

TAKEnote

Rotherhithe Community Council



Minutes Agreements Form

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Date	Monday April 16 2007
Venue	Millpond TA Hall, 210A Jamaica Road, SE16 4RT
Start time	7:10pm
Finish time	10:25pm
In attendance	Cllr Paul Noblet (Chair), Cllr Anne Yates (Vice-chair), Cllr Columba Blango, Cllr David Hubber, Cllr Richard Livingstone, Cllr Lisa Rajan.
Absent	Cllrs Mary Foulkes, Jeff Hook and Andrew Pakes.
Apologies received	Cllrs Mary Foulkes and Andrew Pakes.
Urgent items	Presentation from Inside / Outside
Members' interests and dispensations	There were none.

Public questions raised

Q1	A resident from the Hawkstone estate said that she had left messages on the Rotherhithe wardens' voicemail but no one had responded.
A1	David Meagher explained that messages are received and subsequently responded to. He added that the wardens would be coming to Hawkstone on St George's Day.

Q2	How does someone become a school governor ?
A2	David Lister said that residents were encouraged to complete governor application forms. When a vacancy arises the most suitable candidates were short-listed for consideration. He added that the role was a very fulfilling one.

Q3	A resident said that they had applied for six schools for their child and had been rejected for all six. They asked why they were not allowed to attend the appeals process ?
A3	Terry Parkin responded that appeals were a technical process and that the schools followed a set criteria. Parents are not involved in that review.

Q4	A resident asked, if a school was performing badly how responsible would the governors be for turning things around ?
A4	Terry Parkin said the governors were very responsible in those circumstances. They should ask the right questions and develop a plan of action. Terry added that the local authority provided training and assistance where appropriate.

Q5	Re various enquiries about the site of a new Rotherhithe school ?
A5	Sara Browning said the Council was near the start of the process. The timeline for matters to formally go through was 2 – 3 years away. She said that Bacons College was a wonderful local school and another was needed. The school should be in Rotherhithe and officers would work with residents to find a good site. The intention was to effect positive change, perhaps make an architectural statement and for local people to have access to sports facilities.

Q6	Michael – Headteacher at Redriff school – asked that as many residents as possible take part in the admissions process for Bacons College. He added that those on the Rotherhithe peninsula were disadvantaged and the sooner a new school came to the area the better. Further that all local schools should work together.

Q7	A resident asked to hear about other sites being considered for the new school other than that reported in the press ?
A7	Terry Parkin said that a full consultation would take place and that officers would return to Rotherhithe Community Council in July with more information. He explained that to name other sites at this stage could have negative implications. The main focus currently was to secure Government funding.

Q8	Re the consultation document on community councils – Simon Hughes MP said that he was a fan of community councils. He added that each year they were each given around £350,000 to spend through the cleaner, greener, safer fund. He would like it to be much more, perhaps 10% of the council budget. Would this be considered ?
A8	Cllr Blango said that everything would be considered to see how it could fit in with the future of community councils.

Q9	A resident asked if there was any update on the footbridge to Canary Wharf ?
A9	David Moffat said that was a matter for Transport for London's (TfL) major projects team. Cllr Rajan added that it's a project run by Sustrans with Southwark Council, Tower Hamlets and the Canary Wharf group. The bridge would cost around £40 million pounds and a feasibility plan has been produced along with a cost / benefit analysis. Funding remains an issue.

Q10	A resident asked if Rotherhithe station would survive the East London line extension ?
A10	David Moffat said, yes TfL officers had been clear on that.

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	Minutes - Decision Members agreed the Minutes Agreement Form as an accurate record of the February 20 2007 meeting.	Rotherhithe Councillors

7	Departure of PC Richard Skinner Cllr Paul Noblet thanked PC Skinner for his service to the area. <i>He presented a gift to David Meagher (on behalf of PC Skinner) in recognition of his work and residents applauded.</i>	Rotherhithe Councillors / David Meagher
6	Re dates of future meetings Residents requested that the dates of future community council meetings be included in the Agenda.	Tim Murtagh

6	Re Rotherhithe tunnel Chair said that there would definitely be an item on the Rotherhithe tunnel at the next meeting of the community council. This will take place on Wednesday May 30 2007.	Cllr Paul Noblet
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12	<p>Re dangerous roads</p> <p>A resident said that the road by Southwark Park is lethal and it's only a matter of time before there is a fatality. He had raised it with Transport for London and given a presentation at a previous community council with nothing changing.</p> <p>Cllr Rajan said that TfL did a safety audit but it had been impossible to get them to say what the results of that were.</p> <p>Chair said that he had done a walkabout with TfL and council officers and he had been repeatedly told plans were coming. He added that we will try again.</p>	Rotherhithe community council / David Moffat
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12	<p>Re drop kerbs</p> <p>A resident said that drop kerbs were low but often not to road level as required.</p> <p>David said he would tell the Highways department.</p>	David Moffat
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Other	<p>Re Estates</p> <p>A resident asked for something to be done to improve courtyards on local estates. Pensioners and children have been slipping on these and it was a health & safety problem.</p> <p>Chair said that he would look into the issue.</p>	Cllr Paul Noblet
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12	<p>Re Brunel Road crossing</p> <p>A resident said that the matting on the zebra crossing had come off and was now very dangerous.</p> <p>Cllr Blango said he noted the problem.</p>	Cllr Columba Blango / David Moffat
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Other	<p>Re problem mopeds</p> <p>A resident mentioned the big problem with speeding mopeds in the area. He asked if they could get speed cameras ?</p> <p>Chair said that police officers and wardens were aware and would do what they could. Long term they could look at speed cameras.</p>	Local Police / Community Wardens
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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**.....