

## MOORINGS NEIGHBOURHOOD FORUM MEETING

TUESDAY 20<sup>TH</sup> JULY 2021 AT 6pm-8pm VIA ZOOM



### Introduction/Welcome – The Chair

#### PRESENT

Deborah Frimpong ( MNF Chair) **(DM)**  
Derek Sewel (MNF Vice Chair) **(DS)**  
Sue Pollock (MNF Treasurer) **(SP)**  
Kate Batchelor (Peabody) **(KB)**  
Gez Kellaghan (Peabody) **(GK)**  
Yinka Darmole **(YD)**  
Beatrice Anaman **(BA)**  
Keith Jones **(KJ)**  
Ozge Ali **(OA)**  
Ellen Otchere **(EO)**  
Femi

#### APOLOGISE

Julius Ariko  
Revd Patrick Eggleston  
Tracey Megson

#### Minutes were approved from last meeting

**DF** introduced everyone to new members:  
Ozge and Ellen who are the community researchers.  
Femi who is a resident.  
Yinka from Creative Studios.

#### AGENDA

##### 1. ASB Action Plan update (GK)

The local police were present at the last meeting with Daniel Bygrave. Julius and Kate attended. There are SBO documents in place. The police confirmed that Thamesmead is not as bad as people think. Focus is on publicity, street lighting and keeping Thamesmead tidy, through the use of bins and clearing litter. School boys from Woolwich Poly are actively engaged in the cleaning Britain program. Pupils are encouraged to discard of waste responsibly. The tipping dumping is being addressed.

CCTV is being updated in Arnott Close. Police gave up-dates on recent incident in the area, low in comparison to Woolwich and Andy Howard, who manages the Wardens, do walk about checks in full uniform. Their walk times are known by the drug people, which is why the walks are not working. There are no checks between 9.00pm-1.00am.

#### ACTION PLAN:

- Change walk times.
- Check additional resources in the area

- Peabody looking at working around enforcement in September
- Parent Forum meeting to identify areas of drug usage.
- DS suggested sending brief summary of what to share for the MNF newsletter.

## 2. Birchmere changing rooms update – (SP)

Ideas for the site from visit on 21<sup>st</sup> July- from Peabody, St Margaret Clitherow, Fishing group and residents.

- Making several large art pieces to bring in colour in the entrance and other areas of the rooms.
- The children could be part of creating a beautiful, friendly and welcoming space for everyone.
- Creating a small outdoor picnic where children can enjoy their picnic lunch, look at the lake ( perhaps even a little drawing session with their clip boards) and have a little play on the field. It would only require the school to book and pay a small fee to reserve it. This should cover some maintenance cost.
- A small café but, it requires someone to hire the space and make it work. Or rent the café for workspaces to other groups. i.e Artfix in Woolwich.
- Well-being: Outdoor gym for yoga.
- Create a Spa and Sauna room to relax.
- Run healthy eating programmes and other issues related to health.
- Up-grade garages (where fishing equipment is held, toilets and showers).

**KB** – Explained that the site is large and has natural light and great landscape. We need to do a community brief, to engage with the Peabody technical team and the architects. We need to create a Birchmere sub-panel. There are three key options:

- Fix the building
- Create a kitchen for the café
- Create an outdoor gym

**OA** – Said she is happy to get involved – She could help draw up the survey. She will send the video and photos to DS, DF and SP.

## 3. Updates from Moorings Community Researchers

**OA and EO:** They are both working on an engagement strategy plan. Initially to develop a community survey to obtain demographic details: Name, Age employment and address. The idea is:

- To attract new members for MNF.
- Build new relationships and work with partners.

DS will put info on a data base system and mailchimp.

## 4. A new Creative Studio for Thamesmead

**YD** – Works on the Public Art Scheme from Signet Square to establish a creative space. He has 5 young people and is looking for a PA (4hrs/day for 24weeks @ £25.00/hr).

## 5. Clarifying our aims and feedback from the proposed flyer

**DS** asked for people's views on the new flyer.

**DS** put the purpose of MNF in bullet points on flyer to make reading and understanding easier. Asked for comments to be addressed to him as soon as possible. Suggested to print off 1,500-2,000 (numbers confirmed by **KB**). Using Solo Press, 5,000 flyers would cost £27.00.

**DS** said that he could create a landing page and put place a QR to sign on page program.

**SP** said there was £167.00 in the account.

**EO** - said it was easy to read and suggested putting on what we have achieved.

**KJ** – suggested changing area to neighbourhood and add safer and cleaner neighbourhood.

**KB** – suggested putting on the three aims of MNF. Also put on Who we are, and what we aim to do.

**DF** – suggested enhancing the word **YOUR**.

## 6. Clarifying arrangements for the Thamesmead festival

The event is on 14<sup>th</sup> August in Southmere Park from 12md-7pm. Flyers are out and banners are up. Still need people to help man the stall. Also need insurance/public liability. SP was asked to look into this, however, given the short time frame, SP asked if MNF could approach Peabody and ask if we could use their public liability. DF said she would ask Adriana or David Busy. DS - MNF will need to do a risk assessment. OA and EO volunteered to help at the festival.

## 7. A.O.B

**GK** – Talked about the Holiday meals for children who receive free school meals, starting on 27<sup>th</sup> July to run for 5 weeks. Smily Ark are doing special provision.

**EO** – She works with families who are asking for sprinklers at Signet Square. The women would be interested in getting involved in the development of the Birchmere Changing Rooms.

**YD** – There is an event on Saturday from 11am-3pm in Signet Square.

**DS** - He attends The Greenwich Planning Committee, which gives him potential insight into future plans. Good for MNF to be represented.

There is a master plan for the re-development of the Waterfront Leisure Centre in Woolwich, which also involves Peabody.

Ellen to be added to the MNF mailing list.

**SP** – Suggested that MNF needs to find a secretary

## 8. Next meeting - 20<sup>th</sup> September 2021 from 6pm-8pm.

**(Do we want to meet in person)?**