

## MOORINGS NEIGHBOURHOOD MINUTES

**Tuesday 7 June 2022 FORUM | Held at the new Moorings Sociable Club**

**Present:** Deborah Frimpong (Chair), Derek Sewell (Vice-Chair), Sue Pollock (Treasurer), Pat Robinson, Keith Jones, Claire Hallinan, Ray Woodage, Dave Rugg, Tom Joslin, Klavdia Lachowska, Beatrice Anaman, Ozge Ali, John Hogan, Con Lobo, Daniel Wells

**Apologies –** Uzma Ali, Tracey Megson, Paul West

### 1. **Matter arising**

There is still a need for a secretary - If you know someone who would be willing and let either Deborah or Derek know.

Thank you to Ozge for the BBQ on 1 June 2022 - it went well.

Paul West (Swan Patrol) will be meeting with Phil Askew and others next month to discuss changes that have been detrimental to the swans.

### 2. **Report from the Police Safer Neighbourhood team**

They have been in contact with Greenwich council. They are trying to live stream the cameras around Gogi's. Permission is needed to do this but it will give police the visual that is needed in the area.

It was asked if having cameras has improved outside Gogi's? At the moment they are stopping groups hanging out or drinking outside the shops, they are continuing to identify problems in the area. If they are not given permission to use Gogi's CCTV they hope to install one.

A brief report on the swans - more information can be found on the Bexley police page - suspect is about 12 years old and is using sticks and catapults. They will be cautioned. They do not know the outcomes, since this has been circulated there have been no more swans killed.

They are continuing to go around Southmere, making sure all users have permits etc.

There are a few drug warrants coming up which is keeping them busy.

TSG (tactical support group) - are around for a week and passing on their findings.

There have been some catalytic converters stolen, there will therefore be another event to mark your converters. The date will be shared when available.

Improvements? Although the Mooring's area has cleared, a group is now around Disraeli Close instead. A lot of dealing on bikes or e-scooters. They keep moving locations, and Police doing what they can to catch them. Concerning drug dealing, it will take years to see an improvement. We are not having as many people on Moorings steps by the church. They will be liaising with Peabody to contact residents who are caught, warning of evictions if they continue with AS behaviour.

With regard to making the area safer, potential criminals are trying to find places that don't have CCTV. They would like to hear more directly from residents, if they are sent an email they will start investigating it, also residents can visit the Town Centre office which is manned each week (although not at regular times).

It is important to keep the PC's visible. If possible they would like to set up an once a month point of contact, maybe at Moorings Sociable Club where people can come and chat, discussions were had about the best way to implement it. MNF will speak with Fiona and liaise with the Police to arrange a timetable.

If residents are concerned about a particular area the police can request the use of drones.

### 3. Update from Peabody Safer Neighbourhood Plan

Dan reported that there has not been a coordinated meeting of the ASB Task Group for some time, but several strands of work continue independently.

- Establishing a Ward Panel – this has been achieved via the MNF. Low reporting of crime still needs to be addressed.
- ASB – Peabody has met with Safer Neighbourhood Team and local Police in relation to ASB in the area. More patrols are taking place by both Police and Wardens and we will be developing a plan as to how we work together going forward.
- Lighting – significant progress has been made with RBG and Peabody. Happy to provide a more detailed update at the next meeting. DS plans to go around the area to check the lighting. September would be a good time to check as it is getting dark again in the evenings. Let Peabody know before you go and they will give an update.
- Improve CCTV – additional CCTV cameras have been added as part of MSC refurbishment.

A member raised the question of litter by the Town Centre bus stop, there is a lot of litter in the hedges, can someone take a look. Also, bushes need to be cut back on the street opposite Thamesmere Leisure Centre. The problem is that the area is owned by a housing association who have not done anything about it.

### 4. Tidy Central Thamesmead update

Derek reported that a small team from his local church joined him and another neighbour on 28 June to clear the steps from Crossways to Greenhaven Drive. Also, along Crossway the children are needing to walk in the road as the hedge is growing over the path. As a result of that, Derek has written an open letter to the Council and Peabody calling for action in the future. Councillor Averil Lekau has already pledged (on behalf of the council) to look into it.

We are grateful to Ozge and Keith who have organised recent litter picks near Woolwich Poly. Bins have been requested but no one wants to place bins on that corner, everyone thinks that it is Thameswater land. Woolwich Poly is trying to get Thameswater to help. We need to organise a public litter pick around the school in the next couple of weeks.

We do have a website: <http://www.mooringsnf.org.uk/tidy-central-thamesmead/>

On there you will find common questions answered, safety/instructions on litter picking, and how to report fly-tips, abandoned cars, etc.

There are 4 different groups in Thamesmead who tidy - West, North, South and Central Thamesmead. We all work for the same aim to keep Thamesmead tidy.

## **AGM**

### **1. Chair's report**

#### MNF Chair's Report

The year 2022 brought us the liberation of having the choice to no longer wear masks in most areas. Hurray!

I would be amiss to not acknowledge the fantastic impact and work of the Community Research workers, Ozge and Ellen have done on behalf of the MNF. They were instrumental in bringing new members to the group especially online and eventually Ozge helped us secure two successful funding projects, thank you.

In order to accommodate as many MNF members as possible, we moved from online-only meetings so that more people had the opportunity to attend meetings face to face as well as online. This hybrid choice was not always easy to deliver but it offered the chance for those with childcare issues a way to attend meetings.

We saw the development of the Tidy Central Thamesmead by our own Vice-Chair, Derek Sewell who was also instrumental in riding through the Moorings at night time, with the help of Keith Jones, to identify which lights were not working. The non-functioning lights were eventually replaced and we even had some additional lights.

We also saw, through the determination, persistence and hard work of Derek, Keith and Ozge, litter removals in various areas of the Moorings. Members were even offered litter pickers to use in order to support the tremendous work that was done. We also had the addition of some new bins.

We had several reports at meetings from the Police which highlighted the issues that were being reported concerning the Moorings area. Members were able to ask questions directly and get feedback.

Some of our members under the leadership of Sue Pollock and Keith as Vice formed a subgroup who worked together to design a proposal and select architects to help redevelop the Birchmere changing rooms. Students from St. Margaret Clitherow were asked to be involved with this project through an art competition which was very successful.

Probably one of the most exciting things that happened this year was the reopening of the new Sociable Club 12 March 2022. The special occasion was joined by an awards recognition event organised by Ozge who also helped secure funding in order for some MNF members to attend a workshop.

We recently received funding to hold a Jubilee BBQ at the Birchmere Hub which was relatively well attended by some of our MNF members.

For the foreseeable future we hope to keep holding meetings at the Sociable Club and we are looking forward to team-building with new and old committee members and continued focus on our three activities; reducing crime and anti-social behaviour, improving lighting and redeveloping the disused changing rooms in Birchmere Park over the next year.

Lastly, I would like to mention how much we value each and every MNF member for their contribution, wherever small or large, by attending meetings, it all makes a difference and having your input is always important.

Thank you.

Kind regards

Mrs Deborah Frimpong  
Chair MNF

## **2. Treasurers report:**

1 April 2021 to 31 March 2022 - Income: £2,233.04; Expenditure: £2,010.75; Balance: £222.29  
We do not at present require an account to check our accounts until we get an income of £20,000.  
Sue talked through the accounts which can be found in Appendix 1

It would be good to do activities to raise money. Talk to Uzma about funding for general activities There are several places we can apply for funding Claire will liaise with Uzma to see what we are eligible for.

## **3. Election of new committee members and existing committee members**

New members: Ray Woodage, Keith Jones, Ozge Ali, David Rugg, Con Lobo

Those up for re-election: Deborah Frimpong (Chair), Sue Pollock (Treasurer), Derek Sewell (Vice-Chair), Tracey Megson, Chiamaka Muoneke, Claire Hallinan, Beatrice Anaman.

Although Julius was up for re-election he has said 'Considering my present activities and movements I would like to opt-out of the committee membership. May I use this medium to express my appreciation for the privilege and opportunity given me to serve as a member of the committee for these years? My warmest regards Julius Ariko.' Thanks were expressed for his work through the years.

It was then explained how the voting would take place, people need to be elected/re-elected by a two-thirds majority. Rachel and Dan were not voting and therefore counted the votes.

All were elected to the Forum and it was agreed to shred the voting slips.

## **4. AOB**

Someone asked if a local councillor could come to these meetings. It was explained that we are very open for the councillors to join us and we have even changed the day of the meeting to make it easier for them. They have not yet been able to join us.

Thamesmead festival is taking place on 28 August, last year didn't work very well, possibly this year be joint with Tidy Thamesmead for a stand.

Sue reported on the Birchmere changing rooms - There will be presentations for community consultation on Saturday 9th July 2022 at The Moorings Sociable Club from 2pm-4pm. The artists will display the 3 designs and members of the sub-committee will be presenting the designs. Peabody is doing a poster to promote the event.

Claire reported that Moorings' resident's community group are running an event on 13 August 12-3pm, anyone is welcome to have a stall, cake sale etc.

ASB Action plan reminding us of what is needing to be reviewed - Dan and Keith

MNF committee trip, the council are still supportive of the trip going ahead but there is no funding at the moment.

David asked if could we think of different uses for the Moorings Sociable Club.

Ray is hoping to open a new Thamesmead furniture recycling as soon as a building is ready. Gez is going to get in touch with Ray.

Claire advised that when tidy Thamesmead go out they should tweet and tag people at Greenwich as much as possible to make more people aware that it is going on. The more people that are aware of what we are doing the better.

John reminded us of the Bexley Eco festival at Cygnet Square, everyone was welcome, many activities from 11am to 4pm. Community of Thamesmead festival.

Deborah reminded us again that we are in desperate need of a secretary. Please let Deborah know if you can help us in this matter.

5. **Next meeting:**

Committee - 28 June

Next Forum - 19 July (Nothing in August)

Following Forum - 27 September

We will try to meet on the last Tuesday of the month as much as possible.

REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENT  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED

31<sup>st</sup> March 2022

## **Legal and Administrative Information**

Registration office, C/o Peabody Office, 15 - 19A Joyce Dawson Way. Thamesmead, SE28 8RA

Organisational Status Formally Designated as a Forum in 2019

Executive Committee      Mrs Deborah Frimpong, (Chair)

Mr Derek Sewel, (Vice-Chair)

Mrs Sue Pollock, (Treasurer)

Bankers Lloyds Bank plc, Victoria (309897) branch, PO Box 1000. BX11LT

## **AIMS AND OBJECTIVES**

### ***PURPOSE AND AIMS***

The Moorings Neighbourhood Forum works to bring our local community together to improve lives. The purpose of the Forum is to promote and improve the social, economic and environmental well-being of the neighbourhood area.

In June 2019 we became formally “designated” as a Neighbourhood Forum by the Royal Borough of Greenwich (RBG) and in the future be involved in neighbourhood planning processes in the area.

### **The Moorings Neighbourhood Forum aims**

1. Improve Lighting
2. Spreading local information
3. Working towards a safer and cleaner neighbourhood by helping to report issues to the relevant authorities to bring about change
4. Engaging with new building developments
5. Helping support and promote local enterprises/projects

### **Ensuring Our Work Delivers our Aims**

We review our aims and objectives yearly. We consider what we have achieved and the outcomes of our work. We consider the success and benefit brought to the community against each aim, which helps us to remain focused on our stated purpose and to plan for the future.

### **Source of funding**

The Moorings Neighbourhood Forum receive funding from Peabody

# FINANCIAL ACCOUNTS REPORT April 1<sup>st</sup> 2021 - to March 31<sup>st</sup> 2022

## INCOME

|                             |         |
|-----------------------------|---------|
| Balance B/F from April 2021 | £233.04 |
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## SOURCE

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| 17 <sup>th</sup> Dec 21 London Community Fund | £,2000.00 |
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| TOTAL | £2,233.04 |
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## EXPERNDITURE

| Date       | Item                                     | Amount        | Balance  |
|------------|--|---------------|----------|
| 15/04/2021 | TSOHOST<br>(Web Domain)                  | £65.80        | £167.24  |
| 10/11/2021 | SOLOPRESS<br>(MNF flyers/leaflets)       | £28.46        | £138.78  |
| 15/02/2022 | YOU PRESS                                | £780.00       | £1358.78 |
| 07/03/2022 | JANITORIAL<br>(Litter Pickers)           | £268.50       | £1090.28 |
| 07/03/2022 | TSOHOST<br>(Web Domain)                  | <b>£65.80</b> | £1024.48 |
| 09/03/2022 | AMAZON<br>(Awards)                       | £142.95       | £881.53  |
| 09/03/2022 | WILKO<br>(Stationary)                    | £26.85        | £854.68  |
| 09/03/2022 | WORKSHOPS/CATERIN<br>G (Ozge)            | £500.00       | £354.68  |
| 10/03/2022 | LANDICI - UK<br>(Laptop Bag)             | <b>£21.99</b> | £332.69  |
| 30/03/2022 | DARENTH PRINT &<br>DESIGN (Certificates) | £110.40       | £222.29  |

**Note** – The two amounts highlighted areas belong to the £138.78 (from the previous £400.00 via Peabody on 8/1/2020).

## **Accounts Summary**

Income: £2,233.04

Expenditure: 2,010.75

Amount in Bank: 222.29

On examination of the accounts, no matter has come to my attention. No external auditor was required for this examination, as the income does not exceed our requirement of £20,000 for an independent external examiner.

Mrs. Sue Pollock DATE: 15 May 2022

Treasurer of The Moorings Neighbourhood Forum