

## Meeting Minutes

**Location;** Waterways Children Centre & Zoom **Date;** 18 October 2021 **TIME;** 6 PM - 8 PM

### Attendees IN PERSON;

<b>Deborah Frimpong</b> , Chair of the MNF	(DF)
<b>Sue Pollock</b> , Treasurer, Lead Birchmere Changing sub group	(SP)
<b>Keith Jones</b> , Resident, assisting Sue	(KJ)
<b>Julias Ariko</b> , Resident, Committee member	(JA)
<b>Maureen Robinson</b> , Resident	(MR)
<b>Anthony Noel</b> , Resident	(AN)
<b>Ozge Ali (O.A)</b> , CR, member of the Forum, resident	(OA)
<b>David (D)</b> , Resident	(D)
<b>Beatrice Anamen</b> , Resident	(BA)
<b>Derek Sewell</b> , Vice Chair, Pastor of Titmuss Avenue Church	(DS)
<b>Rachel Sewell</b> , Resident	(RS)
<b>Tracey Megson</b> , Dep. strategic leader of east children centres	(TM)
<b>Dennis Hobbs</b> , Thamesmead Moorings PCSO	(DH)

### ZOOM ATTENDEES

<b>Ellen Otchere</b> , CR, resident of Moorings	(EO)
<b>Stella</b> , Resident	(S)
<b>Catherine Tuhiriwe</b> , Community Champion	(CT)
<b>Michelle</b> , Resident	(M)
<b>Kwami</b> , Resident	(K)
<b>Tricia Fordjour</b> , resident	(TF)

### Apologies

**Daniel Walls**, Community Health & Wellbeing Peabody

**Uzma Ali**, Community Development Officer, Peabody

#### 1. ASB ACTION PLAN - UPDATE

KJ explained that there used to be a ward panel made up of local police and residents. At the recent ASB task group, it was decided this should be reinstated.

He introduced PCSO Dennis Hobbs from the Thamesmead Moorings Safer Neighbourhood Policing Team.

DH outlined how the ward panel would work. Its main aim would be to reduce crime in the area. It would be made up of local residents meeting every 3 months who would discuss local problems and how they can be resolved. The officers would share their coming operations in the area and then keep the panel informed on the outcomes of their operations. There are dedicated officers dealing with the drug issues around Gogis. He informed us how to contact them for non-emergencies (see appendix 1 for details). There will be times when they will send out information on crime prevention.

Questions: It was asked how the drug situation at the Moorings is being managed. It was explained that it is being done in a variety of ways including working with Peabody and parents to ensure that people respond. During this time of questions, we heard that there would be two more officers coming and another PCSO coming in the future.

DH suggested introducing other officers at the upcoming MNF meeting.

DF thanked officer DH for joining us.

#### 2. Street Lighting update

DS reported on the recent walk around the area with KJ. It was noted that there had been a general

improvement. However, there were still lights out and the area around Birchmere Park was in complete darkness. All council lights that were out were reported and the Peabody lights were reported the next day. It was commented that despite Peabody having said that all lights were now marked, many were not and it was almost impossible to identify some lights that were out.

It was noted that it was hard for the public to report that Peabody lights were out. While DS and KJ go to two contacts within Peabody, there needs to be a more public way of reporting. DF explained how to report council lights through their app. A concern was also raised over the longevity of the new LCD lights, even some of the brand new lights are out.

### 3. **Changing Rooms – Update**

SP recapped the current plans for the Birchmere Changing Rooms. Peabody has secured £10,000 from the ward counsellors purely for feasibility studies and for architect plans. The sub-group has been formed to help residents and local organisations direct Peabody on what they would like to see happen and to direct the brief. There have been two site visits and several zoom meetings so far, which included Peabody, St Margaret's, the Football school, the Anglers Association and the car boot sale. Schools had been invited to give their ideas for the building, as will attendees to the car boot sale and other local places. It was explained that the building must be income-generating and sustainable. They are seeking to survey 500 people. The subgroup has heard about working park cafes to learn how others are run. It was emphasised that the whole building is just a shell and needs to be completely refurbished. This is the first stage of the consultations and our information would then inform Peabody what might be the best way forward according to the community.

It was suggested that they used Survey Monkey to save paper and streamline the responses. SP will send the brief around the group. SP asked everyone to fill in the form to give their ideas.

It was asked how the £10,000 funding was going to be used. SP answered that it was for a feasibility study. She had not received any breakdown of the budget because the money is with Peabody. SP agreed that the money should be spent on feasibility studies and collecting data. There was some confusion and much discussion over the role of the Community Researchers, as it was originally suggested that they would be gathering data for this project. SP has asked Peabody if the Community researchers can help but she has not yet received an answer.

SP explained that £10,000 is only to start the project and they will have to raise much more at a later date.

#### **Action points:**

SP to forward on the brief.

Clarification from Peabody on the role of the Community Researchers.

Clarification on how the £10,000 will be spent and a breakdown.

Everyone to fill in an idea's form and to share with those interested.

### 4. **Recommendation from CR**

EO thanked the Forum for their hard work for the community. EO summarised the help that they have given such as creating surveys, recruiting new members, promoting Forum at the festival, clarifying our aims and wins, assisting in the creation of a new flyer.

It was explained by both EO and OA that many have never heard of the Forum or assumed that it was a part of Peabody.

OA recommended the forum to organise and host more in-person events, such as picnics, Christmas celebrations, street parties, social gatherings which would give the opportunity for members to interact.

Other suggestions included:

- 1) Making personal calls to follow up new members. DF confirmed that she was doing this.
- 2) Recruiting young volunteers to help create social media content to raise awareness.

- 3) Creating a development plan with the support of Uzma Ali from Peabody to clarify what we want to aim for over the next 3 years.
- 4) Resurrecting the Whatsapp group for members with aims and rules
- 5) Reinstate giving out leaflets at the Moorings
- 6) Apply for funding for events - £500 and £2,000 grants
- 7) Attend events to promote the forum
- 8) Giving out cards

There was a discussion on how we might be able to recruit a young person but the conclusion was that it was impossible until the structure is set up to use them fully and to help them.

There is a funding of £2,000 available for community funding for activities. OA wanted to submit a grant application and will forward her suggestion later in the week despite the deadline being the following Friday. People were invited to send an email noting a desire to help OA.

### **Actions:**

DS to talk to Uzma to find out what is involved in a development plan and to present it at the next meeting.

DS to talk to Uzma regarding how we go about recruiting and mentoring a young person.

Everyone: To give out our leaflets to our neighbours/the surrounding areas where we live. Say where you are delivering to so that we do not duplicate areas.

Everyone: Suggest events and then attend them.

### **5. AOB**

D asked about the payment of £50 and £20 regarding the Thamesmead Festival of Ideas that was promised by Soundings. It was noted that not one person had been given anything and that there was no response from Soundings.

KJ asked about how the Tidy Central Thamesmead litter pick went the previous week. DS explained that it went well. OA met with AN where she informed him about the MNF and invited him. KJ also informed the group that he approached Greggs for sponsoring the Tidy Central Thamesmead and now has a working relationship with Woolwich Poly Boys.

**Next meeting; 22.11.2021 at Waterways Children Centre. RS and DS will help for the Zoom connection. Tracey will confirm the venue availability.**

### **Actions**

1. Sharing meeting notes with the Neighbourhood Police (DS)
2. Forward on the brief (SP)
3. Clarification from Peabody on the role of the Community Researchers (SP)
4. Clarification on how the £10,000 will be spent and a breakdown (SP)
5. Everyone to fill in an idea's form and to share with those interested. (ALL)
6. Talk to Uzma to find out what is involved of a development plan and to present it at the next meeting (DS).
7. Talk to Uzma regarding how we go about recruiting and mentoring a young person (DS)
8. Restart the Whatsapp group again and create rules (DS)
9. Give out our leaflets to our neighbours/the surrounding areas where we live. (ALL)
10. Suggest events and then attend them (ALL)
11. Applying to the Community Funding (OA) and others who have an interest.
12. Confirm the venue availability (TM)

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