

Open Agenda



ROTHERHITHE COMMUNITY COUNCIL

MINUTES of the Rotherhithe Community Council held on Thursday 7 October 2010 at 7.00 pm at Finnish Church in London, 33 Albion Street, London SE16 7HZ

PRESENT: Councillor Jeff Hook (Chair)
Councillor Wilma Nelson (Vice-Chair)
Councillor Columba Blango
Councillor David Hubber
Councillor Richard Livingstone
Councillor Catherine McDonald
Councillor Paul Noblet
Councillor Lisa Rajan
Councillor Michael Situ

1. INTRODUCTION AND WELCOME

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

2. APOLOGIES

There were no apologies for absence.

Councillors Lisa Rajan and Paul Noblet gave their apologies for lateness.

3. DISCLOSURE OF MEMBERS' INTERESTS AND DISPENSATIONS

None were disclosed.

4. ITEMS OF BUSINESS THAT THE CHAIR DEEMS URGENT

There were no deputations or petitions.

5. MINUTES

The Minutes of the Rotherhithe Community Council held on Monday 23 June 2010 were approved as a correct record of the meeting and signed by the Chair.

6. MATTERS RAISED AT PREVIOUS MEETING

Pathway at Surrey Docks Water Sports Centre:

Barry Mason (Southwark Cyclists) referred to item 6 of the minutes (23 June 2010) demanded that the right of way be opened without any further delay as this matter has dragged on long enough.

Members endorsed the comments of Barry Mason. Cllr Richard Livingstone agreed to speak to the relevant cabinet member to contact Fusion.

7. DEPUTATIONS/PETITIONS (IF ANY)

There were none.

8. CHAIR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS AND COMMUNITY PRESENTATIONS

Docklands Settlement

Representatives from Docklands Settlement were present to outline what the project does. It is a charity organisation which is situated in Rotherhithe. The project is looking to identify funds to redevelop the site and update the facilities at the centre in order to make it sustainable for the future. It has served the local community for over 100 years and providing youth and child provision as well as job opportunities in the area.

It also works closely with local councillors and Southwark officers in order to run the project effectively. The architect present made reference to the new build – offering private and shared ownership, brand new sport facilities, 5 aside pitches. Some residents expressed concern about the number of properties being built and problems with parking which is already difficult situation at the moment. The response given by one of the representatives was that there would be some off street car parking. All matters regarding the number of housing units and parking would be determined at the full planning committee stage within the Council.

Changing Livesey

The Community Project Manager was present to talk about the training opportunities available for local residents in Livesey ward. The outreach organisation in conjunction with other local agencies mainly helps people back into employment.

Street Leaders

Street Leader Co-ordinator, Dave Taylor was present to talk about the Street Leaders

scheme and how residents could get involved. The Street Leaders programme is an active citizen scheme consisting of local volunteers focusing on reporting and helping to resolve local environmental issues. This involves conducting visual audits, reporting issues to the council and removing graffiti. The scheme was initially launched in 2003 but has recently been revived to attract more volunteers to become street leaders. There are currently 2000 street leaders across the borough.

A local street leader was present to explain how easy it was to become a street leader stating the role of a street leader is an important one. Any concerns relating to graffiti or antisocial behaviour are reported to the Council via the website, email or dedicated telephone line and resolved within 48 hours.

The Chair thanked the representatives for their attendance and announced that if there were any topics which residents felt should be highlighted at community council meetings - they should speak to local ward councillors or officers during the break.

9. FAIRER FUTURE FOR ALL IN SOUTHWARK

Councillor Richard Livingstone, Cabinet Member for Finance and Resources presented the item on a Fairer Future for All in Southwark. He outlined the framework of the budget, setting out the process and setting out the timescales for consultation and decision.

Councillor Richard Livingstone explained that the Council need to engage with members of the community, as local government are expected to receive a 25% cut in funding from central Government following the announcement of the Comprehensive Spending Review on 20 October 2010.

The purpose of the presentation is to also get the views of residents which could be emailed and information concerning this would be available on the Southwark website. He said it was important to note the cuts likely to be quite significant in the voluntary sector. However the council would continue to work closely with communities, voluntary sector and other services as well as protecting the most vulnerable residents. Cabinet members have agreed seven budget principles which will underpin the Council's next budget and its process.

It was noted that further consultation presentations would be given at future community council meetings to ensure that this process is transparent and that people's views are taken into consideration.

10. MAIN THEME: FUTURE OF ALBION STREET

Tim Thompson, Project Manager for the Canada Water /Bermondsey Spa Regeneration presented this item with PowerPoint slides.

Summary of presentations:

Rotherhithe is an historic part of London where the transformation has been tremendous –

50% of the peninsular was water.

- What happened in the mid 1970s the local docks were not viable?
- The London Docklands Development Corporation (LDDC) further changed the area.
- The late 1990s provided a new public infrastructure where a lot of businesses have transformed.
- Referred to the Canada Water Master plan – the Council decided to consult local groups about regenerating the area – making it sustainable.
- Proposal to have a new town centre.
- In 2007 the Council appoints developer Barratts to regenerate the area which formed part of the master plan and the creation of a new local cinema, library and new homes.
- The new Canada Water Area Action Plan – consulted widely on this and hopefully would be adopted as a new planning policy.
- Referred to the intervention on Albion Street and empty properties in the area which are structurally unsound.
- Concluded by showing slides of how Albion Street looks like now and hopes to attract people to the area with job and housing opportunities

Improving local retail environment (ILRE)

It was noted that the officer who was due to present this gave his apologies to the meeting. Richard Harris, Environment & Housing Officer – responsible for the north part of the borough outlined that the ILRE is a council funded scheme which invests in physical environment improvements to e.g. shop fronts to make it more vibrant. Further information on this presentation would be at the next meeting.

Letting policy

Neil Martindale from the Council's property division was present to give an update on the number of shop units let out in Albion Street – i.e. 15 shop units, 2 units are available to let and 1 was on offer.

Cafe Conversation

Pauline Adenwalla, local resident set the scene for the workshops and talked about the cafe conversation which took place – involving local residents, businesses, Southwark officers and local Councillors discussing the long term prospects of Albion Street. During her presentation a number of proposals were noted they include a new street market, improve the pedestrian crossing, reinstate the Tommy Steele factory and improve the foot fall.

At this juncture the meeting were allocated into the various workshops (with set themes)

which were relayed back after the break.

11. WORK SHOPS - ALBION STREET

AGREED:

That the write up from the various workshops would be given at the next community council meeting.

12. PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

There were none.

13. RELEASE OF S106 MONIES TO CANADA WATER LIBRARY PROJECT

AGREED:

That the Community Council recommends to Planning Committee that funds totalling £1.75 million of section 106 funding from the legal agreement with British Land Canada Quays (BLCQ) (dated 4 May 2007) in respect of the developments at Sites A and B, Canada Water intended specifically for library and leisure facilities, be released to part fund the delivery the new Canada Water Library.

14. LOCAL PARKING AMENDMENTS - ROTHERHITHE COMMUNITY COUNCIL

EXECUTIVE FUNCTION

AGREED:

1. RCC approved the following local parking schemes as set out in the report subject to the outcome of any necessary statutory procedures:
 - Sandgate Street (1011Q2004)
 - Murdock Street (1011Q2014)
 - Rotherhithe Street (1011Q2009)
 - Quebec Way (1011Q2030)
 - Timber Pond Road (1011Q2031)
2. Members asked for further clarification on parking issues outside the Youth Hostel in Rotherhithe Street giving particular regard to the coach set-down and pick up during the day. It was suggested that enforcement signs be installed directly outside the hostel to avoid any obstruction.

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.

15. LEA SCHOOL GOVERNOR APPOINTMENTS

EXECUTIVE FUNCTION

Members considered the school governor nominations report.

AGREED:

1. That Mr David Johnson, Miss Hannah Kitchen and Ms Yasmin Miah be appointed as School Governors for Albion Primary School.
2. That Mrs Anita Blanchard be appointed as School Governor for Alfred Salter Primary School.
3. That Trevor Cunningham be appointed as School Governor for Federation of Eveline Lowe and Ilderton Primary Schools.
4. That Miss Clare White be appointed as School Governor for Redriff Primary School.

The meeting ended at 10.00pm.

CHAIR:

DATED: