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## Rotherhithe Community Council



Notes from the meeting on Wednesday January 11 2006  
Links Community Centre,  
353 Rotherhithe New Road, SE16

Issue no. 3

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### Main items at this meeting

- Southwark 2016
- Challenges and successes of community councils
- The Community Fund 2006
- Local diversity network
- Drug awareness and drug related crime
- Time and Talents
- Safer Neighbourhoods Team

### Calling the shots

Althea Smith promoted a film highlighting the impact of guns on families and local communities. 'Calling the Shots' recently won a film award and it has the backing of the Mayor London. Along with an educational resource pack, the film will be distributed to and shown in schools to raise awareness and generate discussion around the serious issue of gun crime.

Althea, explained that this fits into schools' citizenship curriculum and it has already been piloted in 15 schools.

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## Southwark 2016: shaping the future of the borough

'Southwark 2016' is a ten-year plan which sets out what people wish their borough to be like over the next decade, and what needs to be done to get there.



Southwark Council and the Southwark Alliance, the local strategic partnership for the borough, published a draft Southwark 2016 plan in November which proposed a vision and 14 priorities for the borough. These included: improving people's lives, helping them to become healthier, safer and to achieve their educational potential. It suggested making Southwark a place for people made up of mixed communities focussed around the eight community council areas. And it stressed the need for quality public services which are easy to access, efficient and modern.

At this meeting, people discussed the draft plan and Southwark's future during presentation followed by an interactive workshop. They heard that Southwark's population will grow over the next decade, particularly the number of young adults. Migration and diversity will be a constant feature and there is potential for further economic, social and geographical polarisation. Residents asked for inequality to be minimised, diversity promoted as an asset and the identity of different localities to be strengthened. The future of housing was seen as key to creating mixed communities and there was a need to improve the local environment and promote a more sustainable use of resources.

Over the next few months, the opinions of those who responded to the consultation will be taken on board in producing the final plan. This is due to be published in summer 2006.

For more information about the Southwark 2016 draft plan visit [www.southwarkalliance.org.uk/southwark2016](http://www.southwarkalliance.org.uk/southwark2016) or contact [joanna.menzies@southwark.gov.uk](mailto:joanna.menzies@southwark.gov.uk) or call on 020 7525 7506

### Local diversity network

The Rotherhithe and Bermondsey diversity network represents many groups in the area. Several of these are quite small and benefit from the collective nature of the network. It has helped raise awareness of local issues but it often had a tough task integrating members of an established group into the wider community with little support.

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## Time and Talents

Kieren McIntosh introduced two young women from Time and Talents who had recently returned from Germany and Poland. The aim of their trip had been to learn more about the holocaust. They visited Auschwitz and said that it was very emotional and beneficial as it had made them appreciate what they had and not to take things the little things in life for granted. They bonded with their fellow travellers as well children at a school in Poland. Time and Talents were considering other trips of an educational nature.

### Contact

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## Safer Neighbourhoods Team

Richard Skinner from the Safer Neighbourhoods Team (SNT) said that an extra police constable had recently joined the SNT and the team was now up to full strength. He explained that a steering group would form in January and that would set the parameters for the area and review them from time to time.

Mopeds are a current nuisance in the area and residents were encouraged to report to the police, anyone seen driving on land.

Contact Richard Skinner on 020 8649 3588

## Don't miss it!

Local elections will happen on Thursday May 4. If you don't vote, you don't have a voice. You need to be registered to vote by Monday March 13!

Registering to vote is easy. Call us on 020 7525 7373, or download a registration form from [www.southwark.gov.uk/vote](http://www.southwark.gov.uk/vote), or visit the electoral services office next to the town hall on Peckham Road.

## School governors

Members agreed the appointment of Mr Sherington Gaskin as a Governor at Ilderton Primary School.

## Challenges and successes of community councils

Abdi Mohamed outlined the work of Southwark Council's Community Involvement Development Unit (CIDU) in the Rotherhithe Community Council area. A survey was carried out among community groups to identify how community councils were perceived and how they could improve.

Feedback from this survey included:

- Presentations, times and the format of community council meetings should vary.
- Community council meetings should have more interaction, with more workshops and discussion.
- Meetings should be themed around particular issues – such as crime or education.
- Exhibition displays and information stalls, or other kinds of interesting public displays as part of the meetings.
- Food should be available.
- Childcare should be available at meetings.
- Feedback sessions at the end of meetings arranged.

Abdi said that feedback from the survey was ongoing and that a formal report would be presented at a future meeting. **If you would like to add your views please contact [abdullahi.mohamed@southwark.gov.uk](mailto:abdullahi.mohamed@southwark.gov.uk) or call 020 7525 5549**

## £15,000 community fund cash for Rotherhithe

Rotherhithe community council has a £15,000 community fund to spend on projects and activities that will bring benefits to local people. We want your ideas on how to spend the money. The possibilities are endless, but for instance, it could be sports gear for a local youth club, toys for a playgroup, a street party or publicity for a local community group. Grants of between £100 and £1000 are available for community groups or groups of neighbours to apply for. We also want your ideas for a community event or festival which you would like to take place in Rotherhithe.



Anyone who submits an idea will be entered into a prize draw to win an iPod shuffle!

Please send your applications and ideas for the community fund by March 3 2006.

Residents will have the opportunity to vote in person on selected ideas at a future Rotherhithe community council meeting.

**If you would like more information about the fund and support in making an application, please contact Abdi on [abdullahi.mohamed@southwark.gov.uk](mailto:abdullahi.mohamed@southwark.gov.uk), call 020 7525 5549 or visit [www.southwark.gov.uk/communityfund](http://www.southwark.gov.uk/communityfund)**

Next meeting February 15 2005, 7pm  
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Up for discussion: Transport matters and the Community Fund update

