

WANDSWORTH TOWN CENTRE PARTNERSHIP BOARD MEETING

Wednesday, 29th July 2009 at 12.00 Noon

Ram Brewery, Ram Street, Wandsworth, SW18

<u>Present</u>			
Members:	Bruce St Julian-Brown Chris Wyatt Beverley Shillingford Chris Law Hugh Lloyd David Farr Sarah Barker David Mepham Andrew Leitch	BSJ-B CW BS CL HL DF SB DM AL	Wandle Valley Forum / Acting Chairman Wandsworth Chamber of Commerce Arndale Residents Association St George National Opera Studio Met. Police Met. Police Met. Police Wandsworth Museum
Guests:	Paul Kenny Nick Doyle Cllr S Thom Cllr Mrs E Howlett Cllr Mrs A Graham	PK ND Cllr ST Cllr EH Cllr AG	Barnard Marcus Coplan Estates WBC, Councillor WBC, Councillor WBC, Councillor
Officers:	Ian Taitte Reima Jumpp Norman Frost	IT RJ NF	WBC, Wandsworth Town Centre Manager WBC, EDO (Minute Taker) WBC, EDO
AGENDA NO.	DISCUSSION		ACTION
1.	<p><i>BSJ-B explained at the start of the meeting that he had been asked to chair the meeting at very short notice due to Sue Roscoe-Watts' illness with Swine flu. The Partnership's Vice-chair, Steve Wood was also unable to attend the meeting.</i></p> <p><i>The Partnership's AGM now rescheduled for the October Board meeting.</i></p> <p>APOLOGIES Apologies received from Sue Roscoe-Watts, Dave Clark, Amelia Brady, Neil Churchill, Cllr Lucy Allan, Greg Prior, Frank Brennan, Steve Wood and Mark Cherry.</p>		
2.	DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS None declared at the meeting.		
3.	MINUTES OF LAST MEETING HELD ON 19TH MAY 2009 <u>Item 5 SNT Update:</u> BSJ-B said in concluding, he was not giving instructions merely making a statement with regards communication between residents and the Council; The minutes from the previous meeting were then approved as a true record.		

4.	<p>MATTERS ARISING</p> <p><u>4.1 Fire Incidents</u> Since the last meeting, Southside and Council officers have now met and discussed the fire incidents that have occurred over the past 8 months. BS also attended the meeting.</p> <p>It was agreed at the meeting that Southside would carry out weekly checks on the roof area to see how much rubbish is piling up and who might be responsible for creating the problem - this would show up on security cameras. Since the meeting, the roof area is much improved and clear of rubbish. Some positive communication action adopted. Residents have received leaflets through their doors and the fire team have visited. However, there are residents on the estates that do not speak English as a first language. Need to ensure leaflets include translations for these residents.</p> <p>Cllr AG suggested concerns ought to be passed on to Mr Burn (Southern area Team manager) within the Councils Housing Department. This would allow issues to be resolved and updates reported to the next meeting.</p> <p><u>4.2 Chapel Yard Update</u> No further movements since the last meeting. July Committee now slipped to September Committee. Concerned that now area opened up, it looks nice but unoccupied units create a ghost yard appearance. Concerns over the coming winters months with poor lighting.</p> <p>IT liaising with Ipsus and other developers to look at the area. One idea is to host craft markets in the empty units that might link into the Ram Brewery market. Urban Space Management commissioned to come up with some ideas. IT to report progress on this item to the next meeting.</p>	IT
5.	<p>UPDATE ON PROPERTY MARKET - BARNARD MARCUS</p> <p>PK thanked IT for the opportunity to present to board and gave some background information. PK has worked in the industry for over 22 years. He has also lived in the borough around the Tonsley Hill area.</p> <p>Barnard Marcus have 500 national offices across the UK, 37 branches within in the M25 area and 7 in the borough of Wandsworth. PK is based at the Clapham Common office.</p> <p>The various graph show that new instructions are low compared to last year, conversion instructions (actual property sales) trends up and encouraging. Hope this will get confidence back.</p> <p>Barnard Marcus launched with Stanley Homes, new development in Wandsworth and have had 168 enquiries and 100 viewers. Profile of buyers show they are from Hammersmith & Fulham and Putney areas. This is positive, encouraging good news for Wandsworth.</p> <p>PK circulated an information pack at the end of the presentation.</p>	
6.	<p>TOWN CENTRE MANAGER</p> <p><i>Ian Taitte reported:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Battersea Reach keen to host another opera concert next year; 	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Ram Brewery the possibility of planning a jazz concert next year ▪ Various business networking events working with GLE one London ▪ Food market at ram brewery site very popular, attracting additional footfall into the area, the market will now operate monthly until Christmas were it will be weekly. ▪ New London Architect inward investment display well worth viewing. Gives Wandsworth a wider profile than we had before. Open every day. Display on view for 1 year. ▪ Walkabout with police in Southfields and Earlsfield; ▪ Business rates issues calmed down. Visited Garratt Lane, Hardwicks Square, Merton Road and Old York Road businesses with Kevin Legg (Head of Revenues Service). ▪ Identified empty shop in Old York Road (Bar One) for visual display in empty shops scheme. To place street maps in shop window giving instructions on how to reach different parts of the town centre. ▪ More Traders Associations want to put on their own street festivals. Will involve road closures. ▪ Hardwick Square exploring the idea of a Merton Abbey Mills style craft fair evenings. Will involve the Tara Arts group putting on performances in the empty units. ▪ The Partnership Budget year to date spend is £4'814.75 committed on various other initiatives £10'000. This will be discussed at the AGM in October 2009 <p>HL congratulated IT on all his hard work and was happy that NOS was involved and will continue to get involved with Town Centre events. The group agreed and thanked IT for his efforts.</p>	IT
9.	<p>ANY OTHER BUSINESS</p> <p>9.1 <u>Pubs & Bars</u>: Discussion took place with regards supporting pubs that want to put on evening events. Need some support in current climate. Tread more carefully. Businesses at risk of losing their licences due to complaints from residents above bar/restaurant premises.</p> <p>Kings Arms PH recently held a noisy party which caused complaints from residents in the vicinity. Problem because party continued from the pub into the garden. IT said he had spoken to the pub owner and advised that this was not appropriate and was given assurances that it would not happen again.</p> <p>9.2 <u>River Wandle</u>: BSJB reported that GLA plans for a Wandle regional park were progressing and looked forward to consultation with Valerie Selby WBC Biodiversity Officer on treatment of bank and access enhancement between the Thames and the borough boundary especially in King George's Park where the isolation of the river could be much improved and is within the WTCP's area.</p> <p>9.3 <u>Wandsworth Museum</u>: Due to open May 2010. location decided. New museum will have art exhibition space, artist in</p>	

	<p>resident programme link and numerous projects and unique Wandsworth history to share and display. This provides an opportunity co-ordinate the museum opening with other town centre events. AL also talked various projects involving schools and opening their minds to the history of Wandsworth and hopefully having a stall at the Ram Brewery market. The group congratulated AL and asked for an update at the next meeting.</p> <p>9.4 <u>Town Centre Events:</u> BSJB suggested that the farmers market in the brewery and a proposed craft market for Hardwicks Square be co-ordinated for maximum visitors. He also suggested that both these and any other events be coordinated with the Museum opening next may to create as big an event as possible.</p> <p>9.5 <u>Battersea Reach:</u> CL expressed his thanks to IT for the Opera Concert on Battersea reach and would like this to be an annual event. CL also offered the group a chance to have a look around the Battersea Reach site and visit one or two of the new apartments. IT to send invite to group.</p> <p>9.6 <u>Arndale Summer Scheme:</u> BS thanked the board for their donation to the Arndale Summer Scheme which started this week. The children have been kept very busy with lots going on. Donation a great help. The board is looking forward to an update at the next meeting</p> <p>9.7 <u>Traffic Study:</u> BSJB asked whether progress had been made on the on TfLs one way system traffic study. NF replied that no acceptable proposals had yet been agreed by the council and a further review would take place in November this year. Lots of drawings and discussion around the table however nothing we would be prepared to put in public realm. IT to ask John Stone for an update and circulate to all.</p>	<p>IT/ CL</p> <p>IT/JS</p>
	<p>The meeting ended at 13.30 hrs</p>	
	<p><u>Further 2009 Meeting Dates:</u> Tuesday 6th October</p>	