



## Notes from Moorings Neighbourhood Forum

2<sup>nd</sup> Sept 2019

Titmuss Avenue Baptist Church 18.00 – 20.00

### Minutes and notes from the last Forum meeting (13<sup>th</sup> May 2019)

Deborah Frimpong, Chair talked through the minutes from the last meeting and these were agreed.

The minutes are available on the Moorings Neighbourhood Forum (MNF) website

<http://www.mooringsnf.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2019/07/MNF-Forum-minutes-8th-July-2019.pdf>

### Forum Members attending events in the area to help promote the Forum

Giles Piercy (GP) said that now that the MNF has been designated by RBG one of the priorities for the forum is to reach out the local community to hear what they think should be the priorities for the forum as we start the process of developing the Neighbourhood Plan. We are asking all Forum members (and others) to put their names forward to support the forum by looking after a stand at different events. If you think you are able to do this please will you let us know by sending an email to [info@mooringsnf.org.uk](mailto:info@mooringsnf.org.uk)

**Action - All let us know if you can support by looking after a stand**

### Applying to locality for additional funds

As mentioned in previous Forum meetings there is the potential for the forum to apply to Locality for a grant to support the development of the Forum. There is a maximum of £5,300 available to the forum. We had discussion about what we should apply for and it was agreed that an application should be put to Locality for funding for:

1. Further support from Giles Piercy (via Locality Matters)
2. Branded T shirts to help promote the forum when attending different events

We then discussed whether the forum should be applying for further funds to erect a noticeboard. A long discussion took place about the merit of changing the notice board outside Gogi's. It was agreed that we would in the first instance ask Peabody to:

- Change the Perspex cover
- Paint the notice board a brighter colour
- Attach a sign at the top of the notice board
- Provide keys for the notice board to the MNF

We would additionally apply to Locality for funding to erect a new notice board - potentially somewhere else in the Moorings.

Tracey Megson (TM) said that it was important to monitor what if any impact the new notice board(s) were having.

**Action - Derek Sewell (DS) and GP to liaise with Peabody to agree changes**

**Action - GP to draft application to Locality, for approval by committee (delegated from Forum).**

### **Working with Partners**

GP shared the draft of an email to be sent to all MNF partners (see below). The content of this email was agreed by the Forum and email will be sent to all partners in the coming days:

We also discussed creating a page on the MNF website where links to partner organisations could be provided - see here <http://www.mooringsnf.org.uk/partners/>. It was agreed that we would need to be careful about what information was displayed on the website. Gez Kellaghan (GK) and TM said that it was important that we didn't replicate existing very useful sources of information such as Live well Greenwich and Positive Steps Thamesmead.

Cllr Ola Babatola (OB) suggested that we should also provide links to key local contacts such as MP, Cllrs, GLA etc

### **Draft email to send to partners**

*Dear*

*As hopefully you will be aware the Moorings Neighbourhood Forum is now well established and has been formally designated by the Royal Borough of Greenwich. [www.mooringsnf.org.uk](http://www.mooringsnf.org.uk)*

*The next stage for the Forum is to start the process of developing the Neighbourhood Plan and continue to build our understanding of what local people, in the area, would like to see from the plan in terms of their priorities.*

*We see that some of the key tasks for the Forum over the coming year are to:*

- 1. Attend local events in the area that give us an opportunity to tell people about the Forum and to ask them about what they think should be our priorities as we start to develop the Neighbourhood Plan?*
- 2. Build strong relationships with local partners (such as yourself) so that we can promote your activities where appropriate and hopefully ask you to do the same for us?*

*With that in mind we have three immediate requests:*

- 1. Do you have any events in the calendar that we might be able to attend to tell people a little bit about the forum? Ideally, we'd have a table with the backdrop of a banner about the forum.*
- 2. Could we create a link to [name of organisation] from the partner page on our website? Ideally, we'd just have a line or two about you and a link to your website? - see here <http://www.mooringsnf.org.uk/partners/>*
- 3. Would you like to attend a future Moorings Neighbourhood Forum meeting and use as an opportunity to tell the Forum a bit more about [name of organisation]. We'd be happy to give you a slot if that would be useful.*

*I very much look forward to hearing from you.*

*Best wishes*

*Deborah Frimpong*

Chair

**Action GP, Titilope Durajaiye (TD) and Patricia Reilly (PR) to discuss making changes to the website and have these agreed at the next committee meeting**

**Action GP to send out email to all partners from Deborah Frimpong**

### **Thamesmead Pantry**

Awaiting update from Gez Kellaghan

### **Greenwich Opportunity Area**

The forum has received an email see below from the GLA about the Opportunity Area Planning Framework (OAPF). We had a brief discussion about this and agreed the following action:

**Action GP to contact GLA to ask how the MNF could support this?**

Hi there,

*My colleague, Natalie, said that she met a representative from Moorings Neighbourhood Forum at the Birchmere Park music festival a few weeks ago.*

*I'm writing from the Planning team at the Greater London Authority. Our team is working on an Opportunity Area Planning Framework (OAPF) that sets out a vision for how Thamesmead and Abbey Wood could develop over the next 20 years, this includes potential transport improvements in the area. To help inform this work, we are organising engagement events with local communities from Aug to the beginning of September and are looking for potential community groups who may be interested in participating or being informed on this work. This includes a workshop that will happen at the beginning of September.*

*Natalie mentioned that the Moorings Neighbourhood Forum are interested in participating in the workshop or that we could join one of your forums that takes place every 8 weeks. Please could you let me know who to contact to arrange this?*

Many thanks,

Lyn

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### **Focus Groups being run by University of Greenwich**

Ruth Cherrington was unable to make the meeting but has asked if any forum members would be interested in attending a focus group - see details below from Ruth Cherrington

*As residents in Thamesmead, we would be very interested in speaking to you. The University of Greenwich has been asked by Peabody to carry out background research on how people who live in Thamesmead perceive the area. This is a part of the greater evaluation of the Thamesmead Plan. If you would like to discuss your*

experiences and feelings about living in Thamesmead at one of the focus groups we have arranged during September, please contact Ruth (Cherrington) on this email address:

[R.Cherrington@greenwich.ac.uk](mailto:R.Cherrington@greenwich.ac.uk)

Please see below for dates and times of the focus groups which will run for around 90 mins.

- 9<sup>th</sup> Sept. 10am Parkview Hub 6pm Mead Suite Sporting Club Thamesmead
- 11<sup>th</sup> Sept. 3pm and 6pm Mead Suite Sporting Club Thamesmead
- 13<sup>th</sup> Sept. 2.30 pm Info Hub
- 16<sup>th</sup> Sept. 10am, 1pm and 4pm Thamesmead Room, Peabody Office Joyce Dawson Way
- 18<sup>th</sup> Sept. 10am and 1pm and 4pm Broadwater Hub
- 20<sup>th</sup> Sept. 10am Info Hub

**Action - All contact Ruth Cherrington if you would like to take part in one of the focus groups**

### **Recruiting new Vice Chair**

Following the resignation of Paul Power there is an opening on the Moorings Committee for the officer post of Vice Chair. We are aiming to appoint the Vice Chair at the next Moorings Neighbourhood Forum meeting (Monday 28<sup>th</sup> October 2019). If you are interested in applying for this role please complete the attached application form (see appendix 1) and send to [info@mooringsnf.org.uk](mailto:info@mooringsnf.org.uk).

**The deadline for applications is Friday 11<sup>th</sup> October at 17.00.**

If we have more than one suitable applicant, we will use the Forum meeting on the 28<sup>th</sup> October to select the Vice Chair. This will be done by:

1. Sharing the applications of all candidates with Forum members
  2. Asking applicants to say a few words at the meeting about why they are qualified for the role
- Then a vote will be taken - anyone attending the meeting on the 28<sup>th</sup> October will be eligible to vote.

**Action - GP / PR to post the vacancy on the MNF website**

### **Funding from RB Greenwich**

GP asked Cllr Ola Babatola (OA) about the potential for funding from the ward Cllrs' budgets. OA suggested this was possible but asked that an email be sent to him requesting further details which he would provide including details such as:

- Criteria for funding
- Application process
- Total size of grant pot
- Who has previously been awarded grants etc

DF asked if this funding could potentially be used to fund lighting and a bench in the basketball courts in Birchmere Park and Titmuss Avenue. GK said that carrying out such works would require the forum to carry out research and consultation to evidence that this is wanted by local people.

**Action - GP to write to Cllr Ola Babatola regarding the ward Cllrs' fund**

**Action - MNF committee to discuss potential for project to understand if there is broad support for DF's proposed changes to the basketball courts**

**AOB other items**

GK said that the Thamesmead fund is now open (GK to provide details)

**Next meeting**

28<sup>th</sup> October 2019

18.00 - 20.00

Venue TBC

**Appendix One - Application to committee officer position**

**Application form for committee officers**

Name of applicant

Address

Phone

Email

Name of post being applied to (e.g. Chair, Treasurer)

Please explain in no more than 500 words why you are the right candidate for this role?

Please write here (use additional sheet in needed)