

Minutes : Committee Meeting 9th February 2026

1. Apologies- Kym, Marina, Josh, Vincent

2. Minutes 12 January agreed/ Introductions to Shakira Jackson (RSO)

a. Chris: one correction emailed from KW: With reference to point 6A, KW wishes the record to show that, in the Cinema Club sub-committee referred to, she didn't say we were obliged to put posters in the libraries, she only suggested that we do so.

3. Estate Cleaning

a. Ian reports back from the cleaning meeting. Apparently, Richard Woodhouse is the Northwest Grounds Surveyor for Walworth. It transpires that John Theed is our Streets Supervisor, although he never attends the meetings- only Theresa represents the council at these. Ian has been observing the bin men; if a bin is 'contaminated' (ie, waste in a recycling bin), they simply put a sticker on it and leave. Richard Woodhouse has emailed John Theed's contact details to Ian, as well as a contact for Veolia. Diana asks if it is John Theed to whom we're supposed to report overflowing/ filthy bins? Everyone thanks Ian for his efforts. (Ian has also cleaned and moved the bins around. This was so that the Alberta residents from across the street (who aren't supposed to use the bins, but usually do) wouldn't contaminate the recycling bin, which is usually the closest bin to the corner.

b. Diana, Dave, Jenn, and others report that their stairs have been cleaner than previously. Ian says that even the window frames at 21- 32 have been cleaned. Ian was told by Maria Osbourne that we would have a new communal repairs officer: Danny Dowling .

4. Waste Management

a. Chris gives a recap on the letter recently sent to Mike Greenhalf. (Sample bins, heritage concerns, etc.) Diana says that she has three main points: 1. There is still not a viable design on the table. 2. Those offered are too tall or have openings which will invite vermin. 3. Nothing has been offered that is in keeping with the estate's heritage. She suggests another letter: one stating that we're not averse to the Eurobin, but this must be subject to consultation with residents. It is agreed that we need to push for consultation. We also need to insist on a timescale for consultation. Southwark are very unwilling to conduct a bin survey. However, it's clear that we need more recycling capacity. By Wednesday each week, they are all overflowing. Especially at the end of Iliffe St (both Ian and Diana confirm this).

b. Tim brings up issue of side access to bins, as rear access won't work if bins are placed against a wall. Diana: The trouble is, the council is not considering either design or practicality.

Zuhatz: Arrives late, asks what we can do about the litter, as there is litter everywhere on the estate. Suggests stickers on bins, or more bins?

Diana asks if we can we invite John Theed for a walkabout. Diana explains to Z that we have been asking for a bin survey for many months.

G says that he understands Z's point. However, the bins on the corner accumulate from outside the estate (Alberta), so the more bins we have, the more we attract fly tipping.

Everyone agrees that the corners of both Amelia and Crampton are fly tipping magnets. We need a concerted education campaign, or *something*...Shakira agrees that fly tipping is a serious problem with no simple solution.

Chris- because we can't lock the top off the sample bin, people haven't been able to use it properly. (This is because people block it with large pieces of cardboard.)

Diana- we need a trial with locked lids, because otherwise it defeats the purpose of the bin. She points out that we specifically requested that in the first place. The issue of vermin looms large: if these bins wind up in front of people's front doors, this is going to be a health and safety issue.

Tim: Big cardboard boxes are an issue. He suggests placing a couple of large recycling bins on the site on Crampton St where the old recycling bins used to be. He thinks this could help. Diana points out that we did have bigger recycling points there, but they became fly tipping hotspots. Other people agree. Diana feels that things have improved since the council removed them- but this issue brings us back to having a bin survey.

Dave says they're not emptying the bins frequently enough. Members reply that the council has already said they won't be increasing collections.

Z says the cleaners have told her that they have 'so many streets' to clean- it's a question of resources. She asks if we are going to ask the council to provide more cleaners.

Ian say that we have to speak to John Theed about all of this. J suggests that we invite John Theed to the walkabout as well as the next meeting

Volunteers for estate walkabout- Zuhatz, Ian, Diana, Dave, Jenn (Shakira is invited, but it is understood that she might not be available) . Tuesday is suggested for the walkabout, when everything looks awful before the Wednesday collection...

5. Report back from Cinema Club/ Open House Event

a. Jenn: The Open House Afternoon has been rescheduled to March 29th from 14:00 -17.00. The 18:00 film screening (Summer of Soul) has been agreed/ requested from Film Bank Media. There has been a technical hitch with regards to our FBM account, but it is in the process of being resolved. D and V plan to display some historical/ gardening club materials. S plans to have some information on the medicinal garden project. Hopefully, the event will garner interest in the Pullens Centre, the TRA and various community projects, as well as introducing neighbours who haven't met before.

b. C raises email received from KW (see 2.a). K's email also mentions something about ensuring that in future, the Better Bankside Grant is not used for 'private screenings'. Gabri and Jenn query why this was addressed to Chris, rather than to them as cinema sub-committee members. Both G and J say that this issue was already discussed in the January sub-committee meeting with K, and they had both understood that the sub-committee was in accordance on this matter. Confusion is expressed as to why this point was emailed to the Chair without the subcommittee members being copied in. Furthermore, neither G nor J were contacted by K about this matter at any point since the January sub-committee meeting. It is agreed to discuss the issue at the next meeting, when KW is present.

c. C points out that that he is not people's proxy, and requests that people please refrain from emailing him as an individual. Emails should be sent to the main Officers, and full committee if appropriate. J points out that this is a longstanding issue, and that some people simply refuse to respect this protocol. This puts unnecessary pressure on the Chair and wastes their time unnecessarily. J asks how we can resolve this. No one is sure, but it is hoped that if the request is formally minuted, it will be respected going forward.

7. Pullens Gardens Litter Pick-up

The meeting offers thanks to Zuhatz for her efforts. C asks how we can support the litter-picking initiative going forward. Z will send a PDF update every month about how much litter has been collected, etc. She wants to put a laminated poster in each stairwell. (Z also suggests signage outside Pullens Gardens, as well as "please don't throw litter in the park' signs in the park itself)

The meeting agrees that the litter picking initiative is a great idea. D will laminate the posters for the stairwells. D suggests that Z take photographs and collate/ date them). D says that documentation is important, as that's how we got the park in the first place. Z asks who we liaise with. D thinks we should forward all of this to Richard Woodhouse, as well as councillors and resident service officers.

Z complains that there aren't enough people volunteering, and that she is doing nearly all the work herself. There is discussion about changing the litter-picking from Sundays

to Wednesdays, so that more people can attend. Z agrees to trial the following Wednesday, and see what is going to work going forward.

8. Community safety meeting:

Sara attended the meeting, and reports that most of the chairs of neighbouring estates (Pasley, Brandon, Alberta, Newington) were in attendance. Everyone has been trying to tackle serious drug issues for many years. Southwark Neighbourhood Team will be prioritising antisocial behaviour and drug issues in the months to come.

A reminder of phone numbers to call: Non-emergency 101. Emergency 999

There are night patrols. If people aren't comfortable confronting rough sleepers/ anti-social behaviour, they should call one of the above numbers. C points out that people should report rough sleepers even if they're not a nuisance, because the support provided is data-led.

Gabri mentions the absence of entrance doors. C gives Shakira a brief history on the (missing) doors. Sara refers to SNT information: gangs are moving from place to place, but they are the same gangs. Kevin: there are a fixed number of flats used by the temporary housing; this brings transient people with issues into the community, and we have issues with sound and smell and access. Could they possibly be housed in other blocks, given the unique conditions in this estate?

Sara: They opened a drug and alcohol service on Amelia, and she feels there might be a correlation with that and an explosion of drug taking and drink in the Pullens Gardens. The open stairwells are a haven for hiding, dealing, and so forth

9. Food and Medicine Garden

Sara: As we have gotten an extension on the grant, S is looking to have begun things around the time of the social event. Z asks who is responsible for weeds etc. Sara explains that it's a mixture of guerrilla gardening and some maintenance- but mostly volunteers (Diana, Kevin, etc.). Z asks for secateurs, D offers Z the key to the gardening cupboard- she is to email V about this

Gabri suggests that Sara and Z get leaflets, etc together for the Open House. It is agreed that they should come to the event and recruit (see 6.b)

10. Update on the leak from the flat above Kevin's :

Because the whole street has to be notified before workmen can shut water off, the repair was a complex undertaking. It took 3 weeks before the council even sent someone out; when they did, Southwark hadn't contacted Thames water, so nothing happened. Then, it was another 4 weeks. K repeatedly tried to phone Southwark but couldn't get through. Then, K went to see Cllr John Batteson, and booked yet another appt. This time, Southwark hadn't notified his neighbours. Finally, K got appt booked yet again. Thames water didn't know where the stopcock was. The stopcocks for Iliffe St

are in Iliffe Yard - fortunately, someone provided this information. Unfortunately, the area was full of rubble, and the stopcock is damaged; it can't be turned off. Fortunately (again), the workmen devised a temporary workaround, and the leak was fixed.

Kevin points out the unnecessary costs for Southwark; 4 visits, 2 plumbers each time, plus the damage to his flat and the building itself. This is a waste of money. (This is not to mention what happened a couple of stairwells down, when Southwark allowed a leak to go unrepaired for nearly a year...) Apparently, plumbers are not allowed to use the stopcocks in the yards- as they are in such terrible shape, they can't turn them fully off, because they're on the verge of failing altogether. This is a potentially disastrous situation and needs to be addressed with urgency. K wants to get costings on repairing stopcocks. (D- the system for reporting repairs is not functional.) K says he finally got repair finished only because he involved his councillor and got lucky with the plumber on the last callout.

11 Random scaffolding

Tim: Showed photos to the meeting. Some scaffolding has recently appeared in Amelia with no notification. Also, scaffolding that has been there for two years, and is preventing top flat windows from opening. Chris mentions scaffolding on Iliffe that has been there for years. Shakira says she can contact Donny Dowling and asks Tim to please email her with details and copy it to councillors. (Ian raised the scaffolding issue with Maria Osbourne this very morning, but she knew nothing about it.) If anyone has any rogue scaffolding, please contact Shakira.

12. Noticeboard: Gabri and Chris explain about the broken noticeboard, and how they are taking care of it.

13 Treasurers report:

a. Balance. £ 5,147. (error- film club funds say £582, though it should be £687- Vince accidentally deducted a hire fee twice. It has since been rectified.)

b. The TRA still hasn't received last year's funding, nor gardening club reimbursement. Rubeena is still incommunicado.

c. Meeting expresses thanks to Vince

14. AOB

a. Crampton St development: Chris: Expresses dismay at the design quality.. Meeting concurs. Consultation on 10th and 11th from 16:00-19:00 at Draper Hall. People are encouraged to attend /check the plans. Do we want to make a collective response?

b. Paving from 1a to 25 Iliffe (front of school) is going to be replaced with York paving . We have received notice that there will be interruptions due to this.

c. Gabri asks how often windows are supposed to be cleaned. Kevin suggests contacting Theresa.

d. Sara mentions '413' graffiti on Amelia st . Shakira says it's been reported, and the council is aware

e. Kevin mentions conversations with Richard Gampling from the Alberta Estate. The council is apparently looking to trial new methods for using consensus and improving communication in TRA meetings. There is a pilot scheme for TRAs. Chris asks to Kevin find out more and come back to us. Meeting is broadly in favour of learning more, and inviting Richard to come to a meeting

f. Z asks about minutes. Chris replies that they should be posted on the TRA website, but there have been technical hitches