

MOORINGS NEIGHBOURHOOD MINUTES

7th MARCH 2022 FORUM

Present: Deborah Frimpong (Chair), Derek Sewell (Vice Chair), Sue Pollock (Treasurer – taking the minutes), Pat Robinson, Con Lobo, Julius Arikun, Michelle Payne, PC. Lachowska, PS. Maraid, Pcsob Hobbs, Daniel Wells, Keith Jones, Dave Rugg, Ozge Ali, Tracey Megson, Rebecca Trevalyar, Rachel Sewel, Lade Ogunseitun. Online – Fiona Hamilton.

Apologise – Beatrice Ananma.

Welcome – Deborah welcomed everyone and asked each person to introduce themselves

1. **Matters arising** from previous minutes – Nothing to report. Minutes were agreed.
2. **Report from Police Safer Neighbourhood Team**– The police have put an agenda together and a plan for the next three months. Crime issues include 7 vehicle and number plate theft, vehicle damage, mostly of Toyotas and Hondas. Also slashing of tyres and 2 motorcycle theft. 1 bicycle was stolen. The police are working closely with Peabody Housing Association and with Wardens sharing information. There are 4 police and 1 PCSO assigned to Thamesmead. The MET police are running a scheme to gain confidence. Stephano talked about building partnerships with local organisations, residents and MNF to share information and understand community tensions. The police reputation has been badly damaged following recent publicity and morale within the department is low and there is a shortage of officers. The Police centre in Thamesmead has been extended for 5 years. Stephano's role is to ensure a safe strategy for the Gogi's area as there is a known drug dealing problem. The police plan to increase patrols with plain clothed police. This will be done in partnership with The Greenwich Wardens and Peabody.
3. **Library of Things:** by Becks – This is community enterprise project (running in 7 areas in London), for residents. Peabody asked Becks if such a project could run from the new Sociable Club. The BBC did a video to explain the operation. The equipment is Bosch and Catcha items and in good condition to hire. You can book online for a small fee or donation. Each item is in a designated locker attached to a library. A survey is carried out to identify and stock local need. The equipment is generally low risk with safety information included. The nearest one is in the Woolwich Library.
4. **Moorings Sociable Club** by Fiona Hamilton: – The building works are complete and the opening launch day is Saturday 12th March from 11.30am-4.30pm. There will be a café run by "Bacca Yard". After the launch, the building will be open 9am-5pm Monday to Friday and 9am-9pm on Saturdays. There are rooms for hire and the café is open every day during the week and on Saturday. Peabody community staff (5) will work across the community buildings, including the sociable Club on a rotational basis.
5. **Birchmere Changing Rooms:** – S. Pollock. Following the submission of the Community brief, the sub-committee were invited to score the potential architects on 14th February and then to interview on 22nd February. The chosen architects are Pitman Tozer. They were chosen as they understood the project and their understanding for community involvement. They were also very aware of the security issues. They will carry out a survey and then the sub-committee will be presented with three designs and chose one. This will be done during April. The winning vouchers are due to be handed to the children on Friday 11th March. DF, PR and SP will attend.

Street Lighting: - D. Wells – There is new lighting in Arnott Close. Derek said there are lights on the A bridge and new lighting around the Sociable Club. Birchmere Park needs to be re-visited to check on the lighting. There is also new lighting on the Grey Building on the A bridge area.

6. **Committee Meetings** – To return to public forum/committee meetings. Committee meeting Monday 28th March – Derek will inform us if we need to change to Tuesday 29th March. Forum meeting – Tuesday 26th April 6pm. Venues TBC.

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Ozge – gave feedback on the workshop for engagement and retention held on Tuesday 1st March 10am and 6pm – good turn out and productive workshop. Waiting for Farah's report. Derek said there was free training by Peabody – he will up-date everyone. She also reminded everyone about the community awards and certificates for the best community centre for Saturday 11th March from 3.30pm-4pm. Awards and certificates to be presented by Clls Avril.

Ozge also approached the ward Counsellor for £1,000 to have a day out for committee bonding. She has also applied to the Greenwich Innovation Community Fund for £10,000 in joint partnership for Saturday Health and Wellbeing, Gardening and dental care sessions. Waiting to hear around mid-March.

Tracey- Explained that there were vacancies in the Child Care Team – She will send out the link.

Sue asked about using the Sociable club for meetings. DW said he would investigate this. Also explained the need for the change in the mandate. We want to change to one signature only for BACS/over the counter transfers. Still in progress.

Dave – In Cole close, block 6-9 the security door is not working, despite informing John Lewis of Peabody.

Pat – There has been anti-social behaviour in Cole close. There is need of more the parking bay areas. International Women's week starts on 25th March.

Deborah – Suggested an incentive score point for members to attend meetings as a reward for low, medium and high attendance. Such as a voucher. She spoke with Fiona about having a suggestion box - could use blank cards. Also suggested applying for funding for new IT sound system for meetings. She informed us of The Thamesmead Cultural Directory and of NEST. There is an art culture from 9-5pm. Also, the back door to 23 Malthus Path is open as is the upper front window. The premises are vacant.