

TAKEnote

Bermondsey Community Council



Notes from the meeting on Wednesday May 9 2007
 Harris Academy Bermondsey,
 55 Southwark Park Road, SE16 3TZ

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Main items at this meeting:

- Bermondsey Youth Forum
- Youth Providers Network
- Inside / Outside project
- Cleaner Greener Safer launch 2007/8
- Spa Gardens facility parking update

Youth Providers Network

Sarah Timson presented

There are 4 networks across Southwark with 300 individuals registered from over 150 groups.

The purpose of the YPN is to keep the community informed of opportunities for young people. To encourage youth groups to work together and for everyone to share information regarding young people in their area.

As co-ordinator I send out information weekly via email on funding, training and activities. I also create directories about activities for distribution at schools, libraries, one stop shops and youth clubs. In future the YPN plans to arrange a youth themed community council meeting.

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Bermondsey Youth Forum

Ben Skelton presented

What we do ?

- Represent young people in Bermondsey
- Tell young people's views to the powers that be
- Organise our own projects
- Learn new skills
- Have fun!

Who we are ?

- 11-19 year olds
- We live or go to school in Bermondsey
- Young people who want to see change and who care about our area

Changes we want to see in our area

- More activities for young women
- A directory of activities and services for young people in Bermondsey that is youth and parent friendly
- A "taxi bus" to take young people to different clubs

Youth Directory

- Our local area could use a booklet to show young people and parents what is going on and one that is user-friendly
- Parents would know where their children are and feel comfortable allowing them out to interact
- Young people could choose from different activities in the evenings, weekends and holidays

Youth Bus

- It's proven young people in Bermondsey are territorial



- Parents are worried about kids travelling around
- We would like a transportation option where youth workers in a minibus pick people up and take them to youth clubs or events
- They can choose what youth club they want to go to depending on the activities they offer and make friends from different areas
- The youth forum could help organise it

The Future

- We want to raise our own funding so we can put on things for young people
- We want to attract more members to truly represent young people in Bermondsey
- We want to give young people a voice when decisions are made that affect us

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Spa Gardens facility parking update

At the March meeting this matter was raised by a resident. Following a letter from Cllr Denise Capstick officers have provided the following update:

The scheme for the Ellen Brown Bermondsey play centre proposes five parking spaces (including one disabled space) on the hard standing area adjoining the former Keyse Road. These places are allocated to the Education department who manage the building and the adjoining plaza area. Parking in this area will be controlled through a voucher scheme managed by staff in the Ellen Brown Centre.

A number of additional bollards have been obtained to secure the area from the road and restrict unauthorised parking.

For more information contact tim.murtagh@southwark.gov.uk or Tel 020 7525 7187

Inside / Outside project

Verity Mihai 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.

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

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Cleaner Greener Safer launch 2007/8

David Johnson presented

This year Bermondsey has been allocated more than £400,000 and residents are invited to complete the form and return it by Monday July 16 2007.

Anyone can apply – either as an individual or on behalf of a group, but you must live or work in the community council area where you are proposing the scheme, and provide a relevant address.

Cleaner Greener Safer ideas that have been approved in the past include:

- Lighting, security measures and tackling 'grot spots'
- Children's playgrounds, youth facilities, ball courts and cycle tracks
- Parks, community gardens, landscaping, tree planting and wildlife areas

This is not an exhaustive list. Any idea that brings a permanent physical improvement to an area will be considered.

Please note the following:

- The fund will not pay for employing people or for anything that won't bring a permanent improvement to the area
- Your project idea could be small or big, but council officers will be responsible for carrying-out the project if it is approved
- It may be a good idea for you to speak about your idea with your local ward councillor at one of their surgeries
- It may be helpful if you can show some evidence of support from your community

The form is available on Southwark's website with further information on:

www.southwark.gov.uk/cleanergreenersafer

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Your next Bermondsey community council meeting is on Tuesday June 12 2007 from 7pm at the Harris Academy Bermondsey, 55 Southwark Park Road, SE16 3TZ.

The one after that will be on Monday July 23 2007 venue to be confirmed

Everyone welcome! Come and have your say and meet councilors and officers for your area

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