

Minutes from Moorings Neighbourhood Forum, Committee Meeting

2nd October 2018

Birchmere Hub, 18.00 to 20.00

Attendees:

- Averil Lekau (Cllr), Royal Borough of Greenwich
- Beatrice Anaman, Local Resident
- Chiamaka Muoneke, Local Resident
- Deborah Frimpong, Local Resident
- Derek Sewell, Titmuss Avenue Baptist Church
- Gabriel Ogunbiyi, The Redeemed Christian Church of God Rivers of Living Water
- Giles Piercy, Locality Matters
- Lukas Holden, Peabody
- Julius Ariko, Local Resident
- Rachel Wicks, Peabody
- Sue Pollack, Christian Life Centre
- Titilope Durojaiye, Seniors in Touch
- Tracey Megson, Waterways Children's Centre

Apologies:

- Abigail Adieze, Local Resident
- Claire Hallinan, Hawksmoor Youth Club
- Shaun McGranaghan, Active Sports Group
- Lisa Walsh, Waterways
- Michael Doran, Local Resident
- Ozge Ali, Local Resident
- Patricia Reilly, Local Resident
- Rebekah Burrows, Local Resident

Objectives

We discussed the objectives that had emerged from the previous meeting and agreed that we need to be able to present a revised set of objectives at the next forum meeting. In advance of the meeting the following was agreed:

1. Derek kindly offered to look at all the objectives and break them down into short, medium- and long-term aspirations. Derek will do this in the coming days and share with Giles prior to wider circulation to the group
2. Averil suggested that different people look at each of the different objectives to see how we could improve and develop before the next forum meeting
3. The following was agreed:
 - a. Community Space - Averil (and possibly Michael?)
 - b. Housing, TBD
 - c. Youth Provision - Chiamaka (and possibly Claire and Rebekah?)
 - d. Transport - Averil suggested fellow Cllr Sizwe James could be interested in looking at this?

Averil also mentioned the need to set out an overarching vision statement. This was again discussed later in the meeting and will be picked up as part of the communication and consultation (see below)

Action

1. All - If you can offer support to the development of these objectives please let Giles know

The boundary

We had a lively debate about this. Julius asked if we should be looking more broadly than just the Moorings but overall the consensus was that the forum should not attempt to cover a wider area (e.g. the whole of Thamesmead).

Giles said that it is very unlikely that we would get approval for an area that includes the town centre, this was supported by Averil.

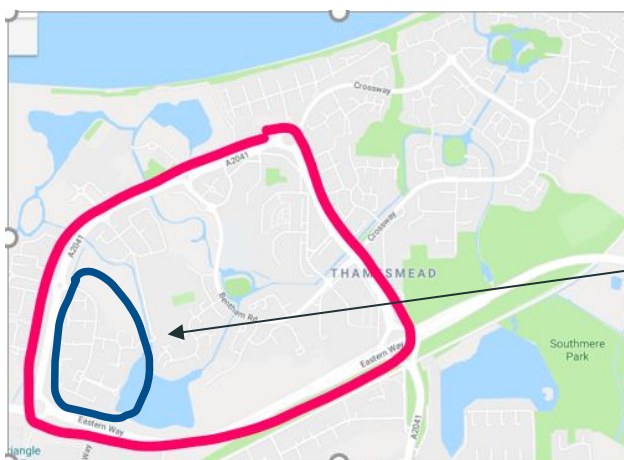
Deborah stated that we need to move forward with setting the boundary. She also said that whilst there is some logic to including the North East section of the electoral ward, (the community around Bishop John Robinson School) it is the case that very few people, from that community, have attended any of the events run so far.

We had a lengthy discussion about what the forum should be called. Averil is keen for it not to be called the "Thamesmead Moorings NF" as this could confuse it with the ward. There was consensus to keep the Moorings name as this has been consistent throughout the development. Possible names that we should consult with the forum about include:

- Moorings Community Forum
- Moorings Neighbourhood Forum
- Moorings Community Forum - Thamesmead
- Moorings Neighbourhood Forum - Thamesmead

Ultimately it was agreed that we would draw the boundary (for consultation with the Forum and then the wider Community) along the following lines:

Proposed boundary



Are we sure about this area?

Action

1. Giles to send version of the map (above) with brief explanation / justification for the forum
2. All to make suggestion about other names for the Forum
3. All - please let me know if you have any further questions about the boundary?

Governance:

Giles updated the group about the applications for the committee officer posts. We have, or are likely to have, at least one application coming in for all the posts. Averil mentioned that insisting upon a written application could be a barrier for some people and that, in the interests of inclusivity, we should offer people the opportunity to apply verbally. There was some debate about this but ultimately, we agreed that Giles will send a note to the whole forum saying that if anyone wants to apply for an officer post but wanted to do so by giving a short speech (1-2 minutes), about their suitability for the role, they would be welcome to do this. They would need to indicate their intention to do this to Giles by the 26th of October, and be ready to give a short speech at the next Forum (30th October).

Action:

1. Giles to send email to all forum members setting out revisions to application process

Consultation and communication

To get the forum designated and the area designated by RB Greenwich we need to be able to demonstrate that we have gathered meaningful input and feedback from the Moorings community.

To do gather this feedback we want to use the following channels:

1. Attendance at different events that are running in Thamesmead over the coming months
 - a. At Paul's Church
 - b. Claridge Way
 - c. Others tbd?
2. Carry out a survey of local people and stakeholders using Survey Monkey or the Common Place platform
3. Running a dedicated community event in December with the primary purpose of promoting the forum and gathering feedback from local people
4. Gathering information at different venues - specifically Sue mentioned the area outside the Christian Life Centre
5. Different organisations could actively promote the forum and help gather feedback:
 - a. Children's Centre
 - b. Faith Groups
 - c. Schools
 - d. Youth Club (do specific evening where get groups to fill out)
 - e. Radio Thamesmead www.rtm.fm

For these channels to work effectively we need to undertake other actions:

1. We need to produce a questionnaire that could work online or as a paper questionnaire.
2. We agreed that this should cover:
 - a. Intro to the forum (Giles to draft) - an overarching vision statement

- b. Names and address details of person completing
- c. Details about them
 - i. Ethnicity
 - ii. Age
 - iii. Gender
- d. Question about the boundary (with a map of the boundary).
 - i. Do you agree with this boundary or what areas would you include / exclude?
- e. Questions about the objectives:
 - i. These are the objectives we think are important for the Moorings - please rank them 1-4 in terms of their importance to you?
 - ii. Are there other objectives you would like to see the forum concentrate on?
 - iii. For each of the objectives below please could you have a look at what we think needs to be done, in relation to the objective, and add any further comments you may have? **[this may be too complicated?]**
- 3. We need to get the Common Place platform live as this could prove a useful place for capturing and evidencing feedback from local people
 - a. <https://thamesmeadmap.commonplace.is/>
- 4. We need to get a draft website up and running - Titilope is looking into
 - a. As an immediate quick win Giles and Titilope will explore getting all the paperwork related to previous meetings on the website
 - b. Draft website page: <https://mooringsneighbourhoodforum.home.blog/>
- 5. We need to produce a banner to be used to promote the forum at different events
- 6. We need to explore setting up Twitter and Facebook accounts (and others?)

Running dedicated community event:

This was considered by all to be a good idea and several the committee offered to help progress the planning for this: Averil, Chimaka, Titilope and Tracey

Actions:

1. All - let Giles know if you can support by attending the different events to promote the forum
2. Titilope - to further develop the website with support from Lukas
3. Giles / Titilope - discuss getting paperwork (from meetings) onto the website
4. Giles / Lukas - investigate producing a banner
5. Giles - draft questionnaire
6. Lukas - get Common Place up and running
7. Giles - draft overall communication plan to be shared with the forum

Next steps

We confirmed that the next Neighbourhood forum meeting will be on Tuesday 30th Oct, 18.00 to 20.00. This will be held at Titmuss Avenue Baptist Church

Action

1. Giles to send reminder to all forum

Other items - Funding

We discussed future financing. Lukas said that there is a nominal commitment (supported through the grant from Locality) to continue paying for support from Giles until Feb / March 2018. Whilst the funding requirements for the Forum are unclear Lukas wanted to make everyone aware that future funding is something that the committee should be thinking about. Sue said that it is important that Peabody continue to support the forum as without Peabody's support the forum will struggle. Rachel mentioned support and training that Peabody can help set up for the committee through Greenwich Action Volunteer Service.

Averil mentioned that there is funding available through the council's Greenwich Neighbourhood Growth Fund and that this is something the committee should investigate.

Sue also mentioned that, having a "funding officer", is something that the committee should consider.

Actions:

1. Giles to investigate and report back on the Greenwich Neighbourhood Growth Fund
2. Giles to investigate if further funding can be secured through Locality
3. Committee to consider appointing a "funding officer" at a future meeting
4. Committee to consider training requirements at next meeting