes English, math, and science studies and a football tournament.

Sonia Barrachina – who will run drama group sessions and promote awareness of self and others. The project encourages and develops communication and social skills.

Tower Peace and Harmony – will raise awareness about various cultures and faiths in the Neckinger Estate area. Also to promote community involvement and the diverse cultures and faiths in Bermondsey.

Working Network Association – will educate Southwark's youth about crime and drug abuse and provide assistance to residents from ethnic minorities about being successful entrepreneurs.

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South Bermondsey Annual Review

Darryl Telles from South Bermondsey Partnership gave a presentation on the Partnership, what it is, how it works and what it does.

What is a Neighbourhood Management Partnership ?

- It is targeted to improve services at a local neighbourhood level. The South Bermondsey area has a population of about 16,000 people.
- It seeks to co-ordinate existing resources more effectively to ensure they better suit the needs of local residents – it does not manage services directly

- It is run by a partnership board which included different service providers in the statutory and voluntary sector, plus members and residents

Why South Bermondsey ?

- It is a priority neighbourhood for tackling deprivation
- It has low levels of community cohesion
- It has not received large scale regeneration

How is the project managed ?

- Seven-year commitment from Government, which is now entering its third year

- Approximately £350,000 each year
- Multi-agency board – resident majority

What are our priorities ?

- Crime and environment
- Learning and young people
- Health and worklessness
- Community involvement

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Police update

Sgt Cole and Sgt Scott reported:

On Friday October 10 2006 at 1:15pm, a green Wrangler Jeep was driving west down Rolls Road, SE1 when it collided into a tree and then hit an 18-month-old child in a pushchair. The child's name was Billy Donnelly. He was taken by ambulance to Royal London Hospital where he died shortly afterwards from his injuries.

Some arrests have been made. The Police are still looking for witnesses to the accident. Anyone with information was invited to contact the Collision Investigation Unit on 020 8285 1574 or anonymously Crimestoppers on 0800 555 111.

Cleaner, Greener, Safer 2006/7

This year Bermondsey community council members allocated £369,000 to fifteen new schemes. They started by allocating additional funding to projects from previous years. These were:

- Hanging Baskets – new baskets and the maintenance of 80 baskets for the next 12 months (£32,000)
- Four Squares Football Pitch (£30,000)
- The Blue Market (£20,000)

Among this year's approved projects were:

Guy Street Lighting – Install lighting around the base of the trees or on columns alongside the trees to enhance the park and built environment.

Kirby Grove Picnic Area – Turn an unused grass area alongside the hall into a safe secure picnic and play area for children using the hall.

Setchell Estate Kissing Gates – Install new gates to slow bicycles that move at dangerous speeds through the estate.

St Mary Magdalen Churchyard – Lighting and various environmental improvements for the benefit of local residents and park users.

Arnold Estate Football Pitch – Upgrade existing football pitch with goals, safer surfacing and line markings.

Bede House Security – Upgrade security and appearance of the building with benefits to the wider community

Four Squares Information Boards – Enclosed, lockable information boards for use by residents on the perimeter of the Four Squares Estate.

St Crispin's Spinners – Install wall mounted spinners along the southern side of the Jamaica Road block.

St Olave's Community Garden – To improve upon a basic treatment of the landscaping proposed in stage two of the Druid street closure project.

Tower Bridge Primary School Wall – Create a feature of the brick wall improving the aesthetics of the surrounding area and the appearance of the school.

Cherry Gardens School Mural – Create mural for playground wall with local artist and children. It will illustrate ways of keeping safe and have an environmental theme.

Landscape Frontage Planting – Landscape a strip of land at the front of the school to be enjoyed by the school and local community.

Thorburn Square St Anne's Church – Landscape the front of the church to enhance the entrance and create a community space.

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Your next Bermondsey community council meeting is on Monday January 8 2006 from 7pm at the Ellen Brown Centre, 145 Grange Rd, London SE1 3EB

Everyone welcome !

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