

## MOORINGS NEIGHBOURHOOD FORUM MINUTES

**Date: Tuesday 28 March 2023 | Venue: Held at the new Moorings Sociable Club**

**Present:** Deborah Frimpong (DF) (chair), Derek Sewell (DS) (Vice-Chair), Rachel Sewell (RS), Beatrice Anaman (BA), Keith Jones (KJ), Kate Batchelor (KB) (Peabody), Pat Robinson (PR), Sue Pollock (SP) (treasurer), Dave Rugg (DR), Con Lobo (CL), Claire Hallinan (CH), Ozge Ali (OA), Tracey Megson (TM), Chiamka Muoneke (CM), Mr Lawrence (TL) (head of Woolwich Poly Boys school), & Ms Williams (LS) (head of Woolwich Poly Girls), Mr Mo Ayyaz (MA) (coordinating the Greenwich Anti Knife Crime campaign), Michael Doran (MD).

**Apologies: None**

Area	Notes and Actions
Welcome	Formal self-introduction by all the attendees as well as Mr Mo Ayyaz (coordinating the Greenwich Anti Knife Crime campaign), Mr Lawrence (head of Woolwich Poly Boys school) and Ms Williams (head of Woolwich Poly Girls)
1) Matters arising	Steps are being taken by Peabody, for a Southmere forum starting up - watch this space.
2) Update from Woolwich Poly Boys/Girls. Followed by an opportunity to ask questions	<p>TL (Woolwich Polytechnic for Boys) and LW (Woolwich Polytechnic for Girls) were present to answer the concerns that were raised about the students' behaviour in the neighbourhood.</p> <p>TM apologised for the ill-behaviour of the boys in the area, explaining that the few spoil it on behalf of the many.</p> <p>It was noted that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•Senior staff have been patrolling nearby bus stops and the town centre before and after school. This has not been enough; apologies that some people do not feel safe going to the town centre.</li> <li>They appealed for extra eyes such as wardens and security after school. They urge that some commercial partners step up to provide such help.</li> <li>•There is a problem that there are not enough buses to take the pupils home. It can take up to 45 minutes to an hour to dismiss the students. So far, TFL has failed to take note of requests for them to review the buses in the area. While both schools have staggered openings, there is only a limit to what they can do.</li> <li>•Possibly in September 2024, they will have a large sixth form which will need even more staggered dismissal.</li> </ul> <p>Concern was raised about littering. The school responded that they have been raising awareness of this and there is some improvement. There was a brief discussion on the provision of more bins. Peabody has done what it can so far. KB urged the forum to collectively remind RBG, Peabody and Bexley to take responsibility for their areas. It was noted that the forum needs to bring people together to see who owns the land.</p> <p>TL explained that some ex-students have carried weapons so they are</p>

	<p>now unable to confront. They have been following this up with the police and using CCTV. We were urged not to approach if we see threatening behaviour and to contact the police.</p> <p>One resident spoke up concerning her front door being damaged. TL will investigate further. Details exchanged.</p> <p>RS raised concern over the roundabout by the girls' school. Parents are stopping and almost causing accidents. LW explained that they have tried to get RBG to help. LW suggested that RS lodge a complaint to RBG about this.</p> <p>Appreciation was given for the work that the teachers at the school do. TL and LW were thanked for their time.</p> <p><b>ACTION:</b></p> <p>KB will raise the issues with the relevant Peabody colleagues and report back.</p> <p>Forum has the power to make complaints to RBG as representatives of the area and is urged to write public letters.</p> <p>RBG is to be approached to provide help regarding poor roads and the lack of bins on their land.</p> <p>TFL is to be contacted regarding insufficient buses.</p>
<p>3) Introducing RBG Safer Spaces Team by Mo Ayyaz (He is coordinating the Anti Knife Crime campaign. But also gets involved in ASB and Domestic Violence within the Borough).</p>	<p>Mo Ayyaz (MA) spoke about Street Doctors. This is an evening to receive free EMERGENCY FIRST AID TRAINING so we can know what to do if someone is bleeding or knocked out. It will be on Tuesday 4 April 2023, between 5:30-7.30pm at Moorings Sociable Club.</p> <p>CH also spoke about Safer Spaces (<a href="https://www.saferpaces.co.uk/">https://www.saferpaces.co.uk/</a>) in RBG. They are helping out with the youth club, housing and safer communities.</p>
<p>4) New projects from the forum (Ozge/Sue/Deborah)</p>	<p>We have received funding from London Community Foundations for 3-hour workshops, including cooking, gardening and dental health. Starting from 1st April for 4 sessions.</p> <p>There was some confusion over public liability insurance meaning that an overpayment was made. MNF is now insured for public liability for up to 20 volunteers with no restriction on the age of people who take part.</p> <p>SP suggested that from the money from Peabody, some should be given to reimburse DF. A show of hands was taken and the forum agreed (by a majority). It was noted that we are learning from our mistakes.</p>
<p>5) Neighbourhood plan - Planning for our follow-up survey</p>	<p>DS explained that the Neighbourhood Plan is to hold developers accountable. It is to make sure developers know what our community needs. While it cannot stop building work, it can ensure that it will bring greater benefit to the community.</p> <p>KB suggested that MNF should visit the Deptford Forum to see how they wrote theirs. There was a brief discussion. It was agreed that we would investigate this again.</p>

	<p>A draft survey was shared and various tweaks were made.</p> <p>Action:</p> <p>DS to write up the survey on google forms and send it to RBG for advice.</p>
6) Developing a hybrid forum meeting?	<p>There is someone who would like hybrid meetings to take place. A discussion was had over what equipment would be needed and how the structure of the meeting could work. KB pointed out that hybrid meetings can work, in a smaller room where those online can only speak via the chat function. In conclusion, it was suggested that we try a hybrid meeting next time, with one person fielding the chat and the chair using the main mic, to sum up the discussion for each point.</p>
Any other agenda:	<p>It was suggested that KB liaise with KJ to discuss the concerns regarding the works that have been carried out on Southmere Lake.</p>
Date for next meeting	<p><b>Forum meeting with Annual General Meeting: 25<sup>th</sup> April at 6 pm.</b></p>