

TAKE **note**

Rotherhithe Community Council



Notes from the meeting on Monday April 16 2007
 Millpond TA Hall,
 210A Jamaica Road, SE16 4RT

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Main items at this meeting

- A new school for Rotherhithe
- Inside / Outside project
- School Governing bodies
- Transport's local implementation plan



A new school for Rotherhithe

Terry Parkin / Sara Browning

Why we need a new school in Rotherhithe?

- over 200,000 new homes in Southwark by 2016
- 4,000 new homes in Bermondsey Spa
- 4,000 new homes in Canada Water
- many more families, children and young people
- five forms of entry, 750 pupils (150 place sixth form)

When will it be built?

- We are in the process of bidding for funds from national government
- If we are successful, construction could start at the end of 2011
- The school could be completed towards the end of 2013
- We will keep residents informed on the timing as we progress

Where will it be built?

- We don't know yet
- We have surveyed 50 sites across Southwark for possible school sites
- The Unitary Development Plan identified one site (Quebec Way)
- We used another site (St Paul's Field) as an example for our funding bid to central government
- No decision has been made
- We hope to decide on which site by November 2008
- There will be public planning consultation

- We want you to be involved and contribute to this
- We will go through a full planning application

What will the school look like?

At the moment we do not know, but we have some guidelines:

- Must be designated to fit in with the surrounding area
- Must respect the privacy of residents
- Landscaped grounds that add to the local environment
- We are keen for you to help us develop the design
- We want your input

What will it do for the community?

Give access to:

- State-of-the-art sports hall with direct public access, not through the school (size of four badminton courts)
- Sports ground (size of a five-a-side football pitch or three basketball courts)

Give local children a good school they can walk to

We want your views so please contact: Southwark schools for the future
ssf@southwark.gov.uk or tel. 020 7525 5224



Rotherhithe



Transport's local implementation plan

David Moffat presented

Annual progress report 2008/09

- This is an annual reporting and funding submission to Transport for London (TfL)
- In June a funding submission for £7million will be made to TfL with a likely allocation of between £3million and £4million
- In December TfL will make an announcement

The submission made has to fit TfL programme areas including:

- Road Safety
- Walking
- Accessibility
- Maintaining the network
- Cycling
- Public transport

How can you be involved?

- Knowledge of daily transport issues
- Put ideas into the project bank
- Contact us and fill in a comments form

Contact david.moffat@southwark.gov.uk or tel. 020 7525 2295

Inside / Outside project

Jean Petrie presented

This is a volunteering project at the Bede Centre supported by the Neighbourhood Renewal Fund. Volunteers with learning disabilities are supported to help older people in their homes. It is for anyone of retirement age who lives in Bermondsey or Rotherhithe.

Inside Outside started in August 2004.

Since then 127 households have been helped by the project.

Up to the end of 2006, 754 visits have been made.

30 volunteers have done over 2700 hours of voluntary work.

Volunteers have varying degrees of learning disability.

Some are almost independent and live alone with a little support.

Others need constant support, at home and in other activities.

How householders find us?

- Signposting from other services
- Friends, neighbours, relatives
- Health services and occupational therapists
- Self referral
- Social workers

- Staff in sheltered accommodation and day centres

Benefits to householders:

- Building relationships with volunteers
- Befriending – mutual benefit to both
- More independence and choice
- More likely to be able to stay in own home
- Reassurance to relatives that there is someone nearby to help
- Regular visits or phone calls can give early warning of problems starting

Benefits to volunteers:

- Feeling of being needed and valued
- Learning new skills or practising existing ones
- Making new friends
- Feeling part of their community
- Volunteering experience useful when seeking work

The funding requirement for 2007/08 is £55,000

In 2006, Inside Outside won a nationwide award for community endeavour

Contact abdi.mohamed@southwark.gov.uk or tel. 020 7525 5549

School Governing bodies

David Lister presented

A governing body:

- Works closely with the head teacher
- Makes decisions collectively as a team
- Often delegates decision making to committees or to the head
- Conducts much of its business through meetings

An effective governor:

- Cares about improving children's educational attainment and progress
- Wants to contribute to the local community
- Wants to work as part of a team and can value the contributions of different people

- Stands by collective decisions even if s/he held a different point of view
- Asks questions in a constructive not a confrontational manner
- Promotes the school in the wider community
- Shares his/her knowledge, experience and skills for the benefit of the school as a whole
- Keeps up to date with developments in education
- Attends relevant training
- Is enthusiastic and committed

Contact david.lister@southwark.gov.uk or tel. 020 7525 5313

Your next Rotherhithe Community Council meeting is on Wednesday May 30 2007 from 7pm at Links Community Centre, 353 Rotherhithe New Road, SE16

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