

SHAD THAMES RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION

Core Group meeting at the Anchor Tap – Monday, 2 June 2008 at 7.15pm

Present: Anna Hollingsworth
Jilly Frisch
Julian Griffiths
Anne Lynn
Michael Place
Penelope Tay
Pat Varney

Apologies: Nick Napier

Guest: Richard Parkins, Licensing Manager, Southwark Council

1. Code of Conduct

Taking advantage of Richard Parkins' presence, his advice was sought on how he thought we could progress with the Code of Conduct. It was noted that the original Code was agreed to more than 6 or 7 years ago, and that it could well now be reviewed and updated. Whenever, a new licensing application, or an application to vary an existing license is made, STRA should propose to the Licensing Committee that the licensee be asked to sign up to the Code, and thereby agree to abide by its conditions. If other licensed premises might be willing to sign up to the Code, this could be done by asking for a Review of the license, RP said a Review is not always considered to be a negative thing. **(Action: PV JF)**

2. Saturation Policy for Shad Thames

Richard Parkins said that on 9 July 2008 the Council Assembly would consider the Saturation Policy for Shad Thames (together with other areas). If the Assembly agreed, the Policy would be effective immediately, however, it would not affect applications which had been presented before this date, even if they come before the Licensing Committee after 9 July 2008. After this any applicant would have to convince the Licensing Committee that their application would not significantly change the status quo in the area.

From time-to-time the Council might be making minor amendments to Southwark's Licensing Policy. It was noted, however, that the Government is constantly reviewing the Policy.

3. Noise

Disturbance from noise should continue to be reported to the Noise Team, particularly if it is clear that is coming from a licensed premises. Other street noise should also be reported, either by calling the Noise Team, (it would be clarified if they would accept text messages in the middle of the night) or by keeping a diary. This information would be circulated to the STRA network. **(Action: JG)**

4. Conciliation meetings and licensing applications, etc.

- The agreement as a result of the conciliation meeting with the Dean Swift would be followed-up with the Licensing Unit (Rosana Keough or Kay Riley) as it was felt that it is now being breached (open windows after 9.00pm, etc); **(Action: MP)**
- JF and MP had met the Landlady of the Anchor Tap who gave assurances that she had instructed bar staff to continuously monitor noise in the beer garden and take steps to either ask noisy customers to leave or to move inside. She would have to discuss with her Area Manager STRA's request to close the beer garden at 10.00pm and have it completely cleared by 10.30pm. This would be followed up with her. **(Action: JF and MP)**
- Pont had refused to hold a conciliation meeting with local residents who had objected to their application for a variation of their licence, therefore, this would go direct to the Licensing Committee on 21 July (PV would represent STRA); **(Action: PV)**
- PV would also represent STRA at The Don hearing on 11 July. **(Action: PV)**
- It was noted that drinking is taking place outside the terraces of All Bar One, it was believed that this was not permitted, but a question as to whether "off sales" might allow it would be investigated. **(Action: PV)**

5. Meetings with Berkeley Homes on development of the Coach Park site

Three meetings (17 March, 28 April, 3 June) with Berkeley Homes had been cancelled by BH at very short notice. JF would try to fix another meeting, pointing out to BH that the new architect would surely benefit from input from local residents prior to drawing up a new plan for the site. **(Action: JF)**
Regretfully, STRA did not act quickly enough to put forward the name of the architect who had been involved with the National History Museum. STRA still needed to write to Mayor Boris Johnson asking for his support for a cultural building on the site. **(Action: JF)**

Subsequent information

Charles Calverley apologised for cancelling previous meetings, he asked if we could put this behind us and move forward. After the next Partnership Steering Group meeting on 12 June he hoped to arrange for STRA to meet the new architects, Squire and Partners. (The Group consists of the Chief Executive and Lead Councillor, from Southwark and Tony Pidgeley and one other senior Director from BH, administratively supported by Charles Calverley).

This means the STRA core group would have to be clear with proposals for the site, and therefore might need to meet again before 7 July 2008.

6. PFPMT

MP reported on his attendance at the PFPMT AGM and Board meeting.

- The Board acknowledged that the ice cream van keeping its engine running was a problem, but it was proving difficult to get a source of electricity connected. Meanwhile, it was noted that the van is still sited so that the exhaust is aimed at the walkway, instead of the river. This would be taken up again with Stephen Cornford.
- Litter is now being picked twice a day at weekends, it seems that this arrangement had not been in place for the first weekend of good weather which had resulted in the large number of complaints. **The emergency number for PFP is 0845 053 0928, it is a call centre which has all relevant contacts including for Quadron Services who collect the litter – Stephen Cornford is happy for this number to be published on our website.**
- Even though the lighting “problem” was reported – the park looks very dark at night when looking into it from outside – no one else on the Board believed it was a problem. This might be because other Board members did not live in the area and were not around at night, therefore, this would be raised again.

Other issues were raised:

- Continuous noise from loudspeaker announcements at the 1 June charity event had been experienced by local residents – it was hoped this type of noise could be avoided in future.
- The question of a PFP Events Manager for events, particularly at weekends, was raised – this would be raised at the next PFPMT meeting.

MP kindly agreed to attend the next PFPMT meeting on 22 July 2008 at 11.00am

(Action: MP)

7. London BID

It was decided to ask the London BID if STRA could be represented on their Board.

(Action: MP)

8. Shad Thames Network

A draft notice inviting Shad Thames Residents to join the STRA network was reviewed, JG would redraft it and circulate it again before distributing it locally. It was decided to invite residents to either join on-line or to complete and return a form. There was a discussion about dropping the word “committee” and instead using the term “core group”.

(Action: JG)

9. South Newsletter – Community projects

Information on this can be found on www.communityprojects.biz It is probably not relevant to the Shad Thames area.

10. Gross Max Project on TBR between Tooley Street and Fair Street

MP reported that the “Tree of Heaven” project would be completed within the next couple of weeks. The project had apparently run into financial difficulties, but the Bermondsey contractor, Old Southern Forge, had very generously made some concessions to bring the work in within the funds available. Ingrid Phillips of the Fair Community Office would keep MP informed of any event taking place linked to the project.

(Action: MP)

11. Bank Accounts

JG reported that a previous Chair and signatory on the account, had not responded to his emails or messages, therefore he would now attempt to pursue closure of the old TSTBCA account with Lloyds TSB direct.

(Action: JG)

MP reported on the STRA account and circulated a statement of account to those present.

12. Next meetings – Monday, 7 July 2008 at 7.15pm at the Anchor Tap. The core group will **not** meet in August, therefore, the subsequent meeting will be on Monday, 1 September 2008.

The next Open Meeting would be on Monday, 10 November 2008 – Councillor Eliza Mann, the newly appointed Mayor of Southwark, has been invited to be the guest of honour.