

Moorings Neighbourhood Forum meeting

21st June 2021

Attendees

- Gez Kellaghan (GZ)
- Beatrice Anaman (BA)
- Chris and Cat - CC Events
- Deborah Frimpong (DF)
- Derek Sewell (DS)
- Giles Piercy (GP)
- Kate Bachelor (KB)
- Keith Hawe Jones (KHJ)
- Pat Robinson (PR)
- Sarah Elliot (SE)
- Sue Pollock (SP)
- Tracey Megson (TM)

ASB Action Plan

GK talked about the ASB issues in and around Arnott Close. There are emerging plans to address anti-social behaviour through CCTV and improving the look of the shop fronts and the area to the back of the shops.

GK will share the ASB Action Plan

GK said that crime statistics don't show what is believed to be the true extent of the problem - One of the challenges is to get people to report ASB. Police have had a change of personnel recently and therefore not been able to attend meetings. Need to ask the police what the best way of reporting ASB is to them.

SE said that last Saturday evening she had felt threatened by a group of boys hanging around Arnott Close who had been watching her.

GK said that when the Moorings Sociable Club opens the increased activity in the area should help reduce crime and ASB.

KB said that she would share the date for the police meeting when they have set it up.

Lighting update

KHJ has met with Phil Askew and Gareth from Peabody to do a walk-around of the Moorings to look at the lighting issues. They were able to clarify which lights were whose responsibility e.g. RBG, LBB or Peabody. Gareth is going to arrange a night time visit so that he can see which lights need repair.

KB said that she would chase Gareth for a date for the "Survey and Fix" walk-about

SE said on the text chat that surveys of lighting used to be a regular occurrence.

KHJ said that we also need to get an update from Gareth about the UK Power network.

KB said that her team have conducted an audit of all lights in Thamesmead and are planning a meeting with RB Greenwich and LB Bexley to discuss.

KHJ said that they had also discussed (with Gareth and Phil) how some of the lights should potentially be moved to better, albeit very close by, locations. He also said that the MNF should do more to promote what they have achieved in terms of improvements to the local lighting,

DS said that he had noticed labels on the lights by Woolwich Poly School.

Thamesmead Take Away

Chris and Cat from CC Events gave an update about the Thamesmead Takeaway service they are hoping to launch shortly in Titmuss Avenue. This will happen every Friday hopefully starting in July. There will be a mixture of local, fully vetted, food producers offering take away food from 16.30 to 20.30.

Once approval has been agreed with Peabody, further promotion will be sent to local people advertising what's going to be available.

This will be a pilot running for six weeks.

CC Events will ensure the area is supported in terms of ensuring no anti-social behaviour and will also ensure no litter is left on site.

For more information please contact Chris or Cat at CC Events on info@cceventsuk.com

Birchmere Changing rooms

SP then said that she had heard about plans for the Birchmere Changing rooms and that £10,000 had been set aside.

KB confirmed the £10,000 was from the local Cllrs funds and was just for carrying out a feasibility study.

KB said that more need to be done to get local people involved in saying what they want from the changing rooms.

DS said was really struggling to get people from the forum to get involved in thinking about the Changing Rooms.

DF suggested setting up dedicated meeting to discuss.

GP suggested putting up sign outside the changing rooms to advertise that we want local people, to get involved.

KHJ said that he would like to get involved and suggested running an open day where people could come and have a look inside the changing rooms.

KB said that she would investigate the possibility for this.

PR said was excited to hear about plans for the changing rooms and would be happy to get involved.

SE would consider getting involved.

Any other business

SP update that the MNF has £167 in the bank. She also asked if MNF had applied for a stall at the Thamesmead festival on 14th August. DS said that he had applied but struggling to recruit volunteers to support on the day.

SP asked if name had been agreed for new building in Arnott Close - Yes "the Moorings Sociable Club" (MSC).

There was then a discussion about what will be on offer in the MSC.

KB said there will be a café, space for people to rent for events and activities, and a programme of events.

GK said that still looking for ideas from local people about what events to run and was aware that Mental Health and Domestic Violence are priorities.

GK also mentioned that they will ring fence money from the Thamesmead Community Fund to support projects related to the MSC - these ideas can secure funding between £200 and £2,000.

SP suggested running cooking and eat well classes. Also said that does not feel there is enough for local people to do.

DS gave update about the Tidy Central Thamesmead initiative. He also talked about the need for someone to volunteer to take the minutes at the next meeting.

GK offered to explore the potential for a volunteer to do this.

DF asked if one of the Community Researchers could do this?

KB said no that was not part of their role.

KHJ mentioned concerns he has about the rubbish and lack of care relating to land on the corner of Hutchings Road and the fence by Woolwich Poly.

KB said she would investigate.

It was Giles Piercy's last meeting with us. We thanked him for his support, guidance and advice since the formation of the Forum.

Next meetings

26th July at 18.00

20th September at 18.00