

SHAD THAMES RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION NETWORK
Core Group meeting at the Anchor Tap – Monday 5 October 2009

Present: Jilly Frisch
Julian Griffiths
Anna Hollingsworth
Nick Napier
Michael Place
Penelope Tay

Apologies: Anne Lynn
Pat Varney

1. Open Meeting – 9 November 2009

It was agreed that JG, NN, MP and JF would sit at a “top table”, and as the Head of Public Realm, Des Waters, was the main invited speak, with whom NN had had a great deal of contact, NN would chair this meeting. Councillor Eliza Mann would also be invited, also as she is now a member of the Licensing Committee. Copies of the newly drafted Good Neighbours’ Guide (previously the Code of Conduct) would be available at the meeting for discussion. JG reminded that the meeting was also the AGM, therefore, MP, as Treasurer, would report on STRA’s finances. **(Action: JG NN MP JF)**

2. PFPMT

JF reported that the previous Trust Chair has not felt it was necessary for the Trust to publish an Annual Report, but as a result of STRA’s suggestion it would issue an Annual Report, starting with a report of activities in 2009. It would not be particularly big or glossy, it would serve to inform the local community of the type of events on the Park, and indicate community and charity events, which did not produce revenue. It would also include a brief report of income and expenditures, whether targets/objectives had been met, and the future strategy for the Park.

The present Chair, Nick Stanton, said he would be pleased to come to a Core Group meeting sometime. The suggestion that an independent Chairman be appointed was not well received by the Trust, it was noted that it had been a problem in the past to find anyone with sufficient time to devote to such a task.

The Chief Executive, Stephen Cornford, said that it was not easy to pitch an acceptable price for use of the Park – responses were very mixed, some were just not interested in paying, some felt it was acceptable, and some couldn’t believe it was so reasonable ...

Notice Boards on the Park are now updated weekly. It was regretted that Southwark Council had decided NOT to have the November fireworks on the Park, this activity would remain at Southwark Park.

3. Dean Swift

It was decided to suggest to the resident living close to the Dean Swift that in view of his personal documentation of noise disturbance episodes that he, personally, may wish to call for a review of the Dean Swift licence. The Core Group had very little other documented evidence and was not therefore confident that STRA would be successful if it called for a review. It was stressed, of course, that STRA did not support late night opening hours, such as the Dean Swift. **(Action: JF)**

4. Local businesses

It was proposed that STRA should somehow support local business who were adding to the vibrancy of the area – such as the Tentazione Restaurant and Shop, the Tanner Street shop and sandwich bar, and the More Restaurant – it was suggested that they could be asked if they had any publicity material which could be available at the Open Meeting. **(Action: AH JG)**

On the other hand, it was noted that The Circle shop was looking slightly “tatty” in some respects, e.g. a piece of string being used instead of a door handle, and a broken window (long-term). **(Action: JG)**

5. Treasurer’s Report

MP, Treasurer, reported that cash in the bank is currently £1,296. The possibility of £1000 being received as a donation from Eagle Wharf is still “pending”.

6. Meeting with restaurants along Butler’s Wharf

This was still pending action by JF.

(Action: JF)

Next meeting: Monday, 2 November 2009 at 7.15pm at the Anchor Tap