

SHAD THAMES RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION NETWORK

Core Group meeting at Browns – Monday, 4 February 2008

Present: Jilly Frisch
Julian Griffiths
Anne Lynn
Nick Napier
Penelope Tay

Apologies: Anna Hollingsworth
Michael Place
Pat Varney

1. Riverside Safer Neighbourhood Team

Sgt Rob Evans, of the Riverside Safer Neighbourhood Team would attend the 3 March meeting, at which time he would brief the core group on the quarterly meetings of the Ward Panel, when either JG or MP would attend on behalf of STRA.

2. Home Office's Top Management Programme

On 15 January Southwark's Licensing Office had arranged for STRA to be interviewed by a group from the TMP on "The key issues and relationships involved in developing a strategy to reduce the incidence and impacts of harmful and hazardous drinking in Southwark", specifically on the challenges we face and the approaches we have taken to tackle harmful/hazardous drinking in Southwark. The main issues we put forward were the noise and disturbance resulting from late night drinking, that Southwark had recently organised meetings between local residents and two licensed premises, and that Southwark had done a wide consultation on their Licensing Policy, which had resulted in the views of local residents being taken into the Policy. The aim of the TMP group would be to work on practical solutions which could be implemented.

3. The Don Restaurant, Tower Bridge Road/Horseleydown Lane

The Don Restaurant had applied to extend licensing hours to 5.00am. In line with STRA's policy of objecting to any application beyond 11.00pm an objection would be submitted to the Licensing Office by the closing date of 4 March 2008. This information would be relayed to the STRA network.

Action: JF

4. Lambeth College

The only comment which STRA has already made on the Berkeley Homes planning application to convert Lambeth College to a hotel had been that the main hall should be kept in its original state. It was therefore decided that no further comment would be submitted to The Planning Inspectorate, in view of BH's appeal because of Southwark's late decision on their application.

5. Shad Thames local area

The flashing blue lights had been removed from the newsagent's premises. The blocking of the pavement and installation of other "illegal" lights was still an issue and would be monitored.

Action: MP JG

6. Closure of the TSTBCA bank account with Lloyds TSB

Regretfully, this was still outstanding.

Action: JG PT

7. STRA bank account with Natwest

The Treasurer's report on income due from filming in the area, and payment due for buying the domain name was presented to the meeting.

8. Berkeley Homes

JF had still not written to the Tony Pidgeley, the BH Chairman as she had been unable to find an address. NN would try to locate an address for Tony Pidgeley. At this stage, it was decided not to contact the BH Site Manager for the Coach Park work.

Action: NN JF

9. Potters Fields Park

(a) LED Lighting in the Park

Lemnis Lighting will install LED lights on a trial basis in the Tooley Street/Garden end of the park from 7 February, which will be part of the Switched on London Festival, and there will be additional lighting (and sound) in the trees, but this will be removed on 15 February. STRA needs to give feedback on the lights to PFPMT by mid-March. It was proposed to send an email to the STRA network asking for comments, the Core group were also asked to give individual feedback, this could be done at the 3 March meeting. The proposal giving full information on the project is attached.

Action: Core Group

(b) Upkeep issues

The standard of cleaning seemed to have slipped in recent weeks; the diagonal path through the park seems to have attracted green algae; the stonework corner adjacent to City Hall is seriously damaged.

Action: JF

(c) Revenue

Recent accounts would be requested from the Director, PFP, to get an idea of actual revenue and expenses.

Action: JF

10. London BID

The London BID had circulated STRA with information about grants of between £500 and £2000 for 5 to 19 year olds, applications need to be submitted by 15 February. NN would ???

Action: NN

11. Open Meeting

The next Open Meeting was scheduled for Monday, 14 April 2008. It was agreed to invite Nick Stanton, Lead Councillor, and possibly Sgt Rob Evans, but this would be decided after he has spoken to the Core Group on 3 March. It was decided to hold the meeting at The Bridge House, as previously.

Action: JG JF

12. Next meeting – Monday, 3 March 2008 at 7.15pm at Browns, location to be confirmed by JF.