

Notes from Moorings Neighbourhood Forum

16th December 2019

Titmuss Avenue Baptist Church 18.00 – 20.00

Minutes and notes from the last Forum meeting (2nd December 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 [here](#)

On the table tennis table: the contractors met with Michael Doran and two potential locations were identified. Both are in grass. Peabody will need to confirm which location is preferred and whether this is to be installed on an all-weather surface (concrete slabs, for example). It would seem to make sense to install this in the spring when machinery damage to the grass can be minimised

Action - Kate Batchelor to provide update on the table tennis table at the next forum meeting

Update on Titmuss Avenue

Gabriel Warshafsky from JK Architects talked through the proposed plans they have come up with for the two vacant sites in Titmuss Avenue. In summary there is lots of potential for both sites but given Peabody's funding envelope it is likely that immediately Peabody will only progress with plans for the smaller of the two sites.

The proposal is for the Thamesmead Furniture Recycling charity to be re-established in a new home on this site. The plans relating to this can be found in the presentation given by Gabriel - [here](#). This proposal received unanimous support (subject to some concerns) from the Moorings Forum Members

There were some concerns raised which Peabody will seek to address:

1. Parking - will the furniture bank increase traffic in already congested area
2. Security – will the site encourage crime

Recruiting New Vice Chair

We had two applicants for the Vice Chair post however on the evening Mariam Adekoya withdrew her application. Derek Sewell was therefore appointed as Vice Chair.

Aecom meeting and next steps

Giles Piercy gave a brief update on the presentation that Aecom had given to Forum members on 10th December 2019. We are waiting for the formal feedback and write up from this meeting from Aecom and will share this with forum members when we receive from them. Aecom's presentation can be found [here](#)

Giles then set out what he sees as the priorities for the Forum and for his work over the next three months. Giles has been contracted by the Forum, using the grant from the Locality, to support the development of the Neighbourhood Plan over the coming months.

Giles' presentation can be found [here](#)

The key theme coming from Giles's presentation is that, in order to develop a robust Neighbourhood Plan, the plan must be informed by wide consultation with the Moorings community. **We need support from Forum members to carry out this consultation.** In particular attending events where we are promoting the Forum and gathering feedback and views from local people about what they want to see in the emerging Neighbourhood Plan.

At its heart the Neighbourhood Plan needs to set out (with evidence) how people want to see the neighbourhood change over the coming years. These aspirations can be enshrined in the NP in terms of planning guidance that developers would need to comply with. To successfully build the Neighbourhood Plan we therefore need to:

1. Understand what local people's priorities are - through consultation and surveys
2. Use this understanding to set out the planning controls we would like to have established for different locations throughout the Moorings as part of the final NP

Action All - let us know if you can help with promoting the Moorings Forum and developing feedback from local people

Update notice board

The notice board outside Gogi's will be refurbished imminently. We now need to order the Moorings Forum sign to attach to the top of it

Action - Derek Sewell to let Giles Piercy know what needs to be ordered

AOB

Deborah Frimpong mentioned that she will be receiving £9 from the Forum to replace her trolley that went missing at a recent event

Dave Rugg asked that all future meetings should involve a financial update

Action - Sue Pollock (Treasurer) to provide financial update at all future forum meetings - this will in future be a standing item for the agenda

There was a discussion about the flooding in the underpass by Gogi's. Peabody does not have any particular contacts for RBG re: lighting / flooding. Kate Batchelor provided the following link where members of the Forum could report issues.

https://www.royalgreenwich.gov.uk/info/200268/street_cleaning_and_repairs

Next meeting - which will also be the Annual General Meeting (AGM)

17th February 2020

18.00 - 20.00

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Date for future meetings can be found [here](#)