

# MOORINGS NEIGHBOURHOOD FORUM MINUTES

**Date: Tuesday 24 January 2023 | Venue: Held at the new Moorings Sociable Club**

**Apologises:** Deborah Frimpong, Rev. Patrick Eggleston, Cllr Olu Babatola

**Present:** Derek Sewell, Keith Jones, Ozge Ali, Sue Pollock, Deborah Frimpong (via phone), Daniel Wells, Beatrice Anaman, Dave Rugg, Con Lobo, Ray Woodage, Uzma Ali, Paul West, Claire Hallinan, John Hogan, Tracey Megson, PC/ Lachowska, PCSO Hobbs, PS Maraia, Chiamaka Muoneko. Claire Cullen, Steve Cullen, Dave Cooper, Kim Teasdale, Yvonne Sharp, S.Ayeh, Lola Akin,

**Welcome** – Derek asked everybody to introduce themselves.

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<p><b>1</b> Matters arising from 29<sup>th</sup> Nov 2022</p>	<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) Minutes of 'Tuesday 29 November 2022   Venue: Held at the new Moorings Sociable Club' have been circulated.- minutes agreed.</p> <p>3) Councillor Olu Babatola, He is asking for charging stations for electric vehicles in Thamesmead.</p> <p>4) Any updates on Gogi's 'waiting for a change of tenancy for Gogi's'</p> <p>5) MSC Café: Decision made last week. Brighter Future due to start in Feb. Food still to be decided.</p> <p>Fiona listed some of the activities on a large printout (An e-version will be sent around when available). Any update?</p>
<p><b>2</b> Police Report</p>	<p>Knife crime – a victim left his keys in the car and found an hour later and then stolen again. Deliveries of parcels from Amazon are being stolen and is happening in the Moorings area. Car theft is still occurring: 4 wheels taken from cars and cars are being broken into. Burglaries seemed to have dipped. ASB outside MacDonald's from Woolwich Poly. Cannabis use still on-going – Cannabis factory has been identified. Elderly neighbours are being visited by drug dealers. 31<sup>st</sup> Jan -Parent primary school ages evening – drug peddling promotion to create awareness. Police presence is needed in Southmere area - not enough Police presence as before. Police are visiting schools to promote the existing dangers. Stop and search are carrying on (section 60), = some arrests. <b>PW</b> suggested the police go into to school to promote wildlife crime to educate</p>

		<p>them on the problems.          Knife crime: Knife Arch – to identify metal items. Harris academy          20 Woolwich Poly boys fighting last Thursday = section 60 was put in place.          The school officer does come out to check on the boys.  <b>RW</b> – Contacted the school and the response was the children get educated inside school and the school does not care what happens outside of school.  <b>RW</b> - On 9<sup>th</sup> Feb social networking event at the NEST – “<b>Drop knives save lives</b>”.  <b>DS</b> – Is it worth the Forum making a statement to Woolwich Poly about the MNF concerns?  <b>From the floor:</b> The problem is that the school does not feel responsible for the children outside of school. DS - It maybe good to invite them to the MNF meeting and asked if this would be possible - Forum agreed.          The police are aware of the drug issue in the area.  <b>PW</b> – There is no deterrent to stop cars accessing the parks. Put in a deterrent (a gate), Also Fly tipping is on the increase. Lighting needs to be improved.</p>
3	ASB Task force	<p><b>KJ</b> – Reviewing what we did two years ago – street lighting, public areas to be cleaned– who is responsible for the areas.          On-going street lighting – this has improved in the past few months. The team do walk about from time to time and list what needs doing. <b>From the floor:</b> In Cignet square the lights are not working.  <b>Fix my Street</b> – Peabody and Greenwich run two different approaches.          DS – contact Peabody first – take photos and post to Peabody. Send the code name.  <b>PC</b> – Report any drinkers outside Gogi’s as people are getting abused.  <b>DS</b> – asked for a circulation list from the police.  <b>KJ- Moas</b> – Critical incident department. – asking Greenwich how they can help improve the area.          There is a meeting at Hawksmoor Youth Club.  <b>RW</b> – Need CCTV on the Moorings – Report to Peabody  <b>From the floor:</b> People want to feel safe and do not feel that Peabody is doing enough.  <b>PW</b> – Is asking for CCTV around the lakes – DS advised he approaches Peabody - DS advised that PW speak with Phill Askew. PW is very dissatisfied by Peabody’s response. <b>DW-</b> Foot patrol increased. Investigate the activity – No evidence of people accessing the Island. Investigation into the ecology of the area. If it is a criminal act – report to police and RSPCA. DW encouraged PW to continually report activity. PW feels that his complaints are falling on deaf ears.</p> <p><b>DW</b> explained the following responses to PW past complaints:</p> <p>Preventing/handling crimes against wildlife is a police issue, and this has been made clear on signage. My update 24<sup>th</sup> Jan included the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• It would not be feasible to install CCTV due to the size/scale of the lake.</li> <li>• We felt that foot patrols by the Police and increased foot patrols by wardens (which happened following the initial attacks) were a suitable alternative.</li> <li>• The reedbeds and islands were designed to create a safe haven for the birds.</li> <li>• We would investigate what is happening on the island – we installed cameras but found no evidence of people getting on to the island or animals accessing it</li> <li>• We would commission a report into the ecology in Thamesmead to show the impact of the changes we are making.</li> <li>• We would update residents on the progress we are making.</li> </ul>
4	Up-date on Parliament trip – OA	<p>Ward budget day trip for MNDF members – Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> Jan – We received a letter of thanks from the MP. Very educational and well organised. DS – Was struck by how hard and difficult it is to make changes as an MP. The MP for Erith and Thamesmead has to work very hard to bring about change.</p>
5	Up-date on next	<p><b>Community Foundation Grant</b> – hear on 23<sup>rd</sup> Jan- -still waiting.</p>

	funding round- OA	Project is about growing cooking and dental care. Start 1 <sup>st</sup> April for 7 sessions with 3 tutors. <b>MNF</b> received a certificate from the Youth Award 2022. <b>UA</b> – Said we will hear this week. OA -said the previous health project was a great success
6	Birchmere Changing Rooms	<b>SP</b> explained that the project began in October 2021 after Peabody received £10,000 from the Ward counsellor, Avriil Lekau, towards a feasibility study. A subgroup was formed who produced a community brief, based on community consultation. Architects were approached who drew up 3 proposed plans, after which the project was then presented to Peabody's senior management team in November of 2022. We are now awaiting the result of that presentation.
7	Designation as a Neighbourhood Forum – Summary of progress Next Steps	<b>DS-</b> To help us to have a voice and input into the planning of the area. We have 162 surveys responses. The data need to be analysed -DS suggested his son complies the survey – All agreed. The data will be presented at the next committee meeting. <b>DS</b> – says we need to show that we have made progress – this will result in the extension of our designation.
8	A.O.B	Any issues to be emailed to DS. Sue Burt had questions about bins in the park – <b>DW</b> to follow up.
9	Next Meeting	21st Feb TBC – Committee Meeting 28 <sup>th</sup> March – Public Forum meeting 25 <sup>th</sup> April - Public Forum Meeting