



## **Borough and London Bridge Neighbourhood Community Meeting**

MINUTES of the OPEN section of the Borough and London Bridge Neighbourhood Community Meeting held on Tuesday 10 March 2026 at 6.00 pm at Blackfriars Settlement, 1 Rushworth St, London SE1 0RB

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**PRESENT:** Councillor Emily Hickson (Chair)  
Councillor Helen Dennis  
Councillor Maria Linforth-Hall  
Councillor Graham Neale  
Councillor Joseph Vambe  
Councillor David Watson

**OFFICER  
SUPPORT:** Colin Wilson (Assistant Director Strategic Development)  
Neil Kirby (Head of Sustainable Growth)  
Danielle Simpson (Neighbourhood Coordinator)  
Mitu Ahmed (Project Manager, Community Projects)  
Tobias Allen (Transport Projects Engineer)  
Gregory Weaver (Constitutional Officer)

### **1. INTRODUCTION AND WELCOME**

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

### **2. APOLOGIES**

There were apologies from Councillors Sunil Chopra, Sam Dalton and Irina Von Weise.

### **3. NOTIFICATION OF ANY ITEMS OF BUSINESS WHICH THE CHAIR DEEMS URGENT**

The chair informed the meeting that as this was the first decision-making meeting of the Neighbourhood area, there were no minutes to agree,

The minutes of the multi-ward forum on 18 March 2025 had been circulated to members and agreed.

#### 4. DISCLOSURE OF INTERESTS AND DISPENSATIONS

There were none.

#### 5. DEPUTATIONS / PETITIONS (IF ANY)

There were none.

#### 6. CLEANER GREENER SAFER 2026-27: CAPITAL FUNDING ALLOCATION (BOROUGH AND LONDON BRIDGE NEIGHBOURHOOD)

**Note:** This is an executive function for decision by the Neighbourhood Community Meeting.

The chair explained that in this item councillors were asked to approve a reallocation and allocations of funds for the Cleaner Greener Safer capital programme. The applications were listed in Appendix 1.

The meeting heard that there were £67,556 of funding from previous years underspend, current programme underspend and current programme project cancellations. There were also £234,400 available for the 2026-27 CGS capital programme for new projects in the Borough and London Bridge Neighbourhood. (A grand total of £301,956)

#### RESOLVED

1. That the reallocation of £67,556 comprising of underspent funds carried forward from previous years, current-year programme underspend and project cancellations within the current programme, to the 2026-27 Cleaner Greener Safer (CGS) budget for the Borough and London Bridge Neighbourhood be approved.
2. That the following allocation of funds for the 2026-2027 Cleaner Greener Safer capital programme in the Borough and London Bridge Neighbourhood area be agreed:

#### Borough and Bankside ward

Ref	Applicant	Proposal title	Award
2679	Individual	Perkins Square Playground Makeover	£20,000
3087	Parks team, Southwark Council	Mint St Park improvement project	£14,600
3218	Bankside Village	Courage Garden Top Up	£11,000
3068	Mint St Music Festival	Improvements and repairs for Mint Street Park stage	£7,000

2048	Lant and Bittern TRA	The Bittern House Raised Beds Project	£5,000
2402	Lant and Bittern TRA	Redman House Greening and Biodiversity Project	£15,000
2893	Applegarth TMC	Safe Garden community grow Project	£20,000
3362	Local Resident	Cleaning & Greening Gatehouse Square	£3,000

### Chaucer ward

Ref	Applicant	Proposal title	Award
2876	Parks team, Southwark Council	Refreshing Falmouth Road Park	£2,000
3130	Tabard Central and South Estates TRA	Play for All: Revitalising the Tabard Park Playground	£40,000
3381	Rockingham TRA	Sheffield stands for Rockingham estate	£3,700
2424	Local resident	Alice Street Alleyway Security Gate (SE1)	£4,000
2847	Rockingham Community Association	Rockingham Estate Sustainable Water Storage System	£8,000
3151	Albert Barnes TRA	Albert Barnes House Backyard Gate Repair and Replace	£5,000
2875	Brotherhood Of The Cross And Star	Brotherhood Peace Garden (London)	£4,000
3063	Haldonhall Residents TMO	Installation of a bicycle storage unit	£7,000
3076	Resident, Tabard Gardens	Recycling Bin Storage Area	£6,000

### London Bridge and West Bermondsey ward

Ref	Applicant	Proposal title	Award
2205	Resident, Devon Mansions	Tooley Street Blooms	£5,000
2207	Resident, Fair Street	Greener and Safer 2 Fair Street and St Olaves Estates (lighting and greening)	£10,000
2572	Arnold Estate TRA	A Quieter Life Please - Phase One	£10,821
2629	Watts TRA	Security (Tanner House)	£2,500
2641	Arnold Estate TRA	Dog Turd Alley to Happy Valley	£7,000
3073	Resident, Purbrook Estate	Smartening up our estate entrance	£7,500
2777	Tower Bridge Primary School	A Little Bit of Green	£899
2852	The Guinness Trust	Community garden gates for the Showsfields estate SE1 3SX	£7,000

2909	Swan Mead, Harold and Creasy Estates (SHACCA) TRA	Greening our Estates – Building Community through Shared Gardening	£15,000
3282	Two Towers TMC	Two Towers TMC Community Gardens and Bicycle Storage Project	£7,000

### St George's Ward

Ref	Applicant	Proposal title	Award
2093	Cooper Close Co-operative	Cooper Close environmental improvements	£5000
2471	Local resident	Reducing Anti Social Behaviour and Drug Dealing through improved lighting and layout in St George's Garden Pocket Park	£2,000
2501	Webber & Quenting TMO	Webber and Quentin Playspace and Locker Estate Investment	£27,430
3225	Local resident	All Things Bright And Beautiful Community Garden (capital build costs)	£12,832
3237	Local resident	Reducing fly tipping through installing fencing	£100

### 7. NEIGHBOURHOOD GRANTS (NEIGHBOURHOODS FUND 2026-27) (BOROUGH & LONDON BRIDGE NEIGHBOURHOOD)

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The meeting heard that like every year there had been a lot of great applications and not all of them could be funded. There were 110,000 to allocate to the applications listed in Appendix 1.

That the available Neighbourhoods Fund 2026-27 be allocated as follows:

#### Borough and Bankside ward

Ref	Name of Group	Name of Project	Award
2337	BANKSIDE OPEN SPACES TRUST	Gather & Grow: Seasonal Celebrations in Borough & Bankside	£6,500
2476	Southwark St Tenants Association	Southwark Street Peabody Estate 150th Anniversary Celebration	£3,640
2506	Mint Street Music	Mint Street Music Festival 2026	£500

	Festival CIC		
2654	Residents' Association of Borough Market Neighbourhood	Borough Market Residents' Association Professional Advice Support	£3,360
3006	Mint Street Music Festival CIC	Eco Art Club Spring After-School Club at Marlborough Sports Garden	£450
3061	The Neurodiversity Family Hub C.I.C.	Tiny Tribe Play group (0-5 years old)	£7,117
3186	Living Bankside	Borough and Bankside Events	£3,733
3189	Living Bankside	Living Bankside Academy Celebration (Borough & Bankside, London Bridge and West Bermondsey, Chaucer and St Georges Ward)	£2,500
3256	London Bridge Islamic Centre	Grand Iftar	£1,000
3304	Pattison and Babington House	Pattison and Babington House Celebration	£1,200

### Chaucer ward

Ref	Name of Group	Name of Project	Award
2146	ROCKINGHAM COMMUNITY CENTRE	Rockingham Wellbeing	£6,640
2622	Keep Active Stay Focused CIC	(BASH) Be Active Stay Healthy	£5,000
2819	LATIN AMERICAN DISABLED PEOPLES PROJECT	Health, Wellbeing and Mental Health Support Project for Southwark Residence	£4,030
3044	Tabard Central and South Estates TRA	Seaside Connections: A community Day for Tabard central & South Residents.	£4,750
3172	Ignite Hubs	Borough & London Bridge Digital Content Creators	£3,080
3206	Tabard Central and South Estates TRA	The Big Tabard Get Together 2026	£2,500
3332	Sadiyah Ahmed	Eid event at Harper Road Mosque	£2,500
2725	Mr Robert Zampetti	Empire Square Community Meeting Space Project	£1,500

### London Bridge and West Bermondsey ward

Ref.	Organisation	Project Title	Award [£]
2242	Bermondsey Street Festival Community Interest Company	Bermondsey Street Festival	£6,000
2252	KAZZUM ARTS PROJECT	Regulation	£6,500
2448	London Bubble Theatre Company	Speech Bubbles at Grange Primary School	£3,088
2454	Miss Louise BIALI	Representation of Daloa-Bété Cultural Open Day (Annual Edition – South East London)	£2,500
2657	20th Bermondsey Scout Group	Venue Hire for Weekly Meetings and Storage	£1,950
2765	The Oxford & Bermondsey Club (The OBC)	OBC Youth Engagement & Participation Programme	£2,940
2830	Mr Ahmad Shahid Ahmadi	Dentermed - We Are Determined!	£520
2926	Team London Bridge BID	Bike Marking and Phone Marking event	£2,000
3285	Conservation Area Advisory Group	Promotion of Southwark's heritage and local list by CAAG	£500
3293	St Olave Estate - Vanman	St Olaves Estate - Annual Celebration	£1,500
3271	The Neurodiversity Family Hub C.I.C.	Parent Connect: Supporting Parents and Carers of Neurodiverse Children	£2,500

### St Georges Ward

Ref.	Organisation	Project Title	Award [£]
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2325	Siobhan Davies Dance Company	Disable Participants Access	£6,445
2638	St Judes	Tripod Cord	£5,000
2908	Jade -Lai-Wu -	Rasing Awareness for Nesting Season	£1,000
2517	Southwark Playhouse Company Workman	Theatre David Young Company	£2,400
2861	Keep Active Stay Focused CIC	(BASH) Be active Stay Healthy	£3,000
3691	Marie Harrald	All Things Bright & Beautiful Community Garden	£2,155

#### 8. DEVOLVED HIGHWAYS BUDGET 2026-27: CAPITAL FUNDING ALLOCATION (BOROUGH AND LONDON BRIDGE NEIGHBOURHOOD)

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The meeting heard that there were £84,077 in funding from previous years underspend and £139,681 available for the 2026-27 Devolved Highways programme for new projects in the Borough and London Bridge Neighbourhood area. (Making a grand total of £223,758).

#### RESOLVED

1. That the reallocation of underspent funds of £84,077 from previous years underspend to the 2026-27 devolved highways budget be approved.
2. That the following allocation of funds for the 2026-2027 Devolved Highways budget in the Borough and London Bridge Neighbourhood area be agreed:

#### Borough and Bankside ward

Ref	Applicant	Proposal title	Award
3317	Individual	Kings Bench Street trees and bench	£30,000

#### Chaucer ward

Ref	Applicant	Proposal title	Award
2748	Individual	Planting in the abandoned planter - Tabard Street, Long Lane	£2,500
TBC	Officer proposal	Trinity Street repaving	£35,595

### London Bridge and West Bermondsey Ward

Ref	Applicant	Proposal title	Award
2427	Individual	Street cleaning and maintenance of planters on Bermondsey Street	£3,000

### St George's Ward

Ref	Applicant	Proposal title	Award
2263	Organisation	We Are Waterloo	£15,000
2892	Individual	Gladstone Street Slabs	£1,500
2912	Councillor proposal	Colnbrook Street	£45,792
3279	Individual	Lamlash	£800
3329	Individual	Safer Walking	£1,000

Meeting ended at 7.37 pm

**CHAIR:**

**DATED:**