

Minutes from Moorings Neighbourhood Forum, Annual General Meeting

28th January 2019

Tump 53, 17.30 to 19.30

Appointing the Vice chair

There were two applicants for the post of Vice Chair, Mariam Adekoya and Paul Power. The application forms for both candidates were shared with attendees and then both candidates said a few words in support of their applications. This was followed by an opportunity for attendees to ask the candidates questions about their suitability for the role. Following that discussion people were given time to consider the applications and then a secret ballot was held. As per the agreed process the votes were counted by the Committee officers at the end of the meeting. Paul Power winning the most votes was appointed as the Vice Chair, the following day.

Getting the Neighbourhood Forum designated by RB Greenwich (RBG)

There were three components to this discussion:

1. Giles Piercy stressed the importance of everyone completing and promoting the survey as getting views of local people is crucial to the Forum and a significant component of the Forum being formally designated by RBG. Everyone was asked to continue to promote the survey - link here <https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/F6ZDMYG>
2. Giles also made clear that we need to get at least 21 people to formally sign up to being on the Forum. The Committee had created a Forum member sign up sheet and attendees were asked to sign up to be a member of Forum if they wished. To date we have 25 people who have signed up on paper to being members of the Forum. This is sufficient for the application to RBG but we are hopeful that we can significantly increase this number prior to submission of the application.
3. Deborah Frimpong discussed the meeting she Giles and Peabody colleagues had with Catherine McRory of RBG. In essence RBG are impressed with the progress that the Forum has made and gave an indication that we were doing the right things in terms of getting the Forum designated. Once our application goes into RBG they will need to carry out their own consultation to satisfy themselves that the Forum is locally supported. This needs to happen before designation is given. It is likely that this process will take approximately two months from receipt of our application. The intention is that the application for designation should be submitted in early March 2019.

Confirming appointment of the other Committee Officers

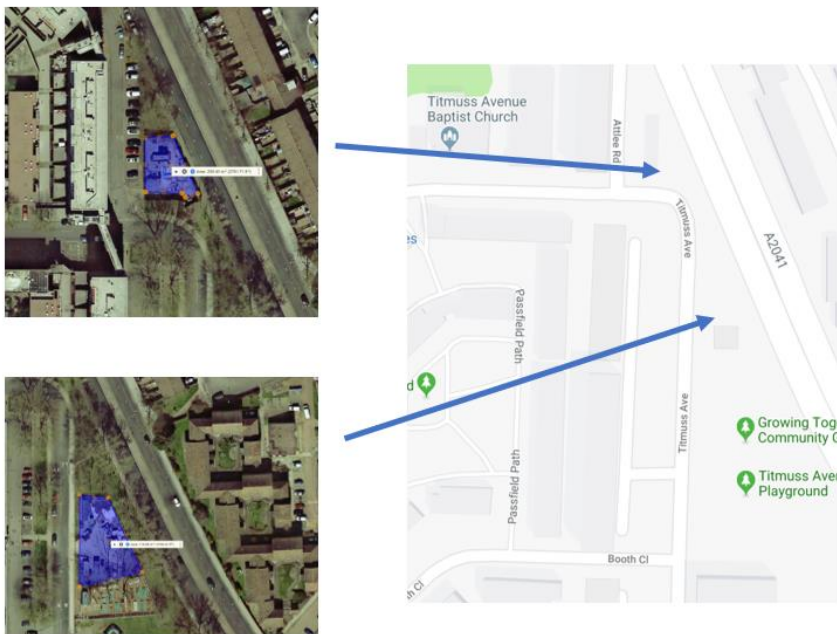
Deborah Frimpong confirmed that for future AGMs that all Committee officers will be elected at the AGM. However, because the officers had only been appointed in October they will be up for re-election at the next AGM in January 2020. Deborah confirmed the existing officers:

- Deborah Frimpong, Chair
- Patricia Reilly, Secretary
- Sue Pollock, Treasurer
- Titilope Durojaiye, Media and Publicity Officer

Peabody's buildings and plans in the Moorings

Giles Piercy had been asked by Kate Bachelor to give an update relating to Peabody's local buildings and spaces. Peabody feel it would be very helpful for the Forum and local people to have a better understanding of the local assets that Peabody controls and to understand the potential for the Forum to have a say in the current and future use of these places. For some buildings, because of existing plans or activities, the role of the Forum will be limited. Whereas for others there should be good potential for the Forum to have a major involvement. Peabody has committed to being in a position to share much more detail about this at the next forum meeting in March

Related to this point Gez Kellaghan mentioned that Peabody is carrying out a "feasibility" study to assess the potential for two areas of land owned by Peabody on Titmuss Avenue. Gez shared a picture showing the two areas (see below) and said that she will update the forum about progress of the feasibility study at the next meeting



Culture Programme in Thamesmead

Lorraine Cox (Peabody) and Lisa Drew (Peabody) gave an overview of plans for the Thamesmead Festival and other activity. We discussed events and specifically: the wish to do cultural activities/events in the Moorings; the Thamesmead Festival at Southmere; and the possibility of events at Birchmere Park.

1. Cultural activities in the Moorings: Lorraine will meet with interested members of the Forum to walk around the Moorings to discuss events in the Moorings. This will include discussion of how we might work together to create an ongoing annual calendar of events including a street party perhaps, and things for kids and families in June/July.
2. Thamesmead Festival 2019 at Southmere Lake: the culture team will keep the Forum informed about the development of the Thamesmead Festival which will take place on Saturday 6th July; and although there are concerns by the Forum about the festival being on the other side of the bridge, all Moorings residents are invited to participate. Any group or individuals wishing to be involved should contact the culture team.

3. Birchmere Park: the possibility of family focused events at the park will be further discussed with stakeholders eg residents, the Forum, and the car boot sale organisers, etc; Lorraine's team will come back to the Forum with further suggestions and more information. The timing of an event will be considered, and including the point made by the Forum, to ensure more activity is available for young people of all ages and families, particularly in the school holidays.

The Culture team looks forward to developing this work with the Forum members and other Moorings residents.

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Next meeting

The next meeting of the Moorings Neighbourhood forum will be on Monday 18th March at 17.30 and Tracey Megson very kindly offered to host the meeting at Waterways Children's Centre. Forum meetings will then be held every eight weeks - dates for the remainder of this year below:

- Monday 18th March - Waterways Children's Centre
- Monday 13th May
- Monday 8th July
- Monday 2nd September
- Monday 28th October
- Monday 23rd December

Deborah Frimpong

Chair

31st January 2019