

**TOOTING TOWN CENTRE PARTNERSHIP BOARD**  
**Bullet Points of MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON**  
**TUESDAY, 6<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER 2009 AT 12.30pm**

**Welcome and apologies**

**Indrajit Patel**

- Apologies from Cllr Claire Clay, Cllr Maurice Heaster, Keren Miller
- IP welcomed the visitors from TfL's Street Management Team and Cycle Superhighways

**Declarations of interest/ Minutes of previous meeting**

**Indrajit Patel**

- The minutes were agreed to be accurate, and there were no declarations of interest

**Consideration of new Partners**

**Audrey Helps**

- Mr Codd of Sainsburys keen to attend as future visitor, no response Primark and A-Plan
- Cllr Clay still a Partner and would be attending meetings whenever possible.

**Cycle Superhighways – Guest Presentation**

**Jo Smith/Richard Shirley**

- Overview given of Mayor of London's programme of 12 cycle superhighways
- Most routes will converge on Central London to encourage more cycling to work
- Wimbledon to Bank route via A3 and A24 will flow through Tooting and be launched 2010
- Much background information-gathering ongoing – tight timescales
- Preliminary plans agreed with Boroughs affected – however, no major budgets assigned
- A holistic package of work and home end measures, lots of events etc
- wayfinding an integral part of scheme, Superhighways branding is blue
- Much thought to go into how Tooting's main roads can accommodate a Superhighway lane
- Aiming to achieve a critical mass of cyclists, enhanced maintenance, safety measures
- Some discussion of timings (would Tooting be amongst first?) and safety
- Tooting willing to be a pilot, to ensure early resolution of problems created for traders etc

**Department of Technical Services (DTS) report**

**Dalton Cenac**

- Salvador continues to present problems with mis-management of bollards
- Hole left by unreplaced bollard a danger and had already caused injury
- DC to review management and operation, and permanent closure a possibility
- Liaison with TfL/AH to ensure fingerposts compatible with Local Area Accessibility plans
- Festive lighting – AH advised that TfL required a licence fee. Discussion to follow
- Rainwater puddles – IP expressed concerns about puddling on footways
- Consultation for Mitcham Road Safety Scheme to take place at December meeting

**Police report**

**Sgt Iain Martin**

- A full report on police activities had been presented to the preceding Panel mtg
- Serious issues during Sept/Ramadan – a racist incident plus a murder (Mr Haque)
- Not thought to be linked, but patrols increased and groups of youths dispersed
- 13 suspected brothels visited, those found to be operating warned to cease
- Follow up checks to take place, support given to women engaging in activity
- Police praised by Chair for excellent support for community over past month

**Parks Police Report**

**John Bannerman**

- Over 2,000 dogs owned by Council and housing association tenants now chipped
- Scheme now extended to parks and commons – no legal requirements but £5 service
- All dog control signs to be replaced, ideally by end of the year
- Parks Police working with the Bedford SNT re prostitution on Tooting Common

### **Transport for London**

**Karl Wiesmath**

- Tree planting delayed because of dry ground, but now scheduled for early Nov
- 2 redundant lamp columns near Tooting Bec still awaiting disconnection
- Railings around Tooting Broadway now painted, as well as 3 of the 4 cycle stands
- All carriage way markings along Tooting stretches of A24 refreshed
- 4 new benches outside the Old Telephone Exchange, and 2 bollards Broadway Mkt
- Fingerpost designs and locations agreed following consultation with Partners and Cllrs
- Letchworth Street parking bay to be changed to one hour bay – could take 10+ weeks
- Concerns about puddling and light phasing at new Tooting Bec junction – KW to check
- The Chair thanked TfL officers for regular attendance and making so many improvements

### **Department of Leisure and Amenity Services (DoLAS) report**

**Sharon Wright**

- Time banding pilot in Tooting very successful – Council now extending Borough-wide
- Further trade waste agreement checks will begin in the next couple of months
- Samaj Hall lateral alley now cleaned and audit undertaken
- Temporary CCTV installed at Lessingham end of Church Lane to monitor flytipping
- KP/McDonalds thanked for his participation in the Community Toilet Scheme photocall

### **London Underground report**

**Anoma Abeyewardene**

- All stations along Northern Line Colliers Wood to Balham in stages of refurb
- Works have begun at Tooting Bec, awaiting full clean of fascia of Tooting B/Way
- Automatic announcement system now installed, big improvement

### **St George's Hospital Trust report**

**Liz Woods**

- Recent successful AGM, St George's Trust Sainsbury's Charity of the Year
- AH had preliminary discussions with Students Union about next year's Freshers Fayre

### **Tooting Library Update**

**Geoff Boulton**

- New Library would be opening in February 2010 with an official launch in March 2010
- New Learning Centre facility will be available to community groups etc, spread the word
- Library looking for volunteers especially young people to help choose books

### **Tooting Town Centre Manager's report**

**Audrey Helps**

- Time banding going very well, with excellent support from traders and contractors
- Continuing enforcement against shops, and licensed traders exceeding pitch size
- Agency arrangement with Transport for London under discussion in the meantime
- TfL proposing to remove 142 metres of guard railing in the Tooting area
- Analysis of the recent Tooting E2 Parking Review is now underway
- Usage of the Franciscan Road car park is increasing but efforts to publicise must continue
- Alert Box well received by the traders at the Tooting Bec end of Upper Tooting Road
- Alley Watch continuing but Daily Fresh still presenting problems and needs further work
- 4 more Good Neighbours awarded – Chopin, Walker Wyatt, Karimaandsaira and Raahat
- Bricked up parade – owners have agreed to meet 50% of costs of remedial hoarding
- High level graffiti on development above Daily Fresh now cleared by the Council
- Continuing Tooting Together publicity initiatives, and the 5 notice boards now within Council cycle and will carry special Tooting posters with messages appropriate to the tc
- First Impressions Exercise – completed the exchange visit with Ilford, awaiting feedback
- Tooting Broadway Management Strategy – good first meeting, issues being investigated

**GAP ANALYSIS** – NF reported early findings, more information to come on this and also on land ownerships study.

**Gambling Consultation** – some views aired, NF to feedback to Environmental Services