

# TAKEnote

## Rotherhithe Community Council



Minutes Agreements Form

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<b>Date</b>	Monday 20 March 2006
<b>Venue</b>	Surrey Docks Water Sports Centre, Rope Street, SE16 1LL
<b>Start time</b>	7:05pm
<b>Finish time</b>	9:25pm
<b>In attendance</b>	Cllr Lisa Rajan (Chair), Cllr David Hubber, Cllr Graham Neale, Cllr Gavin O'Brien and Cllr Anne Yates.
<b>Absent</b>	Cllrs Blango, Hook, Hunt and Porter.
<b>Apologies received</b>	Cllrs Blango and Hunt.
<b>Urgent items</b>	<p>The following announcements were made –</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i) Martin Cakebread of the local Conservative Party handed in a petition containing more than 700 names. The petition called for Rotherhithe police station to be manned 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.</li> <li>ii) Chair announced that free poop scoop bags were distributed at the Flag the poo event on Saturday 18 March in Southwark Park.</li> <li>iii) Chair said that Rotherhithe Community Council would like to congratulate Rebeka Clark who was recently named Southwark's woman of the year.</li> <li>iv) Further to previous discussions on King George's Field. The issue was being looked at by Katie Nicholls the community outreach officer. She was consulting with residents and could be contacted on 020 7525 1598 or <a href="mailto:katie.nicholls@southwark.gov.uk">katie.nicholls@southwark.gov.uk</a></li> </ul>

**Members' interests  
and dispensations**

Councillor Neale declared an interest in the community fund item –

- i) Rotherhithe Peninsula Fun Rides.

Councillor Anne Yates declared an interest in the following community fund items –

- i) Youth Music Technology workshops in the Canada Estate Hall.
- ii) To hold a Green space-Park it event in Southwark Park
- iii) For a St Georges Day fete outside on the estate

## Public questions raised

**Qs 1-3** 199 bus service ?  
Andrew Boag from Transport for London said, that they wanted to extend the 199 service to Bermondsey and they need to find a bus stand in Bermondsey town centre.

Reliability ?  
Andrew hoped it would improve, adding that operators have incentives to run services as accurately as possible.

Service from Rotherhithe to Camberwell ?  
Andrew said that would be difficult. A service had recently been extended from Nunhead to Surrey Quays.

**Qs 4-6** Bus conductors ?  
Andrew (TfL) said that only 6% of passengers pay cash on buses these days and that had been the main purpose of conductors. They were not Police / security guards but they were often targets for assault. Statistics show that assault levels were higher on buses with conductors.

Security ?  
CCTV was now fitted to all buses and bus services had their own dedicated Police who patrol routes throughout London. There were both uniformed and plain clothed officers.

Bendy-buses ?  
Andrew said that the Mayor was reviewing the service but they had been very successful. It was an economical way of carrying passengers and there were no plans to reduce the number of bendy-buses at the moment. He added that they had been around for 4/5 years and were not considered for every route.

**Q7** Displays at bus stops ?  
Andrew said there were no plans to install new devices in the short-term. Some of these had proved unreliable. But millions of pounds were being spent on improved technology, which would result in a new system with GPS (Global Positioning System) being installed, a few years from now. The aim was to start with existing stops and then extend beyond that.

**Qs 8-9** Bus service around the loop ?  
Andrew said that this was a tricky situation and he understood why residents wanted it. He said he thought a longer journey bus route may be used but then local services might suffer. He added that there was a need for greater reliability for existing services.

Cyclists problems with bendy-buses ?  
Andrew said that drivers received special training for the bendy services including awareness of other road users. There were natural concerns over the longer buses turning left and affecting cyclists but he was not aware of any increase in accidents.

<p><b>Q10</b></p>	<p>Lorraine Smith said she had written to TfL with a complaint about a man spitting on the bus. There was also the problem of people eating food on buses. TfL had been unhelpful and said some needed to eat for medical reasons.</p> <p>Andrew said he was surprised with TfL's response and that there were signs discouraging people from eating hot/smelly food on public transport. He said the drivers were not there to police the bus but if there was a problem they could call for help on the radio. Also CCTV is there to identify offenders. Andrew added that in Bexley they have a shop a job scheme in the local newspaper.</p>
<p><b>Q11</b></p>	<p>Alan from the community said that all buses have ramps. However, in his experience with a patient and wheelchair, so many of them either do not work or the driver refuses to use the ramp. He added that he had been told to get off a bus in Peckham.</p> <p>Andrew said that should not happen. He asked residents to keep a log of such incidents so they could be investigated and any offending vehicle/driver identified.</p>
<p><b>Q12</b></p>	<p>Martin Cakebread said that on Jamaica Road cars drive 24/7. Was there any compromise possible on the bus lane operation ?</p> <p>Harun from Transport for London said that if those times were specified then there was no scope for a change. If there were other issues then contact TfL.</p>
<p><b>Q13</b></p>	<p>David Meagher said that buses should have machines that give change. It was unfair that passengers should have to pay extra in some circumstances.</p> <p>Andrew said that was unlikely to alter as they were trying to encourage people to use Oystercard pre-pay.</p>
<p><b>Q14</b></p>	<p>Disruptions caused by utility companies ?</p> <p>Harun (TfL) said if more than one company was working there was a programme for scheduling under the Traffic Management Act.</p>
<p><b>Q15</b></p>	<p>John from the community asked about the idea of a St George's Day celebration ?</p> <p>Darryl Telles (South Bermondsey Partnership) said that residents were in favour of this. There have been troubles in the past with extremists using the flag but that should not stop events on the day. Other national days were celebrated so this should be re-claimed with an emphasis on traditional English values and positive changes that have occurred within our society. A number of family activities were being planned.</p>

## Summary of the decision or action

The following is a summary of the decisions and actions taken at this meeting.

The item number relates to the agenda item number where possible.

Clarification or queries on any points should be raised in the first instance with Tim Murtagh on **020 7525 7187**

Item number	Summary of the action / decision	Action by
5	<p><b>Action –</b> The Minutes Agreement Form should be amended on page 9 to read,</p> <p>John Taylor asked... Canada Water Forum evaporate ?</p> <p>Further Cllr Anne Yates asked that her apologies, which were sent, be recorded.</p>	Tim Murtagh
5	<p><b>Decision -</b> Members agreed the Minutes Agreement Form as an accurate record of the 15 February 2006 meeting subject to the agreed change</p>	Rotherhithe Cllrs
10	<p><b>Action –</b> Gill Davies was asked about the life-span of the new Community Council signs. Gill offered to find out and advise a future meeting. Further that she would have replaced the rusty bins near Surrey Docks Water Sports Centre.</p>	Gill Davies
12	<p><b>Action –</b> Chair said that she would write on behalf of Rotherhithe Community Council to the commercial business, which is causing distress to the travelling community on Ilderton Road.</p>	Cllr Lisa Rajan

12	<p><b>Action –</b> Cllr Neale said that he would look into the possibility of miscreants doing some work near South Bermondsey station under the community payback scheme.</p>	Cllr Graham Neale
12	<p><b>Action –</b> Cllr Neale said that he would contact the relevant ward councillors in Lewisham to look at possible solutions around the boundary area to help the travelling community.</p>	Cllr Graham Neale
13	<p><b>Action –</b> Darryl Telles said he would return with more information on the disused bridge that crosses Rotherhithe New Road.</p>	Darryl Telles
14	<p><b>Decision –</b> Members agreed the re-appointment of Mr R Wood to the role of School Governor at Albion Primary School.</p>	Nicole Galea / Governor Appointments

## ROTHERHITHE COMMUNITY FUND LIST 05/06 –the approved schemes

Name Of Group		
Movement and Well-being Centre	£800	For Awareness Through Movement, Reflexology, Reiki, Indian Head Massage and other practitioners who are beginning with or want to extend their practices. These people will provide their services for a low or zero fee in order to gain experience and recognition
Drum Club	£800	For an end of year trip to the theatre for the club members.
1 <sup>st</sup> Southwark Park Brownies	£800	For a mural to be painted on the outside wall of Scott House by a local artist with previous experience and also by the girls in the brownies.
South East Lions	£500	To coach football teams in segregated age groups, teaching new ball skills and discipline skills. Also for them to make new friends. This activity plans to tackle obesity by providing a fun, healthy activity locally.
Education 2000 Employment Training Organisation	£700	To set up a website for the organisation to reach those areas which are otherwise unreachable. This will enhance of the company of the organisation.
Rotherhithe Under 5's Group	£400	To replace the activity mats for the under 5's group.
Rotherhithe Village Forum	£700	For a multi-cultural hand and face decoration event, for children aged 3-11 years and their parents/guardians, they will have their hands and faces painted by professionals from the theatre world, and also be shown how to do it themselves, whilst learning about different cultures.
The Friends Of Southwark Park	£1000	To hold a Green space-Park it event in Southwark Park. The young Friends have been selected to hold one of these twelve events and they will design plan and deliver this free event by young people for young people.
Hornafrik Integration Project	£1000	For a sporting and Educational programme that will involve the Somali youth and integrate them into mainstream youth activities and train Somali children to access wider services.
Southwark Cyclists	£1000	Rotherhithe Peninsula Fun Rides. A series of 10 Saturday and Sunday guided family rides around the paths, parks, riverside and other attractions in the Rotherhithe Peninsula
Hawkstone T/RA Association	£1000 (1,500)	For a St Georges Day fete outside on the estate. With everything free and fully insured.
Tideway Sailability	£1000 Contribution (15,000)	To celebrate 25 <sup>th</sup> anniversary with increased training and membership and special events. Also the PCT outreach team will be there in order to invite local disabled people into sailing.
Canada	£700	Youth Music Technology workshops on the Estate Hall.

Estate TRA		Work with {Police and local residents to organise a series of workshops to teach local youths to play instruments and record. We need this audio workstation to help us deliver this. Youths will have ownership of project and would one activity that they look forward to.
Ilderton School	£800	Family Learning Activity Trips Project; To take parents and their children to participate in weekend day trips. Fun and educational visits that they may not otherwise have chance to engage with for socio-economic reasons Encourage to make new friends and enhance community cohesion and local support networks. We will use three minibuses which are currently jointly owned by a consortium of Southwark primary schools.
Friends of Russia Wood Docklands	£1000 (1250)	To replants three trees of heaven threatened with destruction in the playground of Alfred Salter Junior School. They will be expertly uprooted by specialists and re planted two hundred metres away on the open green in Russia Dock woodland. The trees have historical importance and were planted when the school was built.
Parents' Support Services . Old Jamaica Road SE16	£800	To provide information and give support to parents/ carers and their children, who are experiencing exclusion and are under achieving in schools. Training volunteers to support parents.
	<b>£13000</b>	

The information included in this form, together with the attached notes, form the minutes from the above meeting and have been agreed as a true and accurate recording of that meeting. Any necessary amendments shall be detailed in the **Summary of Actions** held at the Town Hall by the relevant Community Councils Development Officer.

**Chair**.....

**Date**.....