

Minutes from Moorings Neighbourhood Forum, Committee Meeting

11th February 2019

Christian Life Centre, 17.30 to 19.30

Attendees:

- Deborah Frimpong, Local resident (Chair) (DF)
- Patricia Reilly, Local Resident (Secretary) (PR)
- Paul Power, Local Resident (Vice Chair) (PP)
- Sue Pollock, Christian Life Centre (Treasurer), (SP)
- Titilope Durojaiye, Seniors in Touch (Media) (TD)

- Beatrice Anaman, Local Resident (BA)
- Chiamaka Muoneke, Local resident (CM)
- Tracey Megson, Waterways (TM)
- Giles Piercy, Locality Matters (GP)
- Rachel Wicks, Peabody (RW)

Apologies:

- Averil Lekau, Cllr RBG (AL)
- Claire Hallinan, Hawksmoor Youth Club (CH)
- Derek Sewell, Titmuss Avenue Baptist Church (DS)
- Julius Ariko, Local Resident (JA)
- Lisa Walsh, Waterways (LW)
- Suzanne Reilly, Local Resident (SR)

1. Welcome

DF opened the meeting and thanked SP for hosting the meeting at the Christian Life Centre

2. Apologies

See above

3. Declaration of interest

There were no declarations of interest

4. Minutes of last meeting and matters arising

SP asked to have her involvement in Christian Life Centre noted against her attendance on the minutes.

Outstanding actions:

Action 1 - LH to share map with members of committee showing where different newsletters are distributed

Action 2 - PR to send details about logo competition once developed

5. Review of AGM

The main point of discussion about the AGM related to the appointment of the Vice Chair. Mariam Adekoya had expressed concern to both GP, DF and TD about the process for electing the Vice Chair. GP said that her concerns related to two aspects of the recruitment. Firstly, that she had expressed interest many weeks before and could not understand why she was not appointed unopposed like the other Officers and secondly that she had expected the count and announcement to take place on

the night. GP said that it was very important to address these concerns head on as left unchecked they have the potential to fester and create resentment and accusations of unfairness. Firstly, Mariam had expressed interest in Vice Chair post but at that time (after the appointment of other officers) the committee had not determined the approach to recruiting the Vice Chair - it was also the case that, at that time, two other candidates had expressed interest in the role. Following the committee meeting on 14th January 2019 it was agreed that we would open the application process for the Vice chair. This meeting was attended by Mariam Adekoya who expressed no concerns with the process, at that meeting. Addressing the second point - following that meeting everyone on the forum distribution list (including Mariam) was emailed about the opportunity to apply for the Vice Chair post. In that email the recruitment process (including the fact that the announcement would take place the next day) was clearly set out. Furthermore, on 23rd January 2019 Giles Piercy sent the following email directly to Mariam *"Hi Miriam... we have more than one application for the post so we will be sending the applications to the forum distribution list over the weekend and (as per the process) will hold a vote at the AGM on Monday. Results will be announced on Tuesday"*

6. Election of officers process

See above

7. Update on designation of the forum

GP said that he would be revising the draft designation application. This will include further commentary and questions for the forum about the boundary, the members and the results of the survey. The aim is to send the final designation application to the RB Greenwich by early March 2019. Related to this there was a discussion about the boundary which will be captured in the draft designation application. Key issues that were raised included whether we should include Woolwich Poly School for girls and if we should include the flats in Ringside court?

Action 3 - GP to revise designation application and send to committee

8. Update from locality matters

GP updated that his contract with Peabody, to support the Moorings Forum, ends at the end of March 2019. Members of the forum commented that they would like to consider continuing to work with GP for a six-month period. Peabody have said to the Forum that they have set aside £10,000 to support the forum over the next year. There may also be some money remaining in this budget to support the Forum. There is also potentially more funding available from Locality (separate from Locality Matters) to support the Forum. The committee will be considering what budget they need for the coming year and will be discussing with Peabody how to agree how to spend the available budget:

Action 4 – GP to provide quote to committee for continuing support from April 2019 to September 2019

Action 5 - GP to provide clarity to the forum about the potential for additional funds from Locality (likely to be c. £5k)

Action 6 - RW come back to committee with proposals for how the budget (from Peabody) should be managed next year

Action 7 - RW to confirm availability of any remaining budget from 2018 / 2019

Action 8 – SP to work with others to develop an outline budget for the Forum over the coming year

9. Update from Committee officers

DF and others confirmed that they had held a very successful meeting of the committee officers on Friday 8th February 2019. At this meeting there was agreement that the committee would benefit from a lap top for the Chair, a mobile phone and the registration of a domain name for the Moorings Forum website. It was agreed that these and other matters would be included in the budget consideration - see above

SP is looking into the opening of a bank account for the forum

Action 9 - SP to update committee with bank set up application progress

10. Date and venues for future meetings:

Committee meetings

The next committee meeting will be held on Tuesday 5th March 2019 at Waterways Children's centre at 17.30. Thereafter, starting on the Monday 1st April committee meetings will be held every 4 weeks (on a Monday at 17.30) See dates below for this year:

- 1st April
- 29th April
- 27th May
- 24th June
- 22nd July
- 19th August
- 16th September
- 14th October
- 11th November
- 9th December

Action 10 - GP to ensure all committee members have been invited to the above meetings

Forum Meetings

The next Forum meeting will be on Monday 18th March at 17.30 at Waterways Children's centre, and thereafter every eight weeks at the same time (on a Monday at 17.30).

The schedule of meetings for the remainder of this year is therefore

- 18th March
- 13th May
- 8th July
- 2nd September
- 28th October
- 23rd December

TM said that if needed creche facilities could be provided at the next forum meetings. This was felt to be a good idea but would need people to let us know, in advance, if they were bringing children and what ages. Any child not pre-booked would need to be supervised. Budget would need to be found to cover the staff costs for running the creche (likely to be under £100)

Action 11 - GP to send out minutes and update to all on forum distribution list reminding about the next meeting and making clear about creche facilities

11. Committee members – ideal number and mix

Based on the responses DF had had to her email it was agreed that the following would be part of the committee:

1. Averil Lekau
2. Beatrice Anaman
3. Chiamaka Muoneke
4. Claire Hallinan
5. Deborah Frimpong (Chair)
6. Derek Sewell
7. Julius Ariko
8. Patricia Reilly (Secretary)
9. Paul Power (Vice Chair)
10. Sue Pollock (Treasurer)
11. Suzanne Reilly
12. Titilope Durojaiye, (Media)
13. TBC from Peabody
14. Tracey Megson / Lisa Walsh

Action 12 - GP and DF will agree an email to go to all committee members to confirm the above

12. AOB

Lorraine Cox has asked if should could attend the next forum meeting to provide and update on festival related activities - this was agreed

Action 13 – RW to invite Lorraine to next meeting

SP suggested arranging a visit to see Lee Neighbourhood Forum

Action 14 - SP to investigate arranging visit to Lee

RW talked about connecting the Forum to the Peabody Young Ambassadors

Action 15 - RW to liaise with TR to make this connection

There was discussion about a tour of the local facilities, and it was agreed that this would be picked up after the March forum meeting at which Peabody would be presenting information about the local assets that they own.

Summary actions

	Action	Who	Status
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2	TR to send details about logo competition once developed	PR	
3	GP to revise designation application and send to committee	GP	
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