

Bermondsey Community Council

Wednesday 21 March 2012

7.00 pm

Harris Academy, 55 Southwark Park Road, SE16 3TZ

Membership

Councillor Linda Manchester (Chair)
Councillor Graham Neale (Vice-Chair)
Councillor Anood Al-Samerai
Councillor Michael Bukola
Councillor Denise Capstick
Councillor Mark Gettleson
Councillor Paul Kyriacou
Councillor Eliza Mann
Councillor Nick Stanton

Members of the committee are summoned to attend this meeting

Eleanor Kelly

Acting Chief Executive

Date: Tuesday 13 March 2012



Order of Business

- | Item No. | Title |
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| 1. | INTRODUCTION AND WELCOME |
| 2. | APOLOGIES |
| 3. | ITEMS OF BUSINESS THAT THE CHAIR DEEMS URGENT |

The chair to advise whether they have agreed to any item of urgent business being admitted to the agenda.

Item No.	Title	Time
4.	DISCLOSURE OF MEMBERS' INTERESTS AND DISPENSATIONS	
	Members are asked to declare any interest or dispensation and the nature of that interest or dispensation which they may have in any of the items under consideration at this meeting.	
5.	MINUTES (Pages 4 - 12)	
	To confirm as a correct record the minutes of the meeting held on 18 January 2012.	
6.	COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Poppy appeal in Bermondsey 2012 - Youth Community Councils update - Salmon Youth Centre - Cleaner Greener Safer 2012/13 revenue 	
7.	DEPUTATIONS/PETITIONS (IF ANY)	
	The chair to advise on any deputations or petitions received.	
8.	COMMUNITY SAFETY UPDATE	
	Officers from the local Safer Neighbourhoods Teams to respond to questions	
9.	DRINK AND DRUGS - HOW THEY AFFECT THE COMMUNITY	7.25pm
	<p>Among the speakers:</p> <p>Julie Rogers, Southwark User Council & Peer Mentor Manager</p> <p>Iain Gray, Southwark's Drug and Alcohol Action Team</p> <p>Eammon Egerton, St Mungo's</p>	
10.	DRINK AND DRUGS - HOW THEY AFFECT THE COMMUNITY	7.55pm
	Panel of speakers: Questions and Answers session with those in attendance	
11.	OPEN SPACES STRATEGY	8.25pm
	Kate Johnson to present	

Item No.	Title	Time
12.	CLEANER GREENER SAFER: FUNDING REALLOCATION (Pages 13 - 14) Executive Function Councillors to consider the recommendations contained in the report.	8.35pm
13.	CLEANER GREENER SAFER 2012/13: FUNDING ALLOCATION (Pages 15 - 19) Executive Function Councillors to consider the recommendations contained in the report.	
14.	JAMAICAN CARNIVAL IN SOUTHWARK PARK Paul Cowell to present	8.40pm
15.	PUBLIC QUESTION TIME (Page 20) Please submit your written questions to the Constitutional Officer or Neighbourhood Co-ordinator.	8.50pm
16.	HIGHWAYS DEVOLVED CAPITAL FUNDING FOR 2012/13 (Pages 21 - 24) Executive Function Councillors to consider the recommendations contained in the report.	9.00pm
17.	LOCAL PARKING AMENDMENTS Executive Function Councillors to consider the statutory objection. Report to follow.	
18.	SCHOOL GOVERNOR APPOINTMENTS Executive Function Councillors to consider the recommendations set out in the closed report.	

Date: Tuesday 13 March 2012

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BERMONDSEY COMMUNITY COUNCIL

MINUTES of the Bermondsey Community Council held on Wednesday 18 January 2012 at 6.00 pm at The Oxford and Bermondsey Youth Club, 3 Webb Street, London, SE1 4RP

PRESENT: Councillor Linda Manchester (Chair)
 Councillor Graham Neale (Vice-Chair)
 Councillor Anood Al-Samerai
 Councillor Michael Bukola
 Councillor Mark Gettleson
 Councillor Paul Kyriacou
 Councillor Eliza Mann
 Councillor Nick Stanton

OTHER MEMBERS PRESENT: Councillor Richard Livingstone

OFFICER SUPPORT: Forid Ahmed (Neighbourhood Coordinator)
 Matt Hill (Public Realm Programme Manager)
 Gill Kelly (Community Council Development Officer)
 Barbara-Ann Overwater (Senior Planning Policy Officer)
 Gerald Gohler (Constitutional Officer)

1. INTRODUCTION AND WELCOME

The chair welcomed councillors, members of the public and officers to the meeting.

2. APOLOGIES

There were apologies for absence from Councillor Denise Capstick; and for lateness from Councillors Mark Gettleson, Eliza Mann and Paul Kyriacou.

3. ITEMS OF BUSINESS THAT THE CHAIR DEEMS URGENT

There were none.

4. DISCLOSURE OF MEMBERS' INTERESTS AND DISPENSATIONS

Members declared interests regarding the following agenda items:

14. LOCAL PARKING AMENDMENTS

Councillor Nick Stanton, personal and non-prejudicial, in relation to the local parking amendment on Mandela Way, as he visited the depots located there to pick up packages and mail.

5. MINUTES

RESOLVED:

That the minutes of the meeting held on 10 November 2011 be agreed as an accurate record of that meeting and signed by the chair.

6. COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

At this point, Councillor Paul Kyriacou joined the meeting.

Southwark Civic Association

Gary Magold, representing the Southwark Civic Association, explained that the Civic Association had been in existence since 1995, and that it awarded honours on three different levels: letter of commendation, freedom of the old metropolitan boroughs and life-time achievement. There were also specialised "of the year" awards. This year the association wanted to honour people who had shown acts of civic engagement or courage during or after the disturbances in August 2011. He encouraged all those in attendance to submit their nominations by 31 January 2012, either in paper form or electronically via the website.

Elephant and Castle Opportunity Area supplementary planning document (SPD)

Barbara-Ann Overwater, from the council's planning policy team, informed the meeting that a consultation about this document was currently ongoing. The document was aimed at providing a framework, against which future planning applications, traffic schemes and other developments would be assessed. She encouraged people to give their feedback electronically or on the questionnaires provided until 7 February 2012, or to come along to the Walworth Community Council on 21 January 2012 at 1pm, at the Walworth Academy, where this document would be discussed in workshops. Responding to questions from the floor, Barbara-Ann said that the consultation on the leisure centre was independent from this consultation, but that the SPD document would take account of the leisure centre development. The meeting heard that the separate consultation on the leisure centre would finish on 23 January 2012.

Councillors asked Barbara-Ann to note, and add to the feed back, that there was a real shortage of family-sized, affordable housing, and that this should be included in the document.

Recycling / Waste-collections

Ian McGeough, from Veolia, informed the meeting about the new processing and recycling facility off the Old Kent Road, which featured the following main components. The centre itself which sorted and recycled the waste, the recycling discovery centre for children at Key Stage 2, and a permanent exhibition/meeting space, which community groups could use to meet. He reminded the meeting that the facility at Manor Place was now closed.

LINK Southwark

Sec-Chan Hoong informed the meeting that LINK Southwark were looking for people to join their leadership group. This group would be in charge of overseeing the transition to Health Watch which would scrutinise health and social care provision and establishments in the borough, including hospitals, care homes and GP surgeries. Health Watch would also have the power to ask for written replies from the organisations regarding problems it had raised. The leadership group would operate like a board of trustees, and support the organisation in its overarching aim to improve health and social care in the borough. She encouraged attendees to pick up one of the recruitment packs.

7. DEPUTATIONS/PETITIONS (IF ANY)

There were none.

8. COMMUNITY SAFETY UPDATE

PS Brown from South Bermondsey Safer Neighbourhoods Team (SNT) fed back on recent activities and priorities of this team:

- Operations targeting untaxed vehicles, and those without insurance
- Focus on a small number of young people causing problems in the Blue, which had led to 2 arrests

He asked people to ring the new 101 number for any non-urgent enquiries, and sign up to email updates by the individual SNTs.

Responding to a question from the floor about cycle racks being moved to the side of the building at the White Cube gallery, he agreed that it was important to design out crime, but that he could not comment on this particular case. He would inform the local crime prevention officer, who would be better placed to comment.

He went on to apologise for the long wait a resident had experienced on the 101 number, and said that more staff were being transferred to this unit, and therefore the service would improve.

9. DOMESTIC VIOLENCE OVERVIEW

The chair introduced the panel:

- Dr Lorraine Radford
- DS Davies, Metropolitan Police
- Pauline Campbell and Angela D'Urso, Safer Southwark Partnership
- Neil Dickens, Broken Rainbow

- Ntokozo Dlova, Bede House

Dr Radford gave an introduction to the issue of domestic violence which she said was rooted in inequality and profoundly affected individuals, especially children, but also the whole of the community. She went on to say that a quarter of women and a sixth of men would experience domestic violence over the course of their lives, and that anyone could be affected, whatever their sexual orientation, although the most common form was men inflicting domestic violence on women. She went on to give the Home Office definition of domestic violence which is: "An incident of threatening or abusive behaviour in the context of a close relationship or in the family." Domestic violence was about coercion and control, and 20 women a week were killed by their partners in the UK. She went on to illustrate the impact of domestic violence on children with an example.

DS Davis, from the Metropolitan police, explained that the Domestic Violence Unit in Southwark was one of the busiest in the country, and dealt with "honour-based" violence, hate crime and domestic violence. She said that one of the problems the team came up against was an unwillingness by members of the public, such as neighbours to come forward and make witness statements, and that prosecutions sometimes fails because of this.

Pauline Campbell and Angela D'Urso, from the Safer Southwark Partnership, explained that different agencies worked in partnership which involved so-called MARACs (Multi-Agency Risk Assessment Conference) about cases of domestic violence, and possible interventions. Pauline Campbell reiterated that family members are deeply affected by domestic violence, and that they often do not want to get the police involved. She went on to say that legal advice and support was available for victims. Angela D'Urso said that it was important that services had an individual approach and that they provided appropriate one-to-one support. There were also independent advocates, who advocated on behalf of the victims. From the 1 April 2012 there would be a 24 hour service which was not the police, so that victims were more likely to come forward. There would also be a perpetrator programme to fight the cycle of violence.

Neil Dickens from Broken Rainbow outlined that domestic violence also occurred in the lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender (LGBT) community, and that there were special issues such as societal and internalised homophobia, which stopped people from coming forward or regarding themselves as having been the victims of domestic violence. Other issues which may come up were: blackmail, feeling less supported, isolation, not being believed. Broken Rainbow ran a helpline funded by the Home Office, and other projects to support domestic abuse survivors from the LGBT community by for example working out individual safety strategies with them. About 25% of gay men and lesbians had experienced domestic violence, but the percentage among trans-people was as high as 50%. For more information contact Broken Rainbow: www.broken-rainbow.org.uk

Ntokozo Dlova, from Bede House explained that the organisation was based at 351 Southwark Park Road and had programmes for supporting victims of domestic abuse and hate crime, and was open from Monday to Friday 9am-5pm. She emphasised that the organisation did not try to sway those they helped to follow a particular course of action, and offered groups for survivors of domestic abuse. No appointments were needed, people could just pop in. For more information, contact Bede House: 020 7237 3881 or www.bede-house.org.

10. **PANEL ON DOMESTIC VIOLENCE - A QUESTION & ANSWER SESSION WITH RESIDENTS**

The panel then discussed issues and questions from the floor.

Dr Radford explained that the research evidence for programmes for the perpetrators was inconclusive, as the evidence was patchy. However, a programme in Scotland which had put perpetrators on probation had resulted in a decrease of violent activity. Angela D'Urso explained that sometimes the perpetrators would not change despite being in programmes, which in a way was an outcome, too, as it facilitated the decision to get out for his partner and other family. Ntokozo Dlova, from Bede House, said it was important to remember that domestic violence was not about anger, but about control. Neil Dickens, from Broken Rainbow, added that the victim was usually blamed by the perpetrator and also mistakenly blamed themselves.

Responding to a question from the floor, the panel responded that those under 18 could protect themselves by means of a child protection order which was made by social services. For over 18s, an injunction could be applied for. Speakers emphasised that it was a question of social responsibility for people to take steps against domestic abuse, including informing social services or the police. The panel also agreed that while no direct causality between alcohol and drug use and domestic violence could be established, alcohol and drug use were one of the warning flags which would be discussed at MARACs. Sometimes anti-social behaviour by young people had its roots in domestic abuse, and alcohol and drug use.

The panel explained that the government was currently consulting on a proposal on whether the authorities should have the right to warn the new partner of someone who had engaged in domestic violence, and that support for the wider family was not possible because of strained budgets – the focus was on those directly affected.

Responding to further questions, the panel agreed that the most important thing for victims of domestic violence was their safety and that the victims should not wait, for example for a suspected mental health condition to have been diagnosed in the perpetrator. In terms of the perpetrator being a regular visitor, rather than actually a resident in a building, the meeting heard that the police could take action as soon as any assaults took place, and ASBOs and other measures could be put into place to effectively ban the perpetrator from the property.

The panel advised that if a perpetrator tried to continue the abuse via custody visits, a solicitor should be involved, which was a good idea in any custody case. Independent, free advice was also available from Women's Aid. In terms of reclaiming the rights to your property, after having had to flee an abusive situation, agencies would advocate on behalf of the victim to ensure they could return to the property, which could then also be fitted with extra security. On the whole, the sooner the victim left, the sooner the abuse would end, and more time there would be to re-establish her/himself.

11. BOWEL CANCER AWARENESS

At this point, Councillor Paul Kyriacou left the meeting.

Clare Stephenson, from Bowel Cancer UK, spoke to the meeting about the importance of testing for bowel cancer. She said the organisation had been in existence for 25 years and that they had a support line staffed by nurse and open Monday-Friday.

In terms of the disease itself, survival rates of those cases which were picked up early were 93%, but unfortunately only 7% of cases were early diagnoses. The disease affected men and women equally, and there was a great lack of awareness of the symptoms and risk factors.

The symptoms for bowel cancer were bleeding, blood in the stool, bowl habits changing, weight loss, or lumps or bumps in the abdomen. If someone displayed any of these symptoms they should visit their GP. In terms of the risk factors, these were age (50+) and a family history of Crohn's disease, polyps in the colon and type 2 diabetes.

The good news was that everyone could decrease their risk factors by: reducing their meat intake (especially of processed meat), eating more fruit and vegetables, for example beans, exercising and drinking enough water. Furthermore, smoking cessation and being screened for polyps in the bowel were important. People aged 60-69 were able to pick up free testing kits from their GPs. Responding to questions from the floor, Clare explained that only 60-69 year-olds were eligible for a free testing kit, but that anyone who had the symptoms she had outlined should visit their GP.

12. HIGHWAYS DEVOLVED CAPITAL FUNDING FOR 2012/13

Attendees had left feedback on maps of the area during the break. The chair said this would inform the schemes which would be proposed by officers.

13. PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

The following question was submitted in writing during the meeting:

"While I welcome the redevelopment of Bermondsey, the White Cube Gallery, in what would appear to be an aesthetic or poor design issue, have agreed with officers to remove the cycle racks from the front of the gallery and have provided replacements to the side. Would members place a stay on this, get the coverings removed from the racks, until the Police have reported back from a position of 'designing out crime'."

Councillor Gettleson commented that he had only become aware of this issue that day, and said that it was questionable the bike racks were safer at the side of the building. He would look into this.

A question was raised about the proposed merger of Bermondsey and Rotherhithe Community Councils, and whether this would make them less effective. Councillor Anood Al-Samerai responded that members of this community council agreed with this, and were opposed to the merger, and to taking local planning functions away from community councils. They were of the opinion that community councils were very important.

A question was raised about the recent planning committee which had decided on the London Bridge redevelopment, and the closure of certain streets as part of the scheme.

Councillor Gettleson explained that the scheme which was agreed was more beneficial than the one which had been suggested before the intervention of local members; and that members and residents would have to watch carefully that the money generated by the scheme was spent as agreed. Councillor Al-Samerai said that the assurances from Network Rail which councillors had managed to get were a real achievement, and that they had negotiated the best deal possible.

ACTION: Chair to invite TfL to a future community council meeting to talk about proposed changes to traffic in the London Bridge area due to the refurbishment of London Bridge station.

A question was raised about the traffic congestion in Spa Road, where there were four new estates which created extra traffic flows, with large lorries parked on either side.

Councillor Manchester responded that she had raised this issue with the department, and they had had to wait until the building work was finished to put in place traffic calming measures. A programme was in place looking at the pedestrianisation of the arch, and she assumed that the traffic calming was part of these works. The meeting heard that rat running was also a major issue of concern in Spa Road.

Simon Hughes, MP asked that

- The community council formally opposes the merger of the community council areas
- The community council supports the proposed merger of Lewisham and Southwark Colleges, which would give financial security to Southwark College, and safeguard having a further education college in Bermondsey

He said he also wanted to congratulate all those involved who had put together the event around cycling safety at the Tate, and asked whether more such events could be put on.

14. LOCAL PARKING AMENDMENTS

Executive Function

RESOLVED:

That the following local parking amendment, detailed in the appendices to the report, be approved for implementation subject to the outcome of any necessary statutory procedures:

- Mandela Way – proposed time-limited parking bay

15. SOUTHWARK'S BUDGET FOR 2012/13

Councillor Richard Livingstone, Cabinet member for finance, resources and community safety informed the meeting about the budget for the next financial year which would be considered at the Council Assembly meeting on 29 February 2012. He said that Southwark was facing heavy cuts in the grant from central government, and it was more affected than other parts of the country, because the proportion of its budget, which it receives from central government was larger as a proportion than other authorities. He said that there were more cuts to come, but that the three-year framework of the cuts which had been agreed last year was standing, and that there were therefore no new cuts.

The proposal would go to cabinet on 23 January 2012 for the first reading, and for final approval by cabinet on 7 February 2012. He encouraged people to submit their views.

Responding to a question from members, Councillor Livingstone explained that, the council's contingency fund was £5.5m, and the council would not be adding anything to this year, but would take some money from the council's reserve to be used in the current budget.

The meeting heard that Southwark Cyclists were going to gather in front of the next Council Assembly meeting, as they had not been able to bring a deputation, that many residents did not want the proposed community council mergers, and that the budget should be devolved to the community councils themselves with the cuts being decided there.

Councillor Livingstone responded that five deputations were likely to be heard at the next meeting of Council Assembly, while normally only three were heard. He went on to say that community councils were facing significant cuts, which amounted to a 25% cut over the next 3 years, in line with the budget reduction of the council as a whole. The Democracy Commission had put forward recommendations, in light of these cuts. It had been a difficult decision, but this was deemed to be the best fit and had been based on which areas had the most cross-border issues in common. There was also going to be a new Cleaner Greener Safer Revenue fund, which represented a new power given to Community Councils.

Committee members suggested that the community council budget should have been devolved down to community councils which could have taken the decision on which parts of their budgets they want to cut themselves. This was supported by some speakers from the floor. Views were expressed that the demographics of the proposed areas were not the same, and that Bermondsey could lose out. Members raised questions about why Camberwell and Dulwich community councils were to remain in their current form. A resident raised the possibility of getting sponsorship or Section 106 money to help fund community councils. The meeting also heard that more figures were needed to inform people's opinion.

Councillor Livingstone reminded the meeting that this decision had not yet been taken. He said there should be parity in terms the number of meetings, and a solution had to be found which fit all areas. Developers had contributed significantly to the area by putting on apprenticeship schemes, and by providing local jobs. In terms of Dulwich and Camberwell community councils, Councillor Livingstone said that according to the relevant legislation

about the size community council areas, only having four areas would not be possible, but that the current proposals seemed to best guarantee democratic accountability.

Simon Hughes, MP asked what the size of the councils reserves were this year, and said that top council officers were overpaid. No officer should be paid more than the prime minister. Funding could be freed up from that source.

Councillor Livingstone responded that the council's reserves were £86m, which would probably be reduced over the coming years, as further cuts of the government grant were likely. In terms of top salaries, the council was going to be saving £1m on these next year.

There was a discussion about the council's priorities and alternative ways the money for community councils could be found.

The chair asked for a show of hands from all those in attendance on the following statement:

“The Bermondsey Community Council opposes the proposed merger of the Bermondsey and Rotherhithe Community Council and believes community councils should be strengthened.”

The vast majority of attendees agreed with this statement (with 2 attendees opposed and one abstention).

The chair thanked Councillor Livingstone for attending the meeting.

The meeting ended at 10.00 pm.

CHAIR:

DATED:

Item No. 12.	Classification: Open	Date: 21 March 2012	Meeting Name: Bermondsey Community Council
Report title:		Cleaner Greener Safer: Funding Reallocation	
Ward(s) or groups affected:		All wards within Bermondsey Community Council	
From:		Des Waters, Head of Public Realm	

RECOMMENDATION

1. That Bermondsey Community Council note the financial savings and approve the reallocation of a total of £7,000 to projects in the 2012/13 programme.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

2. Cleaner Greener, Safer (CGS) is part of the London Borough of Southwark's capital programme. Between 2003 and 2010 £3.25m has been made available each year for local residents to apply for awards to make their local area a better place to live. The programme attracts hundreds of proposals ranging from a few hundred pounds for bulb planting to brighten up open spaces to tens of thousands of pounds to create community gardens. These projects often introduce new ideas such as outdoor gyms in public spaces, community gardens, public art and energy saving projects which not only make the borough cleaner, greener and safer but greatly contribute to a sustainable public realm by involving residents in the funding process and in the delivery of projects.

KEY ISSUES FOR CONSIDERATION

3. It is recommended that project [105451] *The Salmon Youth Centre Derelict Spaces to Art Project* is aborted and £7,000 funding is returned to the community council.
4. The original project scope is not feasible within the available budget or within the original conditions of the award.
5. It is recommended that the £7,000 funding is added to the 2012/13 CGS allocation for new projects which will be awarded by the community council in March 2012.

Policy implications

6. N/A

Community impact statement

7. The reallocation of funding will have a positive impact on the community and improve the public space.

Resource implications

8. This is the reallocation of existing CGS funding that was originally awarded in 2010-11. CGS funding is devolved to Community Councils to spend on suitable projects. Management of the reallocation of the funding will be contained within existing budgets.

Consultation

9. All Cleaner Greener Safer projects require consultation with stakeholders, including the project applicant, local residents and Tenants and Residents Associations where appropriate.

SUPPLEMENTARY ADVICE FROM OTHER OFFICERS

10. N/A

BACKGROUND DOCUMENTS

Background Papers	Held At	Contact
Bermondsey Community Council Minutes 22-03-2010 – Item 6	Cleaner Greener Safer, Public Realm, 160 Tooley Street, London, SE1 2TZ	Michelle Normanly 020 7525 0862

APPENDICES

No.	Title
None	

AUDIT TRAIL

Lead Officer	Des Waters, Head of Public Realm	
Report Author	Michelle Normanly, Senior Project Manager	
Version	Final	
Dated	1 March 2012	
Key Decision?	No	
CONSULTATION WITH OTHER OFFICERS / DIRECTORATES / CABINET MEMBER		
Officer Title	Comments Sought	Comments included
Strategic Director of Communities, Law & Governance	No	No
Finance Director	No	No
Cabinet Member	No	No
Date final report sent to Constitutional Team	8 March 2012	

Item No. 13.	Classification: Open	Date: 21 March 2012	Meeting Name: Bermondsey Community Council
Report title:		Cleaner Greener Safer 2012/13: Funding Allocation	
Ward(s) or groups affected:		Grange, Riverside, South Bermondsey	
From:		Des Waters, Head of Public Realm, Environment and Housing	

RECOMMENDATION

1. To approve the allocation of funds for the 2012-13 Cleaner Greener Safer programme in the Bermondsey Community Council area from the list of applications set out in Appendix 1.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

2. The Council's Cleaner Greener Safer programme has been running since 2003.
3. In the first seven years of the CGS programme £21,503,000 has been allocated to community councils leading to 1,111 projects being approved.
4. In the Bermondsey Community Council area, £2,719,000 has been allocated to 137 projects, 126 of which have been completed to date.
5. Examples of the types of projects that have been funded include:
 - Parks, community gardens, landscaping, tree planting and wildlife areas.
 - Children's playgrounds, youth facilities, ball courts and cycle tracks.
 - Lighting, security measures, pavements, streets, and tackling 'grot spots'.
6. There was no new funding allocated for CGS in 2011/12, in part due to other pressures on the Council's capital budgets and also to allow a backlog of approved or outstanding projects from previous years to be delivered.

KEY ISSUES FOR CONSIDERATION

7. There is £233,698 for the 2012/13 CGS programme and £7,000 unallocated funding from previous years in Riverside ward, giving an overall budget of £240,698.00 for new projects in the Bermondsey Community Council area.
8. Eligible proposals must bring about a permanent improvement and make an area cleaner, greener or safer.
9. Proposals with revenue costs, including salaries or computer equipment, feasibility studies, costs for events, festivals, workshops or other one-off events are not eligible. CCTV proposals, internal improvements to housing property, works on schools where there is no access to the general public are also not eligible. Works on private property are not eligible unless there is a long-term guarantee of public access or a demonstrable public benefit.

10. This year, the application form invited expressions of interest for the applicants to deliver projects themselves. A due diligence exercise to ensure that this is both practical and realistic has been undertaken as part of the feasibility process. In such cases, the council would give the funding allocation to the applicant in the form of a capital grant, with appropriate conditions attached.

Policy implications

11. The Cleaner Green Safer programme is fully aligned with the council's policies around sustainability, regeneration and community engagement.

Community impact statement

12. The roles and functions of Community Councils include the promotion of involvement of local people in the democratic process and taking decision-making closer to local people. Community Councils take decisions on local matters including environmental improvement and community safety as well as consultation on a wide range of policies and strategies that affect the area.
13. An explicit objective within Community Councils is that they be used to actively engage as widely as possible with, and bring together, Southwark's diverse local communities on issues of shared or mutual interest. The Cleaner Greener Safer programme is an important tool in achieving community participation.
14. All ideas for CGS projects come directly from the local community via a simple project nomination form. Specific schemes will then be agreed by Community Councils and will reflect local needs and priorities.

Resource implications

15. The funding for the 2012/13 CGS programme was approved by the cabinet and is part of the council's overall capital programme as detailed in Appendix 2.
16. All professional fees related to the project are also allowed to be treated as the capital costs of the project. Where projects are awarded as a grant to organisations, the community council award letter will not include the professional fees which will be charged direct to project costs.
17. CGS projects must be completed within two years of award of funding. Projects that are unlikely to be completed within two years will be reported to Community Council and available budgets may be reallocated to other projects.
18. After the defects and liability period, or three year maintenance period in the case of planting works, all future maintenance is assumed by the asset owner, for example Housing, Parks, Highways, or in some cases external asset owners. Therefore, there are no revenue implications to the Public Realm projects business unit as a result of approving the proposed allocation.

Consultation

19. All Cleaner Greener Safer projects require consultation with stakeholders, including the project applicant, local residents, Tenants and Residents Associations and local community groups where appropriate.

SUPPLEMENTARY ADVICE FROM OTHER OFFICERS

Strategic Director of Communities, Law & Governance

20. This report is recommending that the Bermondsey Community Council approve the allocation of funds to the individual projects specified at Appendix 1. The power for this function is derived from Part 3H paragraph 13 of the Constitution which states that Community Councils have the power of “approval of the allocation of funds to cleaner, greener, safer capital schemes of a local nature, using the resources identified by the cabinet”.
21. The Cabinet Member for Transport Environment and Recycling has already noted the allocation of the Cleaner Greener Safer funds in October 2011 by exercising his powers under Part 3D paragraph 2 of the Constitution; therefore this is the next constitutional step in the process.
22. Community Council Members also have powers under paragraph 14 of Part 3H of the Constitution to oversee and take responsibility for the development and implementation of the local schemes.

Finance Director

23. This report recommends approval of the allocation of funds for the 2012-13 Cleaner Greener Safer programme in the Bermondsey Community Council area from the list of applications set out in appendix 1.
24. The Finance Director notes the resource implications contained within the report, and confirms that the capital funding for the CGS programme has been approved as part of the overall council capital programme.
25. Officer time to effect the recommendation will be contained within existing budgeted revenue resources.

BACKGROUND DOCUMENTS

Background Papers	Held At	Contact
2012/13 Bermondsey Community Council CGS applications – full applications	Public Realm Projects – Environmental Improvements, Public Realm 3/1, 160 Tooley Street, London, SE1 2TZ	Michelle Normanly 020 7525 0862
Launch of Cleaner Greener Safer Capital Programme 2012/13 - 20 October 2011	Public Realm Projects – Environmental Improvements, Public Realm 3/1, 160 Tooley Street, London, SE1 2TZ	Michelle Normanly 020 7525 0862
Cleaner Greener Safer : Funding Reallocation	Public Realm Projects – Environmental Improvements, Public Realm 3/1, 160 Tooley Street, London, SE1 2TZ	Michelle Normanly 020 7525 0862

APPENDICES

No.	Title
Appendix 1	2012/13 CGS Applications - Bermondsey

AUDIT TRAIL

Lead Officer	Des Waters, Head of Public Realm	
Report Author	Michelle Normanly, Senior Project Manager	
Version	Final	
Dated	08 March 2012	
Key Decision?	No	
CONSULTATION WITH OTHER OFFICERS / DIRECTORATES / CABINET MEMBER		
Officer Title	Comments Sought	Comments included
Strategic Director of Communities, Law & Governance	Yes	Yes
Finance Director	Yes	Yes
Cabinet Member	No	No
Date final report sent to Constitutional Team	8 March 2012	

Bermondsey Community Council
Cleaner Greener Safer applications 2012/13

Reference	Proposal Name	Ward
120729	Contra flows and cut throughs for cycling	All Bermondsey
CGS120252	Local neighbourhood tree planting	All Bermondsey
CGS120455	Bermondsey hanging baskets	All Bermondsey
117094	Alaska Information board, Grange Road	Grange
117973	Rose Bed	Grange
118925	Safety for all in football	Grange
120393	iCOMMUNITY ACTION ART (SHACCA T&RA Improving Our Environment).	Grange
120741	Bermondsey Market Antique Traders Initiative	Grange
CGS118476	SILS4 outdoor space	Grange
CGS120005	Bee-Friendly Planting In Mary Magdalen Churchyard	Grange
CGS120094	1/ Purbrook Estate / Car Park Lighting2/ Safety Railings for Planting at SPAM Hall (High priority)3/ Bollards around Thetford Blocks / Prevention of Pavement damage	Grange
CGS120129	Whites Grounds and Tyers Estate in Bloom! A genuine partnership of residents and London Bridge based businesses helping bridge local social, economic and environmental divisions.	Grange
CGS120208	Whites Grounds Intrepretaion board	Grange
CGS120212	Whites Grounds/ Crucifix Lane lighting improvements	Grange
CGS120347	Outdoor Table Tennis Table Bermondsey	Grange
CGS120352	Tanner Street notice board	Grange
CGS120359	Tanner Street Park Tennis Pavilion refurbishment	Grange
118835	Farmer House safer panelling	Riverside
118836	Jamaica Road balcony planters	Riverside
118918	Perryn Road fencing and gate	Riverside
120757	Dickens Estate play area	Riverside
CGS119255	Wickfield House Playground	Riverside
CGS119898	Statue Garden Tooley Street SE1	Riverside
CGS120276	In Our Own Back Yard'	Riverside
CGS120354	Tower Bridge Buildings - Locable Gate to Bin Area	Riverside
117972	Brick wall on Ash House, on Dunton Road	South Bermondsey
118941	Gate at Galleywall Nature Reserve	South Bermondsey
120742	Improvements to the Citizens Advice Bureaux shop windows	South Bermondsey
CGS118834	Ditch your rubbish properly! I have lived in Oxley Close (SE1 5HN) for more than 16 years and I maintain my garden, the nature strip and my biggest challenge is preventing people from dropping litter, cans, soft drink bottles, chips, food and lit	South Bermondsey
CGS119674	Bermondsey Scouts' Story Tent	South Bermondsey
CGS119998	Intergenerational children's and adults playground and gardening area on corner of Coopers Road and Rolls Road.	South Bermondsey
CGS120090	Flo Weller Memorial Tree and Plaque, The Blue Market Square, Southwark Park Road.	South Bermondsey
CGS120444	Walkway improvement at Rolls Road roundabout.	South Bermondsey
CGS120475	Cadet Drive walkway improvement	South Bermondsey



Bermondsey Community Council

Public Question form

Your name:

Your mailing address:

What is your question?

Please give this to the Constitutional Officer or Forid Ahmed, Neighbourhood Co-ordinator.

Agenda Item 16

Item No. 16.	Classification: Open	Date: 21 March 2012	Meeting Name: Bermondsey Community Council
Report title:		Community Council Highways Capital Investment 2012/13	
Ward(s) or groups affected:		All in the Community Council areas	
From:		Gill Davies, Director Environment and Leisure	

RECOMMENDATION

1. To agree the works to be funded from the shortlisted schemes as set out in Appendices 1 & 2.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

2. A report was presented to the Community Council with officer recommended candidate roads for consideration as set out in Appendix 1 of this report back on 10 November 2011. The Community Council deferred its decision to enable residents the opportunity to identify their preferred schemes. A workshop in which local residents voted to identify the schemes they would like the Community Council to consider took place on 18 January 2012.
3. The outcome, details of the schemes identified and the information together with the cost estimates of the schemes from the workshop process are presented in appendix 2 for consideration.

KEY ISSUES FOR CONSIDERATION

4. The overall budget available to the Community Council is £100,000.
5. The deadline for Community Councils to agree the schemes they wish to fund is 31 March 2012. The timetable is to enable officers to plan and programme these works and takes account of the Olympics and other factors such as the ongoing Thames Water Victoria Mains replacement works.

Community Council Selections

6. This money can be spent on any asset renewal or replacement project selected by the Community Council with the caveats that it cannot be spent on traffic safety or parking schemes, non functional or decorative installations and / or non-essential works. In addition to the resurfacing selections provided it, the money (or part thereof) could be spent on minor patching and pothole repairs should a Community Council wish to do so.
7. The Community Council used its entire budget to repair Pot holes in 2011/12. These works have been completed.

Delivery

8. Once the Community Council has made their selections by the method of their choice they will be designed and delivered as soon as possible in 2012/13. Any under spends or projected overspends will be reported back to Community Council for resolution or reallocation.

Community Impact Statement

9. There are no specific community impact issues arising from the recommendations.

BACKGROUND DOCUMENTS

Background Papers	Held At	Contact
Highways Capital Investment Programme Decision 18 August 2011	160 Tooley Street PO Box 64529 Southwark Council London SE1P 5LX	Matthew Hill 020 7525 3541 Or Franklin Uwaneme 0207525 2207

APPENDICES

No.	Title
Appendix 1	Candidate Schemes
Appendix 2	Result of workshop held at Bermondsey CC

AUDIT TRAIL

Lead Officer	Gill Davies, Director Environment and Leisure	
Report Author	Franklin Uwaneme, Manager, Environmental Improvements	
Version	Final	
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Key Decision?	No	
CONSULTATION WITH OTHER OFFICERS / DIRECTORATES		
Officer Title	Comments Sought	Comments included
Strategic Director of Communities, Law & Governance	No	No
Finance Director	No	No
Date final report sent to Constitutional Support Services	29 Feb 2012	

APPENDIX 1

Devolved Community Council Funded Schemes

Community Council : Bermondsey

Date : 21/03/12 (First presented on 10/10/11)

	Funding
Under spend from previous years	£0.00
Allocation for FY 2012/13	£100,000.00
Total available for 2012/13	£100,000.00

Officer Recommendations – 2012/13

Candidate Road	Ward	Identified defects	Suggested treatment	Estimated Cost
Lynton Rd	South Bermondsey	Carriageway: Repeated patching resulting in unsightly appearance; aggregate stripping ; potholes	Carriageway: Plane off and resurface with 40mm between Monnow Road and St. James's Road ; reinstatement of road marking	£37,200.00
Rouel Road	Grange	Carriageway: Section under rail bridge up to intersections. Some minor transverse cracking ; trench reinstatement ; minor deformations	Carriageway: Plane off and resurface (40mm) ; reinstate road marking	£9,200.00
Pages Walk	Grange	Footways: Unsightly appearance due to various surface treatments and utility trench reinstatements	Footways: Repave to Council standard	£56,000.00
Maguire St	Riverside	Carriageway: Subsiding trench reinstatements; patched areas in various states of deterioration; potholes.	Carriageway: Plane off and resurface with 40mm between Design Museum and Gainsford St; reinstatement of road marking.	£15,000.00
Chambers St	Riverside	Carriageway: Section approximately 95m in length with significant spalling; surface disintegration.	Carriageway: Plane off and resurface with 40mm. Reinstatement of road marking. However area to north is hoarded off for development, the timing of which needs to be monitored since it could damage any new works.	£31,250.00
			Overall total	£148,650.00

APPENDIX 2

* Results of the Workshop, proposed schemes and their cost estimates as shown below.

Carriageway Renewal	Footway Renewal	Red dots Votes Cast (Numbers of Red Dots)	Blue dots Votes Cast (Number of Blue Dots)	Green dots Votes Cast (Number of Green Dots)
Chambers Street		2		
Rouel Road		2		
Barnham Street		1		
Alscot Road		1		
	Barnham Street		1	
	Alscot Road		1	
Total		6	2	

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Rouel Road	Grange	Carriageway: Section under rail bridge up to intersections. Some minor transverse cracking ; trench reinstatement ; minor deformations	Carriageway: Plane off and resurface (40mm) ; reinstate road marking	£9,200.00
Barnham Street	Riverside	Carriageway: Section From Tooley Street to rail bridge, utilities trenches, reinstatements, surface disintegration, and patched areas. Footways: Unsightly appearance; east section of been damaged by vehicles movement, damaged paving slabs.	Carriageway: Plane off and resurface (40mm) some section up to (100mm); reinstate road marking. Footways: Repave to Council standard	£28,300.00 £43,000.00
Alscot Road	Grange	Carriageway: Subsiding trench reinstatements; patched areas in various states of deterioration; potholes. Footway: Unsightly appearance, tree root damaged, broken paving slabs	Carriageway: Plane off and resurface with 40mm between Spa Road and Grange Road; reinstatement of road marking. Footways: Repave various damaged section of Footway as Council standard. Overall total	£33,700.00 £45,000.00 £190,450.00

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