

TAKE **note**

Borough and Bankside Community Council



Notes from the meeting on Monday April 16 2007
Charles Dickens School, Lant Street, London SE1

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Main items at this meeting

- Making a difference to traffic and transport in your area
- Consultation items
 - The way forward for community councils
 - Bankside Frost Fair 2007
 - Bankside 123 community space
- Police update

Community information items

- Bankside Urban Forest
- Community events

Bankside Urban Forest

Stephen Witherford from Witherford Watson Mann Architects described Bankside Urban Forest, which was all about developing a framework for environmental improvements in and around the Bankside area. The consultation period had ended and he thanked the variety of groups they had worked with in the area for their contribution.

Suggestions for improvements include a new playground on the south side of Tate Modern and the creation of more pedestrian areas and public spaces.

Residents were encouraged to attend the exhibition at the Tate Modern before it ended on April 20.

For further information, please contact Bankside Urban Forest on 020 7928 3998 113 or email buf@betterbankside.co.uk

Making a difference to traffic and transport in your area

Officers from the transport planning group were at the meeting to listen to residents' suggestions and ideas to improve traffic and transport in the Borough & Bankside area. Barbara Selby, transport planning manager, explained how Southwark Council would carry out traffic planning in 2008/09.

The meeting formed four different workshops to discuss:

- Road safety - junction and cycling improvements, safe routes to school
- The Harper Road triangle - Andrew Downes presented the initial findings from the recent study and invited comments
- Borough High St - Diana Bunyan presented the interactive website www.walk2go.com
- General traffic and transport items

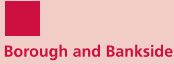
Barbara Selby concluded this part of the meeting by stating that workshop ideas may go forward to the council's bid to Transport for London (TfL). The transport group are also putting together project banks for those schemes which could be funded through s106 monies, highways maintenance or Cleaner Greener Safer funding. It was noted that all relevant information would be fed back to a future meeting.

For further information, please contact Barbara Selby in transport planning on 020 7525 2290 or email barbara.selby@southwark.gov.uk



Community announcements

- Events at St George in Southwark Festival on and around St Georges Day www.stgeorgefestival.org.uk
- Volunteer Centre Southwark – Southwark Stars awards ceremony on May 4 2007. Details and nomination forms are available online at: www.volunteercentres.org.uk or contact the Volunteer Centre on 0800 0185 692 or by email getactive@volunteercentres.org.uk
- GHARWEG – Sylvia Wachuku-King spoke about the launch of their booklet on April 22 2007, which would be presented by the B&B chair.



The way forward for community councils

Cllr Columba Blango, executive member for citizenship, equalities and communities, spoke about the current review into making community councils more effective and interactive. This includes looking at how people can have more say and influence at community councils.

Russell Profitt, head of Peckham programme & social renewal, told people that a consultation booklet would be available shortly through libraries and local groups. He asked residents to fill out the questionnaire at the back and return it to the community councils team. He confirmed that the completion date had been extended until the end of April.

(Note: the consultation period now ends May 31 2007)



Bankside Frost Fair 2007

Southwark are running the fifth frost fair this year and asked the community for their input.

For further information contact Lisa Holmes, tourism officer, on 020 7525 2296 or email lisa.holmes@southwark.gov.uk

Bankside 123 community space

Sorwar Ahmed, Colin Buchanan Associates, spoke about the feasibility study for the community space at Bankside 123. They are consulting with local residents, stakeholders, tenants and residents associations and various forums in the area until the end of April 07. There was a questionnaire available and an opportunity to speak with the consultants during the break.

Further information contact paul@communityregen.net or visit www.communityregen.net

Borough and Bankside police update

Superintendent David Chinchon gave a presentation at the meeting and spoke about the role of safer neighbourhood teams (SNTs). He said that they work closely with the community warden service and that all SNTs are now at full strength (1 Sgt, 2 PCs, & 3 PCSOs). He also highlighted that the police are trying to improve accessibility and are looking for a new base in the north of borough.

Sgt Dutton (Cathedrals ward) and Sgt Wilson (Chaucer ward) from the police safer neighbourhood teams (SNTs) provided an update on policing issues and dates for SNT ward panel meetings

Sgt Wilson reported that the next Chaucer ward panel meeting takes place on May 27 2007 at Hankey Hall. The residents' priorities for the ward are:

- drink and drug taking in open spaces
- problems with homeless people and rough sleepers at the Jam Factory - the neighbourhood team had dealt with the situation quite quickly.

A resident raised concerns about traffic speeding through the temporary traffic lights in Great Dover St. Andrew Downes agreed to speak to Thames Water about concerns that the timings of the temporary lights were

causing cars to jump them and drive at speed. Sgt Wilson agreed to monitor the situation.

The chair also agreed that she would urge Thames Water representatives to attend a future meeting to address residents concerns.

Residents also spoke about disturbances when people leave local venues at night. Sgt Wilson said he would look into this through the police licensing department.

Sgt Dutton mentioned that the next Cathedrals ward panel meeting takes place on May 22 2007. They are looking for new meeting places in the ward and more representatives to join them at meetings. The residents' priorities for the ward are:

- Scovell Estate – address residents concerns about alleged air rifle being used on the estate
- Webber Row – drug dealing
- Antisocial behaviour. The DDPO brought in Nov 2006 – Sgt Dutton reported that the police have the powers to confiscate alcohol from anyone causing a nuisance under this order
- A rise in burglary antefix – people forcing their way into elderly people's homes and reports of two males conning their way into homes on the pretext of selling carpets

Chaucer ward residents can contact the Chaucer safer neighbourhood team on 020 8721 2441, 07920 233 917 or email Chaucer.snt@met.police.uk

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Public questions

S106 monies

A local resident asked what was happening to s106 money because a local newspaper mentioned that some of the money meant for the Borough & Bankside area is to be used in areas of Camberwell. Those members present were committed to ensuring that s106 monies are kept in Chaucer and Cathedrals wards, and are pursuing officers to clarify the position.

The chair agreed to organise a meeting with Cllr McNally and officers from regeneration, and report on progress at the next meeting.

Public conveniences – Borough & Bankside area

A local resident asked officers for an update on public conveniences in the Borough & Bankside area. Cllr Morris assured the resident that Jonathan Toy would present an update at the next meeting

Future meetings

Until the constitutional meeting of council assembly on May 23 2007 it was not possible to confirm all community council dates for the remainder of the year. The plan was still to try and vary times and venues, as residents had requested in the workshops at the June 06 meeting.

Your next Borough and Bankside community council meeting will be on Wednesday June 6 2007 from 7pm at Charles Dickens School, Lant Street SE1. The June meeting will be focussed on the 2007 Cleaner Greener Safer programme plus much more!

Everyone welcome!!

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