

## MOORINGS NEIGHBOURHOOD FORUM MINUTES

**Date: Tuesday 27 November 2022 | Venue: Held at the new Moorings Sociable Club**

**Present:** Deborah Frimpong (Chair), Derek Sewell (Vice-Chair), Rachel Sewell (taking the minutes), John Hogan, Beatrice Anaman, Keith Jones, Councillor Olu Babatola, Terry Adams (Peabody), PCSO Dennis Hobbs, Fiona Hamilton (Peabody), Ray Woodage, Gez Kellaghan, Patrick Eggleston, Pat Robinson, Uzma Ali, Sue, Dave Rugg, Con Lobo

**Apologies:** Claire Hallinan, Ozge Ali, Tracey Megson, Yvonne Sharp, Chiamka Muoneko, Dan Wells

Area	Notes and Actions
Welcome	<p>1) Welcome bringing to attention recent stabbings: It was noted that as a community, we are deeply saddened and shocked to hear of the fatal stabbings of Kearne Solanke and Charlie Bartolo. Our hearts go out to the families and friends of those involved.</p> <p>We remain very concerned about the level of violence that has been increasing throughout our capital. These events are a tragic reminder of why we need to work together as a community to seek to improve local lives.</p> <p>2) Everyone quickly introduced themselves</p>
1) Matters arising (including code of conduct)	<p>1) Our new code of conduct for our meetings. All were encouraged to read it and stick to it... The Moorings Neighbourhood Forum works to bring our local community together to improve lives. We want our forums to be a place where people can work together and respect one another. To that end, please:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1) Be respectful to others by listening to their arguments and accepting different opinions</li> <li>2) Stick to the agenda item and move on once it has been covered.</li> <li>3) One person speaking at a time</li> <li>4) Raise concerns, not personal criticisms of individuals, groups or local authorities e.g. Peabody/Council.</li> <li>5) No sharing of confidential information from third parties.</li> <li>6) Encourage one another and feel free to contribute helpful ideas.</li> </ol> <p>2) No other matters arising</p>
2) Police report by PCSO Dennis Hobbs	<p>With regard to the stabbings, this is an ongoing investigation moving very fast. 1 person is in custody. Still, more information is being gathered..</p> <p>A question was asked, "What was the response time from the first 999 call?" Officers were on the scene at 17:11 and others attended at 17:20. Performing CPR etc.</p> <p>Thanks were expressed to all the emergency personnel who attended and for their support. Reassurance was given to the residents of Thamesmead that emergency services would attend swiftly. We are thankful to Peabody and the Police for their quick communication.</p> <p>The Police Safer Neighbourhood Team is making knife crime a top topic and is hoping that youngsters will listen to the advice and warnings.</p> <p>Peabody reported that they are checking CCTV and are in contact with the families and are liaising with local families. Peabody are working with the Police,</p>

	<p>however, there is a lot of unrest in the community and they will in time work with Greenwich and the Police to see what can be done in the future.</p> <p>Question was asked, 'What can we be doing as a local forum to raise awareness or work towards healing/reconciliation within our community?' We cannot change people's lives or stop people from worrying. ASB task group has been looking to re-start, what do you want the group to do and focus on? Knives sweep in Greenwich, Police and Peabody in this area last week.</p> <p>Greenwich Anti knife campaign across the borough wants people to help shape the campaign. How does knife crime impact the borough? They are trying to deliver the campaign in the first quarter of next year. Something that relates to all ages and all diversities. The community would want us to focus on knife crime, we will see what we can do collectively. Cllr Olu Babatola also wants to do what he can to stop this and support the community to do this.</p> <p>Do the police understand why the kids are killing each other? In general, there are groups of youths in gangs, some people get stabbed because of drug deals went wrong, they will not help the police with what is going on. Knife crime has definitely increased over the last few years.</p> <p>Are there other areas that have suffered due to knife crime? Everywhere in London is suffering an increase in knife crime. Hawksmoor Youth is still operating their normal hours 5 days a week where they offer support/care for any that need it.</p>
<p>3 Report by Terry Adams on the use of the local shopping units</p>	<p>We are still waiting for a change of tenancy for Gogi's, we don't yet know what is happening there.</p> <p>The Chinese shop wants to stay and they are working with neighbours for improvements.</p> <p>The Town Centre is very slow in retail. There is a nervousness in committing to new retail properties. The issue is not just Thamesmead, it is across the borough due to costs constantly rising. The old betting shop is under offer for local employment. They are working on a way to activate temporary use of shops while awaiting new lease tenants, are actively doing renewals and are trying to hold current rents to keep people in there. They are continuing to work with long-term payment plans etc.</p> <p>Peabody is putting up a Christmas tree this year and there will be a Christmas event in the Town Centre on 10 December. Terry is happy to listen to thoughts on using the units etc.</p> <p>PE asked, 'it is good to see the post office back in Town Centre but is it here to stay?' Although it is not traditional it was more important to have a usable post office and hope that it will improve as they settle in.</p> <p>RW asked about reopening a charity shop/recycle furniture shop somewhere in Thamesmead? Last time having a shop open reduced fly-tipping in the area. Would it be possible to have a short-term lease to establish furniture recycling to support the community? The model has to be sustainable, not something that won't last. A business plan will need to be submitted.</p>
<p>4) Update on the Moorings Sociable Club - Fiona Hamilton</p>	<p>Cafe - went back out to tender 4-5 weeks ago, as we only had one person apply for tender. They have met with those who were interested and trying to get feedback as to why they didn't complete their tender. Some were afraid to commit to a new venture, others didn't have enough time to submit. Plan is now to extend the tender process and support them with their application if they need</p>

	<p>it. They plan to score the tenders in early January and have a few members of MNF to help with scoring. In meantime, Love Soup is doing pop-ups to help with winter warm-up and the cost of living crisis. They are offering free soup and drinks on Wednesdays all through December.</p> <p>Each day has different activities, Fiona listed some of the activities on a large printout (An e-version will be sent around when available). Some groups are closed sessions but the list gives you an overview of what happens at each centre. Moorings Sociable Club is getting busier as people are accessing our services more.</p>
5) Birchmere Changing room update - Sue	<p>We worked to produce a community group with Peabody and have engaged with a local school that did some drawings. We gave gifts and vouchers to all who contributed to the project. Now we have the brief, Peabody has looked for architects. The architects have given feedback on the three designs. We were invited to meet with senior management and report back on the feedback and are now waiting to hear if the senior management team of Peabody think that is is a project worth investing in. There are many costs that still need to be taken into account. The community clearly prefers option 'C' which includes adding a hall and a sensory garden etc. Hoping to hear by January/February.</p> <p>In every single process will be working with Peabody and the architects. We will be trained on how to put the entire thing together. Then we can work on management and who will run it.</p> <p>The community wants the land to be used for families as much as possible. There is a possibility of doing something like power boarding on Birchmere lake in the future.</p> <p>The group should be very proud of what they have been able to produce, it will be good when we can get the space usable.</p>
7) Parliament trip	<p>We have been able to confirm the date of Tuesday 10 January 2023. More details will be circulated and places will be allocated on a first come first served. Details of each person attending need to be sent in advance to Abena for security purposes.</p>
6) Update on our designation as a Neighbourhood Forum	<p>The MNF was initially set up to be a planning group to ensure that future plans were being shaped through the community. Covid happened and after doing surveys, people are skeptical of tak and want to see action. However, we do need to get back to our original brief and start to actively put it on the table again.</p> <p>We have 18 months in which to make progress. DF contacted Giles of Locality who is going to get back with all the information that he has so that we can update what we have and what we are doing.</p>
AOB	<p>Fiona - security is key here, we are operating an exit only at the moment and introducing higher security measures. Looking to get a bleed kit and defibrillator for the centre here.</p> <p>PCSO Hobbs - team continue to be on duty as usual and possibly increased schedule</p> <p>Gez - Each year run a food and toy appeal trying to raise money and distribute through referrals from schools, if you know of anyone who can donate please get in touch.</p> <p>Beatrice - Chargers for electric cars - One in Nathan way, we need more in the area. Peabody is looking into getting some more put in.</p> <p>Sue - Church Christian life centre - Breakfast on 17 Dec will be doing hampers</p>

	<p>for the community for those who are vulnerable. Anyone is welcome.</p> <p>Cllr Olu - thank you for coming and giving your time and for peabody providing the space for us.</p> <p>Deborah - The building here is not accessible for wheelchair users as there are no ramps from the parking to the Mooring Area.</p>
Date for next meeting	<p>24 Jan 2023 - Phil Askew will be joining us to talk about Southmere lake and other plans. (Dr Phil Askew is Director of Landscape &amp; Placemaking at Peabody leading on Thamesmead, London's New Town and one of London's largest regeneration and development projects).</p>