



BERMONDSEY COMMUNITY COUNCIL

MINUTES of the Bermondsey Community Council held on Thursday 26 April 2012 at 7.00 pm at St James Church, Thurland Road, Bermondsey, London, SE16 4AA

PRESENT: 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

OFFICER SUPPORT: Ann Cochrane (Organisational Development Business Partner)
Lindani Dlodlo (Flooding and Drainage Manager)
Rachel Roe (Acting Arts Manager)
Jonathon Toy (Head of Community Safety and Enforcement)
Forid Ahmed (Neighbourhood Co-ordinator)
Gill Kelly (Community Council Development Officer)
Tim Murtagh (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 lateness from Councillors Linda Manchester (Chair), Michael Bukola and Mark Gettleson.

3. ITEMS OF BUSINESS THAT THE CHAIR DEEMS URGENT

There were none.

4. DISCLOSURE OF MEMBERS' INTERESTS AND DISPENSATIONS

There were none.

5. MINUTES

RESOLVED:

That the minutes of the meeting held on 21 March 2012 be agreed as an accurate record of that meeting and signed by the chair.

Matter arising from previous meetings:

Councillor Gettleson explained that the Council was still pushing ahead with plans for a merger of Bermondsey and Rotherhithe community councils despite local objections. He suggested that one option for local residents was to look at the possibility of setting up a parish council. He explained that the idea was already being considered in Queen's Park Westminster where the people would soon have a referendum to set up a local parish council. The proposal would require a large petition of local signatures at the outset.

In response to questions, councillors said they were against the idea of a boycott of community councils but the petition idea was also being looked at in Rotherhithe and Borough and Bankside areas.

Members disagreed with the content of the briefing note in the agenda. There was a discussion on the merits of existing community council arrangements.

6. COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

Community Council Fund 2012/13

This year's programme had been launched and was open for applications until 25 May 2012. Residents were encouraged to use the online form and could apply for funding for community events and activities. Applications could be made for amounts from £100 - £1,000. The decisions would be taken in June or July, at the first round of community council meetings in the new municipal year. In order to allow for administrative time, events which people wanted to apply for should take place from late July onwards.

Contact Forid Ahmed, Neighbourhood Coordinator, Tel 020 7525 5540 or email forid.ahmed@southwark.gov.uk

Alfred Salter Campaign

Gary Glover and Cathy Dale explained that there was a questionnaire available which was consulting local people on the plans for a replacement statue. The Council was supporting the project. The new statue would feature Dr Salter, his wife and cat. The replacement cost would be around £100,000 which would include security to protect the new statue. Residents were encouraged to give their views on location and materials and to help with the fundraising. The council would match-fund all amounts raised.

Contact Andrea Allen, Project Manager, Tel 020 7525 0860 or email

andrea.allen@southwark.gov.uk

Bermondsey Carnival

Gary Glover explained this year's event would take place on 2 June 2012. It was the Diamond Jubilee's main event in Southwark and there would be a range of performances and activities.

Southwark Apprentice Scheme

Ann Cochrane, Organisational Development Business Partner, explained the council's apprenticeship programme was currently being advertised with 36 positions to start in September 2012. There was a wide range of opportunities available including surveying, civil engineering, business administration and plumbing through several different contractors. The closing date was 30 April 2012. The apprenticeships were real paid jobs for four days a week including college study on the fifth day. Many of the previous apprentices had gone on to permanent employment and completed university degrees. Ann highlighted successful Southwark apprentices.

Contact Ann Cochrane, Ann.Cochrane@southwark.gov.uk or Tel. 020 7525 1490

Flood Risk Management Strategy

Lindani Dlodlo, Flooding and Drainage Manager explained that Southwark was now a Lead Local Flood Authority (LLFA) responsible for flood risk from ordinary water courses, surface water and ground water. There were two documents that tackled the potential flooding problems:

Preliminary Flood Risk Assessment

- Significant flood risk
- Critical drainage areas
- Consequences of past and future flooding

Surface Water Management Plan

- Identifies flooding – sources and mechanisms
- Investment to reduce the likelihood of flooding
- Community engagement to reduce impact

Officers were now looking for community input and volunteers to assist the studies. In response to questions, Lindani said officers linked up with the planning process on applications and that was something that would increase in the future.

Contact: john.kissi@southwark.gov.uk or Tel. 020 7525 2062

7. DEPUTATIONS/PETITIONS (IF ANY)

There were none.

8. COMMUNITY SAFETY UPDATE

An information sheet for each Safer Neighbourhood Team (SNT) was circulated which detailed local priorities and recent actions.

In response to questions, Sergeant Rob Evans said that crime prevention was very important and those with iPhones should consider activating the find my iPhone app and password lock those phones. In response to a recent rape in the area, Sgt Evans said there had been some reassurance patrols. There had been a lot of work to reduce street drinking and vagrancy in Grange ward which had lessened as a result.

9. LONDON 2012 OLYMPICS / PARALYMPICS

Jonathon Toy (Head of Community Safety and Enforcement) and Rachel Roe (Acting Arts Manager) outlined some of the projects and opportunities around the 2012 Olympics and Paralympics (the Games).

The Olympic torch would land in the UK on 18 May, followed by a 70 day tour around the country. It would arrive in London on 21 July and pass through Southwark on 26 July.

- The Olympic opening ceremony would take place on 27 July 2012.
- The Paralympic opening ceremony would take place on 29 August 2012.

During the Games an extra 4 million visitors were expected, making about 20 million extra journeys. The majority of the trips would be made by train (overground and underground).

The Games were being promoted as a public transport event and people were encouraged to use the network facilities. At the busiest stations such as Canada Water or London Bridge a delay of 30 minutes was anticipated on top of normal journey times. Transport for London (TfL) and partners were working towards reducing demand pressures as much as possible.

There would be maps of alternative routes and ambassadors to assist travellers.

The look and feel aspect was designed to ensure that Southwark looks its best during the Games. The Greater London Assembly (GLA) had funded two programmes to dress the streets of Southwark. There would be a series of cultural events over the summer including dance, theatre and a library "readathon". Many events would take place in Bermondsey and along the river.

There was also a capital legacy fund of £2 million. 40 submissions were made and 10 projects were agreed which were now being implemented. These included a disability pool hoist for swimmers and a new BMX track in Burgess Park. The projects were aimed at increasing participation in sport and healthy activities.

In response to questions, Jonathan explained that Olympic dressing was quite prescriptive and Southwark had to use the 2012 logo and branding. London Underground would be providing extra provision to assist disabled passengers.

Sean Wood (Southwark College lecturer) explained that five Olympic themed films had been made by local young people. The documentaries had been viewed by a Southwark panel consisting of Members and officers. The two short films screened to the community council were considered the best.

The young people responsible for making the films were: Brooke O'Connor, Zara Watfa, Karishma Mongal, Joaquim Miranda, Saule Mickeviciute, Ese Ehimhen, Pedro Correia,

Antony Evans, Ruth Boyd, Polly Atkins, Lionel Cooke, Jihad Berohou and Bryan Fernandez.

10. THE KINGS HEALTH PARTNERS CANCER CENTRE AT GUY'S

Sally Laban (Trust Programme Manager, Cancer Centre Development) and Catherine Dale (Cancer Centre Project) explained that a period of public consultation was taking place regarding the new facility. The centre would be built on the south corner of the Guy's Hospital site. A design competition in 2010 resulted in the Richard Rogers partnership being appointed as the site developers. Patients were consulted on the design and the new centre would hold treatment as paramount but with areas that enabled care, involving quiet areas for reflection. The large building would be separated into villages including research and radiotherapy areas. The public space around the building was also a strong consideration.

There was a Roman boat beneath the centre, discovered in the 1950s. The project team were working closely with English Heritage to ensure there was minimal detriment to the boat.

In response to questions, Sally and Catherine said the hospital was for local patients. There would be a mixture of public and private provision. The centre would cost about £160 million to develop. The planning application would go forward in June 2012 with completion in 2015. The services in the current location were being relocated to other sites.

Councillor Paul Kyriacou left the meeting at this point.

11. COMMUNITY COUNCILS - CHANGES FOR 2012-13

The briefing note had been discussed under matters arising.

12. LOCAL PARKING AMENDMENTS

Executive Function

Members considered the information in the report.

RESOLVED:

1. That consideration of the objection be deferred as members would like to consider the effect on the whole area and not just Lynton Road.
2. That an officer be asked to attend the next community council meeting to discuss the item.

13. PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

A resident raised some matters that traders at The Blue had highlighted regarding recent improvements in the market square. There were lots of snagging points not being dealt with despite numerous requests having been made. Among these were: pitch markings, signage, lighting, cracked paving stones, benches and plants all requiring attention. The chair said that she would follow up on the points raised with relevant officers.

In response to a request by residents to postpone the felling of some plane trees on Rotherhithe New Road, members said they would explore the possibility of delaying felling and look into the situation further with Living Streets and other local groups.

Councillor Eliza Mann reported a problem raised by residents at a recent West Area Forum. There were concerns about water leaks, broken lights and pigeon droppings under Abbey Street Arch. The chair asked officers to look into the situation which may involve railway ownership and some recent Section 106 funding.

The meeting ended at 9.30pm

CHAIR:

DATED: