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Rotherhithe Community Council



Notes from the meeting on Wednesday June 14 2006
Links Community Centre,
353 Rotherhithe New Road, SE16

Issue no. 6

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Main items at this meeting

- New Rotherhithe Library
- Police update
- Meeting new councillors and visiting community stalls
- Cleaner Greener Safer programme 2006-07

Canada Water master plan – Rotherhithe Library

David Taylor from environment & leisure provided an update on the Canada Water masterplan. He explained that a public consultation with private owners and tenants recently took place and that details were also presented at the Canada Water forum. Key changes to sites A and B concerning planning consent will be submitted to the council in September 2006. Residents were also invited to put forward their suggestions for how they would like the Rotherhithe Library to look and came up with some excellent ideas. Younger residents were keen to see a 'chill out' area for young people, PCs, computer games and for the library to offer activities such as music and drama. Parents requested facilities such as a pushchair lobby for prams and child height toilets. Other suggestions included good access for the disabled and books in large print; a café; and that the library is open seven days a week to take into account those that work. The library will have community meeting rooms and story telling sessions for young children

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Police update

Local Met police officers from Surrey Docks ward provided the meeting with feedback on the last community steering group meeting held at Rotherhithe Police Station.

Met officers work very closely with the police community support officers and community wardens to tackle crime in local areas. For example, school age robberies have been a major concern in the area and the suspects were recently caught with the help of the safer neighbourhood office. The Rotherhithe officer also let residents know that there has been a split of the old wards, north – Bermondsey East and Rotherhithe New Road and explained how this might affect them.

Leaflets with contact details and further information were available at the meeting.

For more information please contact tim.murtagh@southwark.gov.uk or call 020 7525 7187



Cleaner, Greener, Safer scheme 2006/07

The community council funded programme, Cleaner Greener Safer is now open for 2006-07 and residents are invited to submit any ideas they have for environmental and community safety improvements in Rotherhithe.

If you have an idea for improving your neighbourhood, complete and return the application by Monday September 18 2006.

For more information and application forms visit the Southwark website, www.southwark.gov.uk or contact Uella Campbell on 020 7863 3175 or uella.campbell@southwark.gov.uk.

Meeting new councillors

An extended break was held during the community council meeting to give residents an opportunity to meet and chat with their community council councillors including the four new members were elected in May. The residents also took time during the break to meet and talk to council staff from a number of different departments at the various information stalls present at the meeting.



Councillor Blango invites all residents to have their say at community councils.

Discussion groups on community councils

Councillor Blango spoke to the community council about his role as Executive Member for Equalities and Community Councils. The meeting then broke into discussion groups where residents were invited to give their views on Rotherhithe Community Council's future priorities and action. The information stalls also provided another avenue for residents to raise issues and find out more about services in their local area. A feedback report will be included at the next meeting in September 2006.

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Your next Rotherhithe Community Council meeting is on Wednesday September 6 2006 from 7pm. Details of the venue will be confirmed shortly as we aiming to try out new venues – keep you posted.

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Everyone welcome!

Come and have your say and meet councillors and officers for your area.

