

Minutes

Location; Titmuss Avenue Baptist Church & Zoom **Date;** 22 November 2021 **TIME;** 6 PM - 7.30 PM

Attendees IN PERSON:

Deborah Frimpong , Resident, Chair of the MNF	(DF)
Keith Jones , Resident	(KJ)
Sharon Hawe-Jones , Resident	(SHJ)
John Hogan , Community group member	(JH)
Con Lobo , Resident	(CL)
Ozge Ali , Resident	(OA)
David Rugg , Resident	(DG)
Beatrice Anaman , Resident	(BA)
Derek Sewell , Resident and local pastor, Vice Chair	(DS)
Patrica Robinson , Resident	(PR)

ZOOM ATTENDEES

Sue Pollock , Treasurer, Lead Birchmere Changing sub group	(SP)
Ellen Otchere , resident of Moorings	(EO)
Michelle Payne , Resident	(MP)
Deere , Resident	(DE)
Tracey Megson , Dep. strategic leader of east children centres	(TM)
Kate Batchelor , Peabody	(KB)
Dan Wells , Peabody	(DW)
Uzma Ali , Peabody	(KB)
Terry Adams , Peabody	(TA)
Farah Mohammoud – Founder/Director of You Press	(FM)

DS was chairing the meeting and took the minutes afterwards.

Apologies: None

- Report regarding the shop units in the town centre by Terry Adams (Peabody's Director of Commercial Estate)
Terry Adams (TA) joined to update us on the numerous empty units at the Cannons Retail Park. TA updated us on the 'big box retail' units such as Argos and Next. The empty units are indicative of the wider economic crisis throughout the UK. Since Covid, many businesses have needed to reevaluate their viability of 'Bricks and Mortar' stores.
 - Sainsbury's purchased Argos and are incorporating Argos within their own stores and closing all standalone units. Sainsbury's are currently looking to sublet the unit until the end of their lease.
 - Peacock was purchased by Edinburgh Woollen Mill but Peacock went into administration again so the lease was made void.
 - Next chose to close their store as it was too expensive to run. It was largely used for internet returns and was not profitable.
 - Wilkinsons are leased to be there until 2028.

There is no policy of shutting down the units. Rather it is in Peabody's interest to keep the units rented. There have been no price increases for 5 years. All the units are available through Frank Knight.

Regarding the Town Centre:

- Front Page. The owner sold his lease, however, the new owner never paid rent and the business folded with large debts.
- The Bed Shop. Went into administration. However, there were allegations against the new management of goods being paid for but not delivered. The lease therefore could not be renewed.
- The bookmakers. New regulations have come into force regarding gambling causing William Hill to close many of their physical stores including this one. It is a 'white box unit' meaning it is immediately available for rent.

- The Tigers' Eye business folded twice. Though Peabody sought to give them favourable terms, they did not pay the rent and chose to leave.

These units are available through Hindwoods Estate Agents. There are two units that are under offer. Peabody has been trying to get some food and beverage units, particularly sit-down restaurants. However, due to the current crisis, this has not been possible so far. Peabody wants all of the units rented. Poundland has just renewed its lease and others are in the process of renewing. Peabody does expect further closures due to the current economic crisis.

A time of questions: Peabody would like something like Tiger's eye in the town centre but it is down to a business being willing to run such a venture and pay its way. Peabody would be happy for a charity shop to take on a lease. While the Waterfront project has started generating local ideas, the whole project, including the DLR, are a long way off. Peabody's objective is to generate local support for current businesses. Due to various restrictions, street markets in the car park (particularly with food) are not possible but Peabody is looking into this to make it possible in the future. While the white box units may be suitable for community groups for a short term basis, the terms would need to be negotiated on an individual basis insuring that the proposed use fits in.

For those interested in the current units, contact Hindwoods (<https://www.hindwoods.co.uk/commercial/>), and speak to Kevin Bright or Charlene Nicholls.

DS thanked TA for joining us and for the helpful update.

Email after the meeting from MP: 'I did wonder whether they had considered pop up shops to get businesses to come in on a trial basis (i.e 6 months/1year) rather than long term leases whilst they test the viability of the area. Several businesses could then share a unit. It would be a little more permanent than a market stall but less expensive than a shop outright (without the perils of the weather)! It might be useful for online businesses thinking of expanding or those who wish to have a click and collect facility. A similar scheme has recently opened in Horsham albeit a bigger high street initiative but might be an example <https://popuphorsham.co.uk/>.

ASB ACTION PLAN - UPDATE

DW gave an update from Gez. This forum would replace the former ward panel which worked with the local police. This means that we have the opportunity to give the police three priorities to focus on and for the Safer Neighbourhood Team to come and report to us every three months.

Daniel Bygrave from the Greenwich enforcement team has spoken to Neighbourhood Watch to increase their presence with us.

There were increased patrols around Halloween. Due to increased activity around Arnot Close, some groups have been moved on. Some still remain but are monitored. People felt unsafe while at the shops.

KB reported that there was increased CCTV as part of the refurbishment of the Sociable Club. There has been some recent antisocial behaviour at Birchmere park. Peabody wardens have been active to address fly-tipping.

A recent survey showed that only 62% felt safe in their home. Peabody Neighbourhood Team is seeking to follow this up.

Next meeting of the Anti-Social Task Group on 7 Dec 11am. Forum members are welcome. KJ hopes to attend. KB to ensure that KJ (and other interested members) are on that email.

The walkabout with councillor Danny Thorpe and other representatives proved helpful. There will be another walkabout on Wed 1st December to discuss lighting.

A question was raised regarding the reporting of ASB and a lack of visible wardens. We were encouraged to make this a priority in our new role with the local police (see Appendix 1 for details on how to contact them) and with the Peabody Safer Neighbourhood Team. DS drew attention to the brief report from the police Safer Neighbourhood Team which can be found in Appendix 1.

Action:

The forum needs to consider three priorities for the police.

Next ASB Task Group on Dec 7 11am. Contact KB if you want to be a part of those meetings.

3. **Street Lighting update (moved forward due to questions)**

Concern was raised over numerous Peabody lights out around the area despite work having been done on some of them. Concern was also raised with the frustration of being able to report problems and the apparently slow progress.

KB explained that she is unable to solve the frustrations but is trying to bring together the right people who can bring about long term change. We were encouraged to contact:

PeabodyCustomer Hub on: 0300 123 3456 (free from landlines).

Lines open: 8am–8pm, Monday to Friday.

More information can be found here: <https://www.peabody.org.uk/contact-us>

There was further discussion on the difficulties raising faults. One suggestion was to have a website like 'fixmystreet.com' where people can see what has been already reported. This would stop many duplicate reports and reassure residents that the reports are being dealt with.

The details of the walkabout concerning the lighting are: Wednesday 1st December, 5-6.30pm meeting outside the Moorings Socialable Club. KB asked us for possible places to walk to share on the location. Various other locations where the lighting was out was shared, such as Butts Wood, Birchmere Park and Crossway park.

KB assured us that she was championing our frustrations and DS thank her for her work.

KJ and DS to report on possible routes for the walkabout.

4. **Moorings Sociable Club - update on building work and future plans**

KB showed some photos of the current refurbishment, including the new roof, windows and lift. The work is progressing well. Opening day will be on 12 March 2022 with a big 'all out' celebration. UA and DW will programme the space and the cafe will go out to tender. The once a month meetings have currently ceased as these are no longer needed. However, the occasional meeting will be held when needed.

5. **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. 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 some site visits that resulted in a survey to assess what residents and site users want. The project was shared with St Margaret's year-six children. This resulted in a drawing competition with 3 clear winners.

While some survey results were lost through Survey Monkey, there were 132 surveys from various groups with suggestions such as a cafe, new windows, roof, new storage facilities for site users. Ideas regarding the outside space, such as a nature area and picnic tables. The key ideas formed the Community brief which was submitted on 16 November.

KB thanked the subgroup for all their work. This will then become part of Peabody's normal brief which will then go out to several potential architects who will submit ideas of a design early in the new year. These will be shared with the forum in due course, but we were warned that the process takes time.

It was agreed that the year 6 winners could be informed and given prizes such as a lego set or vouchers. KB would investigate further.

A question was raised over the anglers current use of three garages as this could be a potential revenue source. No answer was given but it was agreed that this would be investigated further.

6. Special event (Ozge)

OA shared her idea which was the basis for the application to receive funding for the Communities Growth fund. [Her presentation can be viewed online here.](#)

The idea is to hold a MNF Networking and award event. It would be an opportunity to:

- Provide networking in the local community and other stakeholders
- Increase members engagement with the forum
- Identify our groups' strengths and weaknesses
- Improve communication within the Forum and with our stakeholders including; Peabody and Greenwich Council
- Promote our volunteer activities
- Giving Moorings residents an opportunity to express their thought, their culture, expectations
- Most importantly, demonstrate how we are grateful for our member's contributions and support

OA explained that MNF Networking and award event would be good as it would:

- Communicate to others what we do within the Moorings Community. It would foster growth while developing positive relationships and understanding of one another.
- Active members contributions are astonishing to the Forum and the community. They all deserve applause. This is well deserved and will motivate members and other residents to see recognition of community work.
- Reach Moorings residents who could contribute their time.
- It would bring recognition to Community spaces and activities within the Moorings.

The suggested structure of the event would be:

EVENT LUNCH

Provide open buffet finger foods, drinks before we start.

WORKSHOP(Part I);

Participate in the Workshop which enables attendees to network.

The workshop would be provided by You Press (<https://youpress.org.uk/>)

Their projects empower young people and underrepresented communities to find their voice and be heard. This involves challenging stereotypes and stigmas about communities through the creative arts, media, training and writing. They are committed to working with young people & communities from varied social and cultural backgrounds.

Farah Mohammoud – Founder / Director of You Press was present to assure us that whatever they bring it would be tailor-made to our needs and wishes. Looking at ways to engage everyone and develop the forum. The workshop would last 3-4 hours and would include various elements.

All attendees are to book their space at the Eventbrite prior to the event. We are planning to host 50 people, so we know how many people are expected and the profile of the attendees would help develop a more efficient workshop.

REWARDS(Part II);

Give a meaningful award to Chair, Vice-Chair, Treasurer and the nominated residents/workers.

Besides Chair, Vice-Chair and Treasurer nominated Moorings residents/workers will receive an award. (Best Community Centre / Consisted open space volunteer / Health & Wellbeing provider / Best Street Cleaner, Responsible business etc.).

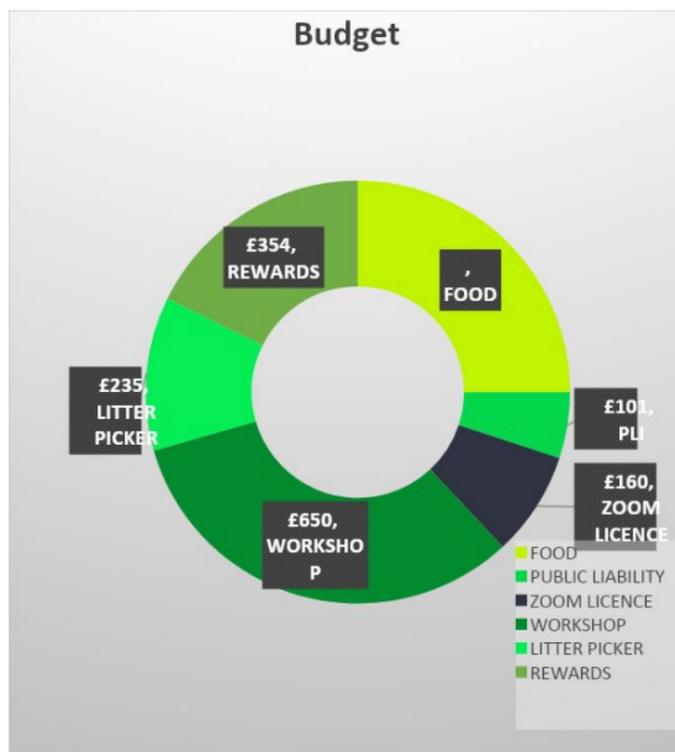
Chair, Vice-chair and Treasurer and the chosen people/ organizations by the committee members will receive an award. (All attendees of Part I will receive a litter picker at the end of the event)

All attendees book their space at the Eventbrite prior to the event. We are planning to host 50 people, so we know who is expected. Invitees will be members, stakeholders and nominated people/organizations. One of the other aims of the event is to demonstrate respect and the value of the community which is why we require a dress code.

EVALUATION: Tea & coffee, pastries and fruits

Both parts would have a zoom link for anyone who wants to attend virtually. It would also be possible to have the reward part later in the day or different day.

OA gave the suggested budget.



There is no date for the event or the venue as it all depends on when and if the grant is awarded. Both the Titmuss Avenue Baptist Church and the former Bed Shop were suggested for a venue.

DS thanked OA for her work. It was emphasised that these are ideas that need shaping. A subgroup was formed to work on these ideas to use any grant that may be awarded that week.

The subgroup were:

- John Hogan (and Kim Teasdale possible but not present)
- Uzma Ali
- Deborah Fringpong
- Beatrice Anamen - possible
- David - possible

7. Governance

In order to apply for the grant, we need to submit our constitution. In reviewing it there were a few things that we need to revisit. The forum was encouraged to read **Appendix 2** and bring any questions to our next meeting. UA offered to help us with this.

8. Young apprentice/Mentoring scheme

This was originally an idea from the community researchers. UA explained that we need a framework in place to do this effectively so that the individual and the forum is helped.

9. AOB

- DF made a request for the forum's gazebo. DW and UA offered to help find it.
- Light festival and party at the cage on 27 Nov 5-9pm.

Light the Way 'Light the way' is a stunning evening light festival which will feature beautiful light installations along a walking path from Lesnes Abbey, along Abbey Way to Southmere Lake and finish at the Lakeside Centre. For full details see:

<https://www.thamesmeadnow.org.uk/media/3998/light-the-way-programme-web.jpg>

- DF made an urgent request for a minutes secretary. UA suggested that she could find a volunteer to which DF agreed.
- KJ drew our attention to the update from the Police Safer Neighbourhood team. Just as we can feedback to him See appendix 1.
- DF Waterfront meeting took place. There will be a pause with changes expected in the immediate future.

Next meeting: 20 12 2021 at 6pm. Venue to be confirmed.

Appendix 1

Thamesmead Moorings SNT

Since the end of September, there has been 15 thefts of motor vehicles.

Good news

Following proactive work from officers from Belvedere, Thamesmead East and Moorings SNT's, three males have been arrested and charged for the offence of theft of motor vehicles. Since the arrests, there have been no further thefts of motor vehicles on the Thamesmead Moorings ward.

Crime Prevention

Approximately 60% of burglaries take place in the hours of darkness and now that the clocks have changed, it is at this time of the year that we start to see an increase in burglary offences with empty properties being more apparent to burglars.

With the darker evenings drawing in, Londoners are advised to follow these steps to prevent them from becoming a victim

- Leave timer switches on lights
- Place motion sensor security lighting at the front and rear of properties
- Fit a fixed safe for small valuable items
- Fit a home security alarm
- Do not display your wealth on social media or advertise when you are going to be away from your home, especially if your security settings are open and public
- If selling any valuables online, do not disclose anything to reveal the address of where the valuables are stored
- If selling your property, be careful what is shown in the images placed on house-selling websites, as criminals can use these images to identify valuables and also analyse floor plans
- Keep an eye on those who are elderly, or vulnerable to distraction burglaries.



Greenwich Police
Thamesmead Moorings
Safer Neighbourhood Policing Team

PS Maraia 140SE **PC Lachowska 1303SE**
PC Mapli 1232SE **PCSO Hobbs 7253SE**

Call: 0208 721 2630
Email: ThamesmeadMoorings.SNT@met.police.uk

Your Safer Neighbourhood team is not a 24-hour emergency response team.
In the event of an emergency always dial 999, for all other calls to the Metropolitan Police Service please dial: 101.

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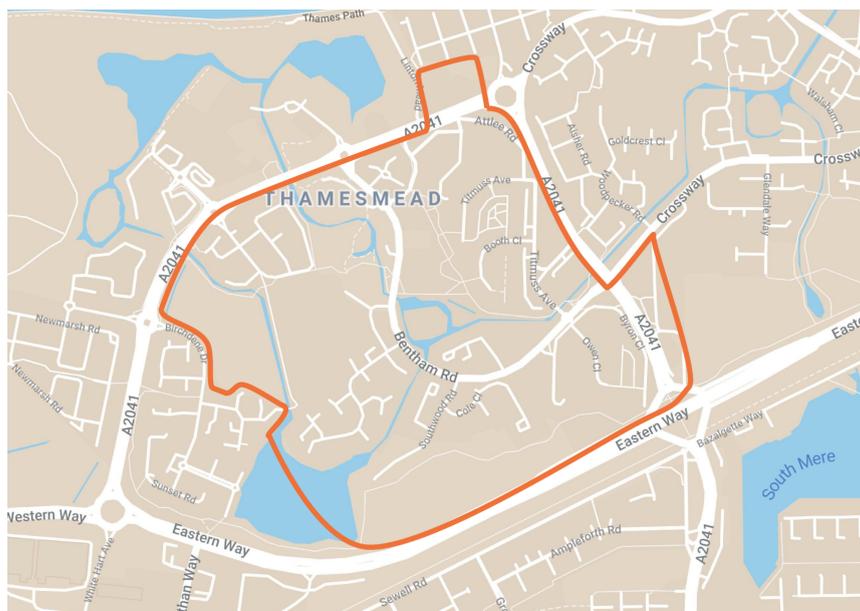
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The constitution of the Moorings' Neighbourhood Forum

1. About

Moorings Neighbourhood Forum was formed in the winter of 2017 through a gathering of residents and business partners of the Moorings area. In June 2019 we became formally designated as a Neighbourhood Forum by the Royal Borough of Greenwich (RBG).

Our area of primary focus:



2. Purpose

The purpose of the Forum is to promote and improve the social, economic and environmental well-being of the neighbourhood area. It shall operate without distinction or discrimination on the grounds of gender, disability, sexual orientation or race, or of political, religious or other beliefs.

The Forum will achieve this by:

- actively encouraging all the Members to participate in the activities of the Forum for the promotion and improvement of the area.
- creating a Neighbourhood Plan, giving due recognition to the complementary relationship between the Neighbourhood Plan and any plan already adopted by any relevant local group, and, in each case, taking account of applicable parts of those plans.
- considering the appropriateness and relevance to the area of taking advantage of the other rights afforded to forums under the Localism Act 2011 and supplementary regulations.
- collaborating with existing local groups in the neighbourhood area which are relevant to the Forum's purpose and taking account of their interests, preferences and views.
- supporting projects and other activities that are of benefit to the area.
- providing a forum for discussion of issues that may affect the neighbourhood area for generating ideas and proposals to enhance it.
- Monitoring and reviewing of the Neighbourhood Plan once developed.
- Acting as the principal community consultation vehicle for planning applications affecting the neighbourhood.

3. Practical aims

The practical aims of the Forum are to give local people in the Moorings a much greater say over what happens in their neighbourhood.

- Spread local information, such as weekly emails.
- Work towards a safer and cleaner neighbourhood, such as organising street cleans under 'Tidy Central Thamesmead' and improving the lighting.
- Help report issues to the relevant authorities to bring about change, such as organising walkabouts.
- Engage with new building developments, such as sitting on other forums and reporting back.
- Help support and promote local enterprises/projects, such as the redevelopment of the Socialable Club and the Birchmere Park changing rooms.

4. Membership

Membership is open to all those who provide contact details to the Forum and who fall into one or more of the following categories:

- all individuals who live in the area
- all individuals who work in the area, whether for business carried on there or otherwise
- all community organisations which operate in the area, through their duly appointed representatives (the term community organisation includes conservation societies, parks and special buildings or amenities user groups, charities, churches and other religious establishments, welfare organisations and other bodies which operate wholly or partly within the area and whose aims are consistent with the purpose of the Forum)
- businesses, educational establishments or other entities which operate in the area, through their duly appointed representatives
- elected representatives from the Thamesmead Moorings local authority ward, part of which falls within the area, as Ex-Officio members
- individuals who have a material and ongoing social, cultural, economic or financial interest in or involvement in the area who support the purpose of the Forum and provide the Secretary with satisfactory evidence of eligibility

The Management Committee may refuse to accept, or may revoke, membership of any individual or organisation which in its opinion fails to meet the criteria for membership or which acts in a way that harms or hinders our the forum's purpose. Any person or organisation whose membership is revoked shall have the right to appeal to a General Meeting of the Forum.

5. Management Committee and Officers

The day-to-day business of the Forum shall be conducted by the Management Committee ("the Committee"). Subject to decisions of any General Meeting, the Committee shall comprise up to 15 elected by a General Meeting. The Forum shall strive for the Committee to reflect the diversity of people eligible for membership. Every effort shall be made to include:

- members from local businesses
- at least one person from each of the tenure groups: owner-occupier, tenant of the local authority or registered social landlord and private tenant
- members who are women
- members who are men
- ethnic minority members
- disabled members
- Councillors

The term of office of any member of the Committee shall expire at each AGM and members shall be eligible to stand for re-election for up to a maximum of five years.

The Committee may co-opt up to five additional voting members for a term to expire no later than the following AGM. The power of co-option shall be used, among other things, to ensure that as far as possible the Committee has a reasonable balance and reflects the local community.

The Committee shall elect from among its members a Chair, Vice Chair, Secretary, Treasurer, Media Officer and other officers as it sees fit.

The Committee shall meet at least three times per year and five members (including at least one of the officers named above shall constitute a quorum.

The Committee may appoint groups to carry out specific roles or projects as it sees fit and shall co-opt such persons as necessary to enable any such group to perform its function.

Decisions of the Committee shall be by consensus or by a simple majority of those present. If required, the Chair will have a casting vote.

The decision on the content of a proposed neighbourhood plan shall be subject to agreement at a General Meeting of the Membership.

The Committee shall record its proceedings which shall be publicly available (See [our website](#)).

Forum members who are not Committee members may request to attend Committee meetings through application to the Secretary (or to one of the other elected officers). Permission to attend and speak will be granted at the discretion of the Chair.

The Chair and Vice-Chair of the Forum Committee shall be responsible for:

- Chairing meetings of the Management Committee and General Meetings of the membership
- Exercising a casting vote on elections and resolutions at meetings of the Forum and its Management Committee
- Taking decisions on urgent matters between meetings of the Management Committee, which will be reported to the following meeting.

The Treasurer shall be responsible for:

- Establishing a bank account and acting as a joint signatory on the account with one or more other members of the Management Committee
- Maintaining the Forum's financial records
- Setting out a draft budget in the first year, and advising the Forum on staying within its budget.
- Preparing and presenting annual accounts, at the Forum's Annual General Meeting and arranging an independent examination of the accounts if the turnover exceeds £5,000
- providing a financial update at each meeting of the Management Committee.

The Secretary shall be responsible for:

- Calling and organising the Forum's Management Committee and General Meetings
- Ensuring the provision of a record of Forum meetings and making these publicly available
- Maintaining a register of Forum members.

The Media Officer shall be responsible for:

- Maintaining and updating the Moorings Forum's website.
- Preparing and presenting draft materials for the promotion of the Moorings Forum through its organised events and activities, and for promotion in the neighbourhood area e.g. posters and leaflets.
- Communicating with the local media including, local papers.
- Promoting and advertising Moorings Neighbourhood Forum via social media e.g. Twitter [[@MooringsNF](#)] & Facebook

In the event of a post/posts being vacant, these roles are to be delegated as is fit to do so.

6. Management Committee Code of conduct

- The role of the Management Committee is to conduct the day to day business of the Forum in an efficient, fair and responsive way. In making decisions on behalf of the Forum, Committee members must always be aware of their responsibility to all those living and working in the Forum area.
- All Committee members must always comply with this constitution and code of conduct.
- Committee members should conduct themselves in a manner that respects the views of others. Racist, sexist, personalised or inflammatory comments are not acceptable.
- Committee members must abide by collective decisions made and always represent the Forum in a positive manner.
- Committee members must never use their position to seek preferential treatment for themselves, relatives or members of their household. Any pecuniary or non-pecuniary interests must be declared at Committee meetings.
- Committee members cannot receive any payment from the Forum, other than for bona fide expenses as approved by the Treasurer and submitted and recorded in writing.

7. General Meetings

The Annual General Meeting (AGM) of all members shall be the controlling body of the Forum. An AGM shall be held on a day to be appointed by the Committee not later than three months after the end of the Forum's financial year.

The business of the AGM shall include:

- a report from the Chair on the activities of the Forum since the previous AGM and its plans for the forthcoming year
- a report from the Treasurer as to the financial position of the Forum
- consideration of and, if thought fit, approval of the accounts of the Forum for the previous financial year together with an independent examination of those accounts if the turnover exceeds £5,000 for the relevant year
- appointment of an independent examiner or auditor to report to the following AGM on the accounts for the current financial year if the turnover is forecast to exceed £5,000 for the relevant year.
- consideration of any motion that has been submitted by at least 10 members of the Forum in time for circulation with the notice of the AGM.
- election of the Committee for the forthcoming year. [The appointment of the four original officers of the committee took place on 30th October 2018 at a Forum meeting. These appointments were confirmed at the first AGM on 28th January 2019 at which the final officer was appointed. All officers and committee members will be due for re-election at the next AGM to take place in early 2022.]
- any other business as required by the Constitution or as directed by the Committee.

The Secretary shall give all members at least 21 days written notice of the time and place of the AGM. Such notice shall include details of all business to be transacted at the meeting.

Nominations for election to the Committee shall be invited in advance of the AGM and must be proposed and seconded in writing by members with the signed consent of the candidate. Nominations shall be duly submitted to the Secretary of the Forum not less than three days prior to the date of the AGM.

Election of members of the Committee may be taken by a show of hands of members or if requested by a majority of those members present by a ballot of those present at the AGM. Voting shall be by ranking the candidates in order of preference and shall be counted by the Single Transferable Vote method. The meeting shall agree to the appointment of one or more scrutineers to act as returning officers and to advise the Chair on the results.

A member shall be entitled to appoint a proxy to vote on his or her behalf. Notice of appointment of a proxy must be received by the Secretary not less than 24 hours before the meeting.

The AGM may, by a vote of not less than two-thirds of those members present, agree to consider any urgent or important business which has arisen since the dispatch of the notice of the meeting.

The Management Committee shall have the power to call a General Meeting as necessary (for example to approve a draft Plan).

Other General Meetings of all members shall be called within 28 days of receipt by the Secretary of a request in writing signed by no less than 21 members, stating the purpose for which the meeting is required or when directed by the Management Committee.

21 members (or one-fifth of the membership if fewer) shall constitute a quorum at a General Meeting.

Voting at General Meetings shall be by show of hands of members, except as provided in the paragraph earlier for the election of Committee members

A record of each General Meeting shall be produced and made publicly available.

Conflicts of interest must be declared. Members with a conflict of interest should withdraw from discussion and voting on the issue in question.

Other meetings

- Forum AGMs, EGMs and public meetings shall be open to anyone to attend.
- Beyond the AGM the committee shall decide when other public meetings of the forum shall be held but the general aim is to hold at least five public meetings each year in addition to the AGM and any EGM. Currently, meetings are held once a month on a Monday evening
- A quorum for a meeting of the Forum where a vote is taken shall be 15 members.
- The Committee shall publicise the date of the AGM and all general Forum meetings at least fourteen days before each meeting.
- Where a motion is to be put to a meeting of the Forum, copies of that motion shall be notified to members at least 14 days before that meeting

8. Finance

The Forum's accounting period shall be annual from 1st April to 31st March

Accounting records shall be maintained for a period of six years. On winding up the Forum such records shall be kept for two years. Records shall be available for inspection by any member on giving not less than 10 days' notice.

The Forum shall open and maintain a bank or other appropriate account in the name of the Forum which shall be controlled by a mandate requiring the signature of the Treasurer and one other Management Committee member.

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The Forum may raise funds by donation, grants, or other means to be used in furtherance of the Forum's purpose.

9. Constitution and interpretation

In the event of any question arising where the interpretation of this Constitution is in doubt or where it is silent, the Committee shall have the power to act according to its own interpretation and at its discretion.

Other than as may be required by law, amendments to this Constitution may only be made by a majority representing at least two-thirds of the members present and voting at a quorate General Meeting.

Any requirement in this Constitution for notices or reports to be distributed to members of the Forum shall be deemed to have been satisfied if such notice or reports have been sent to all members by e-mail, by posting on the Forum's website or by other electronic means. An individual member may request hard copies and in such a case the Committee reserves the right to make a charge to cover the extra cost incurred, with appropriate dispensation and regard for disability requirements.

10. Term

The duration of the Forum shall be for five years from the date of adoption of this Constitution unless it is previously wound up or extended by resolution at a General Meeting.

In the event of dissolution of the Forum, any remaining assets shall be distributed to the community organisations which remain as members at that date in proportions to be decided by the Committee, which shall retain responsibility for completing such distribution for a period ending six months from the date of dissolution.

11. Current Officers (As of January 2021)

Chair: Deborah Frimpong, 57 Malthus Path, Thamesmead, London, SE28 8AH

Vice-Chair: Derek Sewell, 85 Titmuss Avenue, Thamesmead, SE28 2DJ, 020 8310 9774

Treasurer: Mrs Susan Pollock, 57 Thamesbank Place, Thamesmead SE28 8PS

This document was accepted in June 2019. It was refreshed in October 2021.

Signed by:

Date:

(1) Chairperson

(2) Vice-Chair

(3) Treasurer