

TAKEnote

Bermondsey Community Council



Notes from the meeting on Wednesday February 7 2007

Issue no. 12

Harris Academy Bermondsey,
55 Southwark Park Road, SE16 3TZ

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Main items at this meeting:

- Boundless festival
- Community wardens update
- Spa regeneration
- Updating Southwark's byelaws

Spa Regeneration update

Tim Thompson presented

Site A : This is filling up with residents and tenants. The site compound will be stripped over the next two months.

Sites E and H : Phase 1 is going to schedule. Phase 2 is due to start in six weeks. That will largely be used for the re-housing of people. Most people in Site A are coming from blocks above the shops.

Site J : This is now eighteen months from completion. They are building above the Jubilee line. The park is becoming much more established with far more users. We have a site on Spa Road where the factory used to be. The team is currently working through final consultation and detail.

Links between Sites D and G. They will have new retail units there too. Spa Road will remain the spine and officers are trying to keep the commercial premises in the area but the people shall decide.

Boundless festival – Southwark Disability Forum

Chris Killick presented

The Boundless festival will take place May – June 2007

It is Southwark's first arts, sports and cultural festival and is led by people with disabilities.

Boundless was started by local Bermondsey resident Chris Killick, a member of Southwark Disability Forum and a campaigner on disability rights for all disabled Londoners. The festival is led by Southwark Events team in partnership with the Forum along with voluntary and community groups such as Bede House.

Southwark Disability Forum is an alliance of disabled people and disabled groups. They meet regularly to have their say on how services are provided for the disability community in Southwark. They promote the full cohesion and integration of all people with disabilities in Southwark.

Their mission is to establish a festival promoting integrated borough-wide arts and sports, through which they will celebrate diversity in Southwark, particularly within the disabled community.

Boundless events will take place all over Southwark including Bermondsey. Dulwich picture gallery and the Tate have agreed to partner the festival and join in. There will be a sports day for adults in Salmon Sports club.

One such Boundless event will be the Blue Eyed Soul Dance Company who will showcase a dance piece at Southwark Playhouse's new venue on Tooley Street.

All Boundless events are for every local resident – with or without disabilities. Access to marketing, information and transport for Bermondsey residents will be key in enabling people to go to events throughout Southwark.

You can help by supporting this event and telling your friends about it. This is our chance to demonstrate the needs of disabled people and to integrate everybody in Southwark's cultural arena.

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Updating Southwark's byelaws

Todd Strehlow presented

- Southwark has several historical byelaws but:
- Many are obsolete (whistling for cabs...)
 - Don't control known and persistent nuisance issues (barbecues, buskers)
 - Don't apply to all areas of the public realm (Jubilee Walk)
 - Ineffective (£5 fine for setting off fireworks)
 - Superseded by newer legislation
 - Poorly enforced

Model byelaws are...

- Local laws creating criminal offences
- Models, with limited scope for changes
- Can be fast-tracked
- Must be approved by full Council
- Must be confirmed by the Secretary of State

These can be enforced by:

- Community wardens
- Parks wardens
- Police
- Waste enforcement officers
- Markets officers
- Environmental health officers
- Trading standards officers
- Courts can impose fines (£500 - £1,000) and there are new provisions for fixed penalty notices

Proposed byelaws for adoption:

- Pleasure grounds and open spaces
- Amusement premises
- Promenades
- Good rule and government
- Markets

What we need you to tell us:

- Which byelaws should we adopt ?
- What activities should we include / leave out ?
- Should they apply to the whole of Southwark; or just to specific places, and if so which ?
- Where should certain activities, such as horse riding or cycling, be allowed and where not ?

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Bermondsey Community Wardens

Ruth Backhurst presented

Role of the warden

- To provide a visible reassuring uniformed presence on streets and estates (ambassadors)
- To reduce crime, the fear of crime and anti-social behaviour
- To report enviro-crime, such as flytips, graffiti, and vandalism
- To enforce by issuing Fixed Penalty Notices for littering, trade waste and dog fouling offences.
- To foster positive links within the community.

To reduce crime, the fear of crime and anti-social behaviour

- Reassuring uniformed presence
- Visual deterrent
- Eyes and ears
- Observe and report
- Partnership working and exchange of information
- Promote community safety initiatives
- Tasked according to current crime and anti-social behaviour trends

January summary

- Anti-begging campaign – 1500 leaflets were distributed in the London Bridge area
- Anti-litter campaign – over 400 stubble ashtrays distributed on the street to smokers in SE1
- Warden intelligence contributed to 15 months detention for a young offender
- Damilola Taylor Trust "Respect your life, not a knife" campaign – packs distributed to schools and youth clubs / centres
- Focus on street population issues, personal safety, monitoring ASB on estates and burglary reduction (non residential)
- 200 intelligence reports submitted to partner agencies

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Your next Bermondsey community council meeting is on Wednesday March 21 2007 from 7pm at the Harris Academy Bermondsey, 55 Southwark Park Road, SE16 3TZ

Everyone welcome !

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