

SHAD THAMES RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION NETWORK

Core Group meeting at the Anchor Tap – Monday, 1 September 2008

Present: Jilly Frisch
Julian Griffiths
Anna Hollingsworth
Anne Lynn
Nick Napier
Michael Place

Apologies: Penelope Tay
Pat Varney

1. Open Meeting held 7 July 2008

Simon Hughes had written to TFL asking for a route into the congestion zone as an alternative for users of Tower Bridge and for a ferry service across the river for pedestrians during the closure of the Bridge in 2011. His support was much appreciated, and it was decided that STRA would also write to TFL asking for the same thing, and to the Bridge House Trust about the ferry service.

Roy Tyler, Project Liaison Officer, City Surveyor's Department, City of London had written to STRA confirming the points raised during the meeting. He would attend the next Core Group October meeting in case issues had arisen as a result of the work starting on Tower Bridge.

2. Licencing Issues

It was agreed that wherever possible details of changes to licences, or new licences, would be included on the STRA website. **(Action: JG)**

Ask – Ask's licence to sell alcohol without food had been granted, but that patrons would have to be seated, ie it would not be a vertical drinking establishment

The Don – The Don's application had been granted in part, ie opening until 1.30am (not 4.00am or 5.00am), and that 21 conditions had been attached to the licence

Most Bar – it was noted that the Most Bar had not arranged quarterly meetings with local residents, which had been one of the conditions of granting their extended licence, this would be taken up with the Licensing Officers **(Action: JF)**

Dean Swift – the Dean Swift were in breach of some of the conditions which had been agreed at a conciliation meeting, this would be taken up with the Licensing Officers **(Action: JF)**

River Bar – the River Bar had started putting tables and chairs on the pavement on Tower Bridge Road, and also had installed a shelf on the window ledge on Queen Elizabeth Street, both making it difficult for pedestrians to walk past, this would be discussed with the Licensing Officers **(Action: JF)**

3. Saturation Policy

Richard Parkins, Licensing Unit Manager had advised, in his letter of 17 July 2008, viz, that as a result of the Council's Partnership Analysis Team's updated statistical analysis of the latest figures for alcohol related violence against the person (VAP) and calls to the police concerning disorder/rowdiness associated with licensed premises, the report on saturation policies scheduled for the Council Assembly on 9 July 2008 had been withdrawn. The matter of saturation will now be returned to the Licensing Committee for full discussion as to whether saturation policies remain appropriate and necessary in each of the areas concerned. He will write to us again when he has more information on the progress of this issue.

This information is extremely disappointing in view of two presentations STRA had made to the Licensing Committee, when it was believed that they had understood the issue is Shad Thames is mainly late night dispersal noise, which constituted public nuisance. It was recalled that Richard Parkins had said that the Noise Team needed to receive reports of noise, and that another possibility was to keep a diary of noise. This issue clearly needed a fresh approach. **(Action: All)**

4. Berkeley Homes project

Further consultations were likely to take place in October. Concern was expressed about how the development would relate to Potters Fields Park, particularly the wish of BH to take some of the Park, and to give some of the development land back in exchange. In this connection it was recalled that the Trust had a 25 year lease for the area of the Park. **(Action: JF)**

5. Potters Fields Park

There was an active thread on the SE1 website about litter in the Park and it was suggested that Stephen Cornford might occasionally respond to some of the criticism (in fact, Nick Napier had emailed Stephen on this but had received no response). The question of whether anyone monitoring the park when events take place, as branches had been broken from some of the trees as a result of a hot air balloon at a recent event. It was believed that an Event Manager was being looked into, this would be followed up with the Trust.

(Action: JF)

6. Old Bank Account

Julian Griffiths reported that after a long and slow investigation he had discovered that the Lloyds Bank account in the name of the Tooley Street and Tower Bridge Community Association had been closed on 2 October 2007 [REDACTED] and that a cheque for £3847.35 payable to Southwark Council had been sent to Nutmeg House, and had eventually been sent on to Southwark Council (presumably by someone from TSTBCA), and had been cashed by the appropriate office (according to Lola Fatogan). This matter was now finally closed, thanks to tremendous input from Julian.

7. Open Meeting – November 2008

Nadia Broccardo, Director, London Bridge Business Improvement District (BID), had agreed to speak at the next Open Meeting.

8. STRA website

Julian Griffiths gave members of the Core Group the login and password for the website, and hoped to have it full operational very shortly.

(Action: JG All)

9. Beormund Community Centre

Anna Hollingsworth circulated a Market Research Questionnaire seeking information from potential users of the Centre – it should be completed and returned to the Centre (not available electronically).

(Action: All)

10. Next meeting – Monday, 6 October 2008 at 7.15pm at the Anchor Tap when Roy Tyler, City of London, would related to Tower Bridge Restoration Works.

A new Network member – [REDACTED]