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## Rotherhithe Community Council



Notes from the meeting on Monday March 20 2006  
 Surrey Docks Water Sports Centre,  
 Rope Street, SE16 1LL

Issue no. 5

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### Main items at this meeting

- Transport for London – bus update
- Deputation from Travellers group
- Neighbourhood Management Partnership
- The Community Fund
- South Bermondsey railway bridge
- School governor re-appointment

### South Bermondsey railway bridge

The council is looking into reopening the disused South Bermondsey railway bridge to cyclists and pedestrians.

Roger Stocker from Southwark Council's transport department explained that the bridge would link Stubbs Drive with South Bermondsey railway station. Funding may come from Transport for London via the London Cycle Network. This is working towards an off road link from Stubbs Drive to Surrey Canal Road, the site of the East London Line station. Bermondsey Community Council has already approved funding to install steps from Stubbs Drive onto Rotherhithe New Road.

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## London buses

### Some current facts

- 8,000 buses carry over six million passengers each day
- This is the highest number of passengers since 1968
- And the fastest rate of passenger growth since 1945
- And the highest operated mileage since 1963.

### Recent improvements

- More frequent buses and improved Sunday services
- Aim to provide a bus service within 400m walk

- All buses in London are now accessible with low floor and wheelchair ramps
- Better facilities at bus stops – shelters and parking restrictions
- More bus priority measures
- Improved bus driver training
- Lower exhaust emissions
- All buses now have CCTV.

Andrew Boag from Transport for London explained that the new C10 route was due to begin service on March 18 2006. It's been extended from Elephant and Castle to Rotherhithe, Salter Road, Redriff Road and Canada Water.

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## Deputation from Travellers

Carolyn McCrossen from Southwark Community Care Forum spoke on behalf of the Ilderton Road travellers' site.

The travellers' site is about 16 years old and is home to English and Irish travellers. Traveller communities have strong family values and take pride in their site. They are keen to project a positive image and be recognised as part of the Southwark community.

Said Carolyn: "Travellers spend a lot of their time cleaning the site because of dust pollution from a nearby industrial site. They have to visit doctors and hospitals due to the incidents of asthma and eczema among people on the site.

"A further problem is that South Bermondsey train station users drop litter which then blows onto the traveller site. That leaves the site dirty and a health hazard. The litter has attracted rats and some people wrongly assume that the travellers caused the problem."

Travellers request that:

- Commercial businesses near the travellers' site to put industrial equipment at the opposite end of the premises so that the noise does not cause a nuisance, in particular at night.
- That the commercial premises clean their equipment to prevent dust and dirt rising into the air.
- That a suitable fence be erected behind the existing fence leading to South Bermondsey station.
- That Southwark Council send out pest control services to deal with vermin next to the site.
- That travellers are informed of how to name their site, should they wish to.

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## South Bermondsey Neighbourhood Management Partnership (NMP)

Darryl Telles from the South Bermondsey Partnership explained that the partnership is targeted to improve services at a very local neighbourhood level. The South Bermondsey area has about 16,000 residents. The NMP co-ordinates existing resources more effectively to ensure they better suit the needs of local residents but it doesn't manage services directly. It is run by a partnership board between different service providers in the statutory and voluntary sector with members and residents.

The partnership's priorities are

- Crime and environment
- Education and young people
- Health and worklessness
- Community involvement.

Residents were encouraged to get involved by joining the residents' network, coming to partnership events and contributing to the magazine.

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## School governor reappointed

Members agreed to reappoint Mr R Wood as a school governor at Albion Primary School.

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## Community Fund

Several groups were given grants out of the £15,000 Rotherhithe community fund. Here is a selection:

- **Movement and Wellbeing Centre.** £800 for personal awareness through movement, reflexology, reiki, Indian head massage. Services will be provided either for a small fee or free.
- **Southwark Park brownies.** £800 for a mural to be painted on the wall of Scott House by a local artist and the brownies.
- **South East Lions.** £500 to coach football teams in different age groups, teach new ball skills and discipline. The activity will tackle obesity by providing a fun and healthy local activity.
- **Rotherhithe Village Forum.** £700 for a multi-cultural hand and face decoration event for children aged 3-11 years and their parents/guardians.
- **Canada TRA Estate.** £700 for youth music technology workshops in the estate hall.

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Next meeting June 14 2006, 7pm

Venue Links Community Centre, 353 Rotherhithe New Road, SE16

Up for discussion: Meet your new councillors and chat to officers and local community groups.

Everyone welcome

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