

Moorings Neighbourhood Forum Meeting

20.09.21

Attendees

Patrick Eggleston (PE)
Deborah Frimpong – Chair of MNF (DF)
Derek Sewell Vice Chair MNF – (DS)
Keith Jones – Resident (KJ)
Daniel Well –Community Health & Wellbeing Lead Peabody (DW)
Patricia Robinson – Resident (PR)
Gez Kellaghan – Community & Facilities Manager Peabody (GK)
Uzma – Peabody Community Champion & Resident
Ozge Ali – Peabody Community Researcher & Resident (OA)
Ellen - Peabody Community Researcher & Resident
Catherine Tuhiriwe – Resident
Tricia Fordjour – Resident
Stella - Resident
Kwami - Resident
Julius – Resident and committee member
Tracey Megson– Deputy Strategic Lead East Children’s Centre
Beatrice Anaman– Resident

Apologies

Kate Bachelor
Sue

Agenda

ASB action plan

GK – Action plan created to work with community police and RBG to address perceptions of Moorings area being unsafe, Moorings have low levels of crime reported, however there are street drinkers and improvements needed for shop fronts. Challenge already made of patrols from police safer neighbourhoods team to include evenings so they can see what’s happening.

Action Update needed from KB re alleyway.

Lots of litter behind shops –speaking to Greenwich to see if schools can be involved or could it be a litter pick project

Working with retailers around Hawksmoor School as being in a superzone and also their perspective of safety.

No questions raised.

Festival Event

DS – event went well, support for MNF stall was good, a few people completed recruitment forms but the festival attracted people from a wide area. Would be good to consider smaller targeted events in future.

Comment that the stall wasn’t in a ‘good spot’, although the Councillors were on the stall next door so this was positive.

GK – Peabody looking at Halloween event at Tump 53 end Oct and Parents Forum in mid Oct so opportunity for publicity for MNF then. Also probably a Xmas event in the Town Centre.

Need volunteers at the meeting to support/lead on these events

DF - Was part of the group to plan the event, 18 months in planning for event . Good turn out and at Peabody stall for 2 hrs and people were still coming at 7pm. Weather was good and people were able to get out, feedback was good, there were long queues for food but this will be addressed for next year. Overall v. positive day **DF to get figures for attendance**. Equipment was available and set up and this made it easier.

License Application

DS - Opposing Morrisons serving alcohol from 6am – midnight both in store and in the petrol station, Licensing sub committee meeting Wed 6th Oct, 10.45am, anyone interested in passing on thoughts and views please do to DF asap. DW – confirmed you have to request to attend its not an open to all public meeting.

Action DW to send further information to DP.

Walk & Talk 27.09.21

DF – this is arranged by The Waterfront , a company called Soundings who are commissioned to understand assets of Central and West Thamesmead, waste land that cannot be built on but can be developed. Lots of plans for new flats nearer town centre, one person can't make the 27.09.21 date so may be moved. Open meeting for interested residents who are part of this forum, walk will be nearly 3 miles starting from outside former Bed shop in Thamesmead.

Questions – Why are shops all shutting by Wilkos? Argos has closed and Wilko's is going.

Action GK to ask commercial manager for update at next meeting.

Argos has been moved into Sainsburys Abbey Wood

Action DS to share more info once date is confirmed

Meeting confirmed for 27.09.2021 at 5pm from the old bed-shop

Changing Rooms

KJ – good meeting and outline drawn up that Sue has circulated – the more ambitious we can be at this stage is a good idea to ensure we get some of the things we want. Ideal outside gym, and outside seating, open toilets with access from inside. 8 changing rooms currently, Bernard suggested making 2 out of 4 and keep showers where they are and 4 changing rooms should be sufficient to needs, this frees up internal space and if toilets and 4 changing rooms are removed this would give space for café with bi fold doors to outside space. Decisions will be made depending on cost, roofing may need replacing and made secure. Remove barbed wire and extend storage, or put a container in outside yard to store sports equipment as a cost effective solutions. Lots of potential and a form has been shared on social media to gather more thoughts. KB has a better understanding of feasibility study. Fisherman would like access to toilets and are keen to see the building looking good and a usable feature in the park.

Patricia – would it be worth applying to the Big Lottery Fund to meet some costs –

KJ - KB is the best person to look at funding. Could local contractors and suppliers support (like DIY SOS) are there tradesmen who would volunteer time.

Stella – have baby changing facilities and disabled toilets been considered?

KJ – this tends to be included in standard design practice these days.

DW – Actions was to get views from local residents so so if anyone has thoughts please share with Sue.

GK – KB has 10K from councillors for feasibility and once have ideas then will give it to architects to cost, and is contacting the councillors to see how soon this 10K has to be spent.

UA - sub group has been created to work on project, Sue was organising.

KJ is Vice chair for this sub group.

Updates from Moorings Community Researchers

OA – recruited new members and have completed research regarding new social club working with DS and DF closely.

DF – thanked Ozge and Ellen for support with the Festival and has monthly meetings with them

DS – Ozge has offered to run some ‘Tidy Central Thamesmead’ please help on 2 Sundays in October, 10 and 24th 10 – 11am front of school of Dance Byron Close. DS has leaflet

Ozge has arranged for free teas and coffees from Diana café for anyone who helps with the litter picking.

DS – GK can we borrow litter pickers for the events?

KJ – we can speak to Steve Pike as he has given some in the past and GK suggested direct contact rather than through Peabody.

DS – RBG has tight guidelines and took 5 weeks to send 1 litter picker and requires a sign up long term to receive.

Action – KJ to contact Steve Pike and arrange where to collect, (DF or Ozge happy to hold them)

Greenwich Planning Alliance update

DS – Want to have some say in planning that happens locally , have been opposing Morden Wharf a 35 floor tower in the other end of Greenwich for various reasons. If anyone has an interest or background in planning please join, the meetings are once every 2 months.

Help with delivering cards

Ozge and KJ happy to do this, DS – no urgency to get them out, if anyone on this call wants to help please do so by delivering to cover their block/street maybe have an event where group meet on a Saturday morning perhaps to go out and deliver together. Ozge – can we do this when doing the Walk and Talk? DS - going to be hard to actually deliver them will confuse things but definitely can hand them out to as walking to passer bys. People need to pledge their street/area so there isn't duplication, DS has a map to plot what's been covered. Patricia can deliver in Cole Close. Ellen will do Waterfields. Ellen will do Greenhaven Drive.

Action DS to contact KJ and Ozge to arrange a time to do this.

AOB –

DW – next round of community fund opening in Oct and open to residents to apply
12.10.21 Q&A sessions people can book on to ask Q's before submitting funding bid.

Action - DS to share info.

KJ – part of ASB there was a street light review mentioned previously, where are things now we are coming in Autumn and lights coming on earlier in the evening. GK all streetlights have been mapped and some have been repaired, however some bulbs need replacing with the new type. KB has full update, there is a full list of ‘ownership’ between RBG, Peabody and Highways. KJ – have UK power networks completed replacing old posts with the new ones?

KJ – **Tidy Central Thamesmead** – something said about working with schools to get pupils more conscious of litter, Woolwich Poly pupils who get the bus into the town drop their litter every morning after going to Greggs KJ has raised this with the headmaster but not had a reply. Woolwich

Poly did get involved with the Keep Britain Tidy 1 week event, but litter is an issue all year not just 1 week a year.

Action DS to raise awareness with school both as a parent and committee member and suggests others do too as this holds more weight.

Ellen – my children go to Hawksmoor and the school is making the children very aware of not dropping litter.

DS – Ellen mentioned possibility of a Christmas event –can people think about this and share ideas.

Next meeting can we meet in person and have people Zoom in too?

GK – Funding could be used to do a project with the schools around litter.

The Nest has a soft launch currently with tours every week, and people can contact Ozma as she can timetable people in.

Action GK to share more details

Next Meeting Date 18th October 6pm at Waterways and via Zoom (fingers crossed)