

Minutes from Moorings Neighbourhood Forum

18th March 2019

Waterways Children's Centre, 17.30 to 19.30

Minutes and Notes from the AGM (28th January 2019)

Deborah Frimpong, Chair (DF) talked through the minutes from the AGM these were agreed. The minutes will be available on the Moorings Neighbourhood Forum (MNF) website <https://mooringsneighbourhoodforum.home.blog/>

Getting the Moorings Neighbourhood Forum designated by RB Greenwich (RBG)

Giles Piercy talked through the draft application for the designation of the MNF by RB Greenwich.

The constitution for the MNF was ratified at the meeting by a show of hands.

With respect to the application for designation. No specific issues were raised about the application. There was a discussion about whether the boundary of the MNF should include all of Birchmere Lake or if it should go through the middle of the lake (as currently proposed). By a show of hands the majority agreed that the boundary should go through the middle of the lake.

Giles Piercy (GP) stated that we have now c. 50 signed up members of the MNF. In order to carry out their own consultation and evaluation, RB Greenwich need to have the addresses for all MNF Members. GP stated that he will be writing to all members requesting their permission to share their contact details with the council. This will be done prior to submission of the application to RBG.

The MNF's aim is to submit the application in the next two weeks.

The following is a suggested paragraph setting out the purpose for the Forum and we would welcome comments on this:

The purpose of establishing the Forum is to give local people in the Moorings much greater say over what happens in our neighbourhood. Once designated the Forum will work closely with residents and stakeholders to develop the Neighbourhood Plan. This plan will set out what we want for our neighbourhood and how we plan to achieve it. Whilst more engagement needs to happen our consultation so far has already indicated key areas that local people want to see improved and have much more influence over. These include:

- *The redevelopment of the old Moorings Social Club*
- *Reducing crime and anti-social behaviour*
- *Creating a stronger, better connected, community*
- *Improving the public spaces and people's pride in them*

Update about Peabody's assets in the Moorings

Gez Kellaghan (GK), Peabody shared the results of some analysis that Peabody have done of the assets that they own, within the boundary covered by the proposed Forum. This is a comprehensive list and will be made available on the MNF website.

During the discussion a few points came out:

1. The Car Park for Birchmere lake should be added to the list - and also the potential for the Car Park to be opened at different times, to reduce local traffic jams, particularly at start and end of school day, should be considered
2. The MNF is very keen to have a greater saying in improving the lighting in the local areas
3. There is a need for the Forum to contact the Angling Club related to Birchmere lake
4. We need to add to the list:
 - a. Waterways Children's Centre
 - b. Titmuss Avenue Garden
5. There was a suggestion to improve the ground surface (make softer) around Jubilee (No. 17) and Passfield (No. 18) Play areas
6. Greater communication needs to be done locally about the plans for the Byron Close toddler Play area

GK shared a table showing example availability of different community halls in the Moorings and elsewhere in Thamesmead. She also will share (which will be put on the website) further details about the different community Halls for hire and the costs for doing so. The key point being that there is availability for space in the different halls at very reasonable rates.

Please contact Gez Kellaghan for further information

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Thamesmead Community Archive project

Sharon Casey (Peabody) talked about the Thamesmead Community Archive project. This is being funded by the National Lottery Heritage Fund and Peabody to commemorate the 50th anniversary of the first residents moving into Thamesmead, and explore the hidden histories of local residents, past and present. They are looking for physical documents, such as photos, newspapers and diaries, which they can scan a digital copy of and return. They are also building a collection of oral histories, where the project's volunteers will interview people about their experiences of Thamesmead. Anyone wishing to contribute to the Community Archive, please get in touch.

Sharon Casey

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Thamesmead festival and other related events

Lorraine Cox from Peabody gave an update about up and coming events (see below)

Thamesmead Festival - June and July 2019

Thamesmead Festival will be a variety of events around the area. We want to build this festival year on year. There will be a festival brochure. Anyone with an event can contact us to fill in a form to

request the event is included in the festival- everyone is welcome and the festival will be for everyone. Send event details and to ask for a festival form- to Lisa.drew@peabody.org.uk by 29th March latest.

As part of the Thamesmead Festival, Compagnie XY are 20 expert acrobats and circus performers with an international reputation for amazing performances. They are coming from France to the Moorings in May and June to plan out a performance and they will meet and talk with local Moorings residents. On Sunday 30th June Compagnie XY will perform in public around the streets and with the architecture of the Moorings. Everyone welcome. Publicity will follow soon.

Also in June, the Moorings has been put forward to be part of the global celebrations for the 70th anniversary of the signing of the Declaration of International Human Rights. The Chinese artist Ai Wei Wei is designing a flag to celebrate this important anniversary and one of his flags will fly in the Moorings Estate. We don't know any more about this initiative at the moment but we will let you know soon. Flags will fly all over the world at such an historic time of change and conflict.

As part of the Thamesmead Festival, Lakeside Festival day next to Southmere Lake will take place on Saturday 6th July 12-7pm. Everyone welcome to come along. Live music global and local, stalls, kids activities, food, and the Lakeside Centre will be open with a new cafe, nursery and artists studios. Anyone who wants to get involved- contact our organiser- Amaya.dent@eea.org.uk

AOB

(awaiting from Averil)

Dave Rugg asked about why the Forum had purchased a mobile phone and laptop. Deborah Frimpong (DF) said that the mobile was for people to contact the Forum once Giles Piercy is no longer supporting the Forum as currently his mobile is the main contact number. The laptop is to allow DF to communicate more easily with other Forum and Committee members - it will remain the property of the Forum.

Next meeting

The next meeting of the Forum will be on Monday 13th May at 17.30 and Tracey Megson very kindly offered to host the meeting again at Waterways Children's Centre. Forum meeting dates for the remainder of this year below:

- Monday 13th May - Waterways Children's Centre
- Monday 8th July
- Monday 2nd September
- Monday 28th October
- Monday 16th December

Deborah Frimpong

Chair

25th March 2019