



BOROUGH AND BANKSIDE COMMUNITY COUNCIL

MINUTES of the Borough and Bankside Community Council held on Wednesday 25 April 2012 at 7.00 pm at St George the Martyr, Borough High Street, London SE1 1JD

PRESENT:	Councillor Poddy Clark (Chair) Councillor Geoffrey Thornton (Vice-Chair) Councillor Claire Hickson Councillor Tim McNally Councillor Adele Morris Councillor David Noakes
OFFICER SUPPORT:	Judy Aitken (Museum Manager) Zayd Al-Jawad (Section 106 Legal Agreements Manager) Pauline Bonner (Neighbourhood Coordinator) Ann Cochrane (Organisational Development Business Partner) John Kissi (Flooding Risk Manager) Fitzroy Lewis (Community Council Development 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 none.

3. DISCLOSURE OF MEMBERS' INTERESTS AND DISPENSATIONS

A member made a declaration regarding the following agenda item:

14. Cleaner greener safer revenue fund - Borough and Bankside

Councillor Adele Morris, personal and prejudicial, as she is part of the steering group of one of the groups, which have applied for funding.

4. ITEMS OF BUSINESS THAT THE CHAIR DEEMS URGENT

There were none.

5. MINUTES

RESOLVED:

That the minutes of the meeting held on 13 March 2012 be agreed as an accurate record of that meeting, and signed by the chair.

The chair clarified her comment on page 12 of the minutes: councillors received an allowance, but no extra payments for attending community council meetings.

6. DEPUTATIONS/PETITIONS (IF ANY)

There were none.

7. COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS / VOLUNTEERING SLOT

Tayo Situ Foundation

The meeting heard that a foundation had been established in the name of the late Mayor of Southwark Councillor Tayo Situ. The foundation's aims were to engage young people, to provide them with opportunities to show leadership and to work against youth crime. There was also an educational side to the foundation, which was going to form maths, science and other "gangs", in order to improve educational attainment.

Community Council Fund

Fitzroy Lewis, Community Council Development Officer, informed the meeting that the next round of the Community Council Fund was now open for applications until Friday 25 May 2012 5pm. Residents could apply for funding for community events and activities, which this year should be around three out of the following Olympic values: courage, excellence, determination, equality, friendship, respect, and inspiration. Applications could be made for amounts from £100 - £1,000. There was a focus on new and emerging constituted groups. The decisions would be taken in June or July, at the first round of community council meetings in the new municipal year. For further information, please contact Fitzroy Lewis, Community Council Development Officer, Tel 020 7525 3084 or email Fitzroy.Lewis@southwark.gov.uk.

Responding to questions Fitzroy said that the total amount of CCF funding was £122,000 for 2012/2013. Councillors commented that this represented a reduction compared with previous years.

Volunteer of the year

The chair announced that Volunteer Centre Southwark was inviting nominations for their annual volunteer awards, and encouraged attendees who knew someone, whose

volunteering had made an exceptional contribution to the community in Southwark, to nominate them.

To qualify for the award a nominee must:

- Be a Southwark resident
- Have completed the activity they are nominated for in the last year
- Have volunteered in a capacity which predominantly supported Southwark communities
- Not have won this award in the last 5 years

To nominate someone for a Volunteer of the Year Award, residents should complete a nomination form and return it, as soon as possible, to goodpractice@volunteercentres.org.uk or by post to Volunteer Centre Southwark, Unit 215/216 Elephant and Castle Shopping Centre, London SE1 6TE. Entries must reach the Volunteer Centre by Monday 21 May 2012. Each resident was only able to nominate one person.

8. BOWEL CANCER UK / GUY'S CANCER PARTNERS

Bowel Cancer UK

Dave Morrisson, a volunteer from Bowel Cancer UK, introduced the organisation, saying that its main aims were raising awareness, campaigning for best treatment, and giving information and support to those who had been diagnosed with the disease. He went on to say that Bowel Cancer was the third most common cancer, and that in the UK one person was diagnosed with the disease every 15 minutes. It affected men and women in equal measure, and was very much treatable, with 90% of those diagnosed early surviving past the 5-year mark. Sadly, however, only 10% of cases were diagnosed early. Risk factors increasing the chance of being diagnosed with the disease were: being older than 50, having a family history of bowel cancer or chronic bowel condition (like Crohn's disease) being overweight, having type 2 diabetes and having polyps in the colon. The symptoms included bleeding from the rectum, blood in the stool, looser stool (or any changes in bowel habits), weight loss, and lumps or bumps in the abdomen. He urged all those in risk groups to get checked. Ways to reduce one's risk of bowel cancer was cutting down on processed and red meat, leading an active lifestyle, eating five portions of fruit and vegetables a day, as well as beans and pulses. Smoking cessation and minimising alcohol intake to under 14 units per week were also important. Dave encouraged all those eligible to take part in the screening, and recounted his personal experience of being asked to come in for more tests, but being given the all clear.

Guy's Cancer Centre

Karen Sorensen, Guy's Hospital Asset Management Team, spoke to the meeting about the plans for the new cancer centre at Guy's. Her attendance at the meeting was part of the consultation process, which also included an exhibition at Guy's hospital. There would be more investment in cancer care, due to the number of cancer cases being projected to go up. Therefore a new building was needed to bring together all the services currently housed on separate sites. The design for the new building was based on the twin pillars of scientific care and sympathetic care. It would be located at the junction of Newcomen Street, Snowfield and Great Maze Pond. There would be 14 floors, each of which would have a distinct village feel. Another new development would be having the radio therapy

village on the second floor, as these facilities were normally located in the basement. The design of the building featured balconies, plants and lots of greenery. The public spaces around the building were designed to open up the urban realm: there would be shops selling products needed by, or of interest to cancer patients, and there would also be a coffee shop. In terms of the energy supply and sustainability, it was envisaged that most patients using the centre, would access it by public transport which was very good in the location. Karen drew people's attention to the feedback form on the website, and encouraged attendees to make comments on the proposals.

For more information go to: <http://www.guysandstthomas.nhs.uk/news-and-events/2012-news/20120416-cancer-centre-consultation.aspx>

9. COMMUNITY SAFETY PRESENTATION

PS Dutton from Cathedrals ward Safer Neighbourhoods Team (SNT) said that PS Dunkason from Chaucer ward had been off with a broken foot, and was now back on light duties and sent his apologies.

He went on to inform the meeting of the activities and priorities of the Cathedrals ward SNT which were: executing drugs warrants on Lancaster Street and Borough Road. There had been arrests for and seizures of cannabis, crack and firearms cartridge. Another priority was youth anti-social behaviour (ASB) at Peregrine House, and Lant Street. The police had identified some young people, who caused the problems, and were working with housing officers to address this issue by including the families concerned. Another priority was student safety and the team worked with London South Bank University around that issue. At the last ward panel the following priorities had been set: anti-social behaviour in Blackfriars Road, street gambling, and theft of bikes.

In May there would be a police initiative on rough sleeping and street drinking. In Chaucer ward there would be action on stolen mopeds. He asked attendees to supply information to the police, if they were aware of any mopeds being stolen. He went on to say that the two Chaucer ward PCSOs had left, one had been replaced and one post was currently open for recruitment.

Responding to a question from the floor PS Dutton said that Chaucer ward officers could give information about the break-in at John Harvard Library, that new bikes for SNT were going to be provided in due course, but that this had to go through the regular procurement process, and could not be sponsored e.g. by local bike shops.

The chair thanked the SNT teams for attending over the years, and encouraged people to attend the ward panel meetings.

10. PROJECT BANK INFORMATION/OVERVIEW

The chair announced that rather than workshops, this item would be an introduction to the Section 106 programmes, and that the workshops on this would take place at a later meeting.

Zayd Al-Jawad, Section 106 Legal Agreements Manager, explained that Section 106

agreements were contracts between the council and a developer, and were aimed at off-setting some of the negative impact of a development by providing funding for education, open space, children's play areas, health or employment opportunities. Section 106 contributions started coming in, when the work commenced. The project bank which contained possible Section 106 projects, was set up in 2008 and renewed in 2010, and would be reviewed in the summer. The council's website (www.southwark.gov.uk/s106) listed all the projects in the project bank, and the Section 106 agreements in place, as well as the balances of each agreement. In June/September there would be a consultation about the project bank in relation to amending the existing list and potentially adding new projects to it, which would then be used to determine funding for the new Community Infrastructure Levies (CILs).

He encouraged people to submit their proposals for projects by emailing him, and reminded residents that the projects could not be housing related and had to be infrastructure only.

Responding to questions from the floor, Zayd explained that there was a system of cross-referencing the different projects to ensure Section 106 monies did not disappear off the radar. He encouraged people to write to the council to help officers keep the project bank up-to-date, so that once work that would trigger Section 106 payments, this could be allocated quickly. He went on to explain that despite the merger of the community councils the local restrictions would stay the same, and that only committed projects would be listed. He further explained that when proposals were submitted, it did not matter whether they had been suggested by one or several people, but only the justification of the project was taken into account when the allocation of existing money was looked at. Any projects, which did not have any commitments made to them, would be out for consultation, regarding whether they should remain in the project bank.

Suggestions were made to include Crossbones Graveyard, as well as Elim State entry doors systems on the project bank. A further suggestion was made to have a standing group of residents who would be looking at the proposals. Zayd responded that the process was not meant to be officer led, and that extensive consultations about possible projects had taken place over the years. He went on to say that the Mayoral CIL was coming in in April 2012, and the Southwark CIL later in the year.

The chair thanked Zayd for attending and said that this topic would be brought back to the merged community council later in the year.

For further information or to submit project ideas, please contact Zayd Al-Jawad Section 106 Legal Agreements Manager on 020 7525 7309 or at Zayd.Al-jawad@southwark.gov.uk.

11. FLOODING RISK

John Kissi, Flood Risk Manager, introduced this item by giving a historical overview of flooding events, for example the widespread flooding in 2004 which had affected the south of borough, and cost £1million. Climate change seemed to be bringing wetter winters, and the more intense rainfall caused a rising water table and brought about an increased interaction between flooding sources. This, in turn, increased likelihood of flooding. This was further reinforced by the nature of the soil around the borough, which

was full of clay. This only allowed for little infiltration and caused more run off.

Southwark was now Lead Local Flood Authority, which meant that it was responsible for flood risk from ordinary water courses, surface water and ground water. As part of these duties, Southwark had conducted preliminary flood risk assessments which looked at the significant flood risk, critical drainage areas, and at the consequences of past and future flooding. A surface water management plan had also been put together, which looked at the sources and mechanisms of flooding, investments to reduce the likelihood of flooding and at community engagement to reduce impact of flooding events. He went on to outline what residents could do themselves:

- Put together an individual flood plan – instructions to this could be found at: <http://publications.environment-agency.gov.uk/PDF/GEHO0709BQPU-E-E.pdf>
- Conserve water
- Harvest rain water
- Put in more greening
- Volunteer as part of community flood plans

Officers were now in the process of capturing residents' experiences of flooding for incorporation into their evidence base. They would then submit ideas to Environment Agency for funding, and initiate detailed consultation on these, before developing and implementing them.

The chair thanked John for attending.

For further information about flooding, contact John Kissi, Flooding Risk Manager on 020 7525 2062 or at john.kissi@southwark.gov.uk .

12. APPRENTICESHIPS WITH SOUTHWARK COUNCIL

Ann Cochrane, Organisational Development Business Partner, explained the council's apprenticeship programme, which allowed participants to work and acquire work-based skills, while at the same time earning a wage that was equivalent to, or more than, the minimum wage. Participants worked four days a week and went to college on the fifth day. The qualifications they received at the end of the programme were nationally recognised. There were a wide variety of different subjects, from office based work to trades like electrics and plumbing. The programmes varied in length from 12 months for the office-based programme to 48 months for electricians. The programme was supported by the Apprenticeship team, whose role was to support and empower participants. Since the scheme had started in 2005, participants had achieved 44 higher qualifications, 124 had fully qualified, with 73 going straight into work. 36 apprenticeships were available right now, the deadline for applications was 30 April 2012.

The criteria for participating in the programme were: being at least 16 years of age and a Southwark resident, having achieved grades A-D in English and Maths at GCSE level (or having an equivalent adult literacy and numeracy qualification. For some programmes grades A-C were needed), being able to work full-time, and not having a qualification at degree level already.

Responding to questions from the floor, Ann said that there was no maximum age for

applicants.

For further information contact Ann Cochrane, Organisational Development Business Partner, 020 7525 1490 or email: Ann.Cochrane@southwark.gov.uk

13. DICKENS - FACT INTO FICTION

Judy Aitken, Manager at the Cuming Museum, outlined the activities around the Dickens celebrations, the two main parts of which were the “Fact into fiction” exhibition and the “Dickens voices” guided audio tours and phone app. Both of these focused on Dickens’ connection to and life in Southwark.

Judy outlined Dickens’ poor and disrupted upbringing, which included his parents being jailed for being in debt. The experiences Dickens had in Southwark had been formative and had influenced his later writing. Judy described what the northern part of Southwark had looked like in terms of industries and poverty.

She invited people to look at the events, some of which were run in association with organisations like CoolTan Arts. The exhibition would run until 23 November 2012.

The chair thanked Judy for attending.

14. CLEANER GREENER SAFER REVENUE FUND - BOROUGH AND BANKSIDE

At this point, Councillor Adele Morris left the room.

Executive Function

Councillors considered the information in the report.

RESOLVED:

That the Cleaner Greener Safer Revenue funding 2012/2013 be awarded as follows:

Cathedrals	Marlborough Playground mini Olympics sports workshop	£5,000
Cathedrals	Bankside Neighbourhood Forum on public realm	£5,000
Chaucer	Offer support to Tabard After School Project	£5,000
Chaucer	Extension to youth football training scheme previously funded via JSI funding granted to Tabard South.	£5,000

15. CLEANER GREENER SAFER: FUNDING REALLOCATION

At this point Councillor Adele Morris rejoined the meeting.

Executive Function

Councillors considered the information in the report. The meeting heard that the CGS allocation for 2012/13 was £1.8 million, which was less than in previous years.

RESOLVED:

That the unallocated amount of £1,954 from the 2012-13 Cleaner Greener Safer funding be approved to the relocation of cycle lockers in Trundle Street, SE1

16. DEVOLVED HIGHWAYS BUDGETS

Executive Function

Councillors considered information contained in the report.

RESOLVED:

1. That the following projects be funded in Cathedrals ward:
 - Hayles Street - £47,800
 - Geraldine Street - £37,250
2. That officers provide costings for the following projects in Chaucer ward, to a future meeting:
 - Newcomen Street - restore pavements and investigate the way to create a contra flow cycle lane linking Borough High Street and Snowsfield.
 - Falmouth Road - check the under spend on carriageway resurfacing as councillors consider further work may be required.
 - Arch Street - seek advice on improvement to this housing road and ask officers from housing and highways to consult on seeking possible joint funding to restore and improve while taking into account the current development of the Hand in Hand site.

17. PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

The following public questions/comments were raised:

1. What are the criteria according to which officers had decided the viability of the proposed devolved highways budget schemes?
2. Public realm improvements need to be done to accommodate the new cancer centre. - Councillors will ask officers to take this proposal into account.
3. What can be done about the pedestrianised areas of Tabbard Street which regularly flood making the pavement inaccessible? – The Chair said the scheme was disappointing and that a new survey of the drainage had been undertaken. This was still in the initial stage and funding would have to be found. A residents' meeting may be needed. It would depend what all councillors in the merged community council felt.
4. Is there a date and venue for the first meeting of the merged community council? – The chair said that this would be decided at the Council Assembly meeting on 23 May 2012. Pauline Bonner, Neighbourhood Coordinator, explained that residents who were currently on the mailing list would be sent notification of the date and venue of the new, merged community council.
5. When will the Community Council Fund monies become available to success projects? – Pauline Bonner responded that the decision on the spend would be taken by the merged community council in June or July. Applicants should therefore plan for their events not to take place before the end of July/August. The process of assessing the bids would be determined by the new chairs of the merged community councils.

The meeting heard that the Tate Modern film club had shown a film adaptation of the Dickens novel "Little Dorrit". It was suggested to show this film again at a local venue, like the Shortwave Cinema, and that as the company who had made the film was based in Rotherhithe this may be done at little or no cost. Councillors would take this on board.

Councillor Adele Morris informed the meeting that she had started a petition to create a parish council with devolved powers for Chaucer and Cathedrals wards. She encouraged people to contact her if they were interested in joining in with this, and explained that to trigger a referendum on this matter 2,500 signatures by residents in the two wards were needed. There was a discussion about what such a parish council would be called, and that other community council areas which were to be merged, also considered this.

Councillor Tim McNally informed the meeting that he had 14 nominations for people to gain access to London Bridge for the Jubilee Pageant. He encouraged residents who wished to attend this event to approach him after the meeting. The chair informed the meeting that she had passed her nominations on to local schools. Councillor Morris said that she, too, was happy for people to contact her about these nominations, and that she was going to enquire with local businesses whether residents would be able to use their premises to view the procession. Councillor Hickson said she was keen to pass her nominations on to organisations for older and younger people.

ACTION: Officers to provide a list of criteria which they had used to determine the viability of the proposed devolved highways budget schemes

Councillors thanked the chair for chairing the meetings over the last year.

18. EXCLUSION OF THE PUBLIC AND PRESS

RESOLVED:

That the public be excluded from the meeting for the following items of business on the grounds that they involve the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in paragraphs 1 and 2, Access to Information Procedure rules of the Constitution.

19. SCHOOL GOVERNORS APPOINTMENTS

Councillors considered the information in the report, and queried why they had only been given one choice of candidate, when they knew of individuals who had put themselves forward and not been presented to councillors, and when paragraph 15 of the report stated:

“For new appointments, GD will provide two or more candidates for each vacancy where there are sufficient suitable applicants available who meet the criteria.”

RESOLVED:

That Dr. Rupert Smith be appointed as school governor at St. Jude's Church of England Primary School.

The meeting ended at 9.45 pm.

CHAIR:

DATED: