

MOORINGS NEIGHBOURHOOD FORUM MINUTES

Public meeting and AGM

Date: Tuesday 25 April 2023 | Venue: Held at the new Moorings Sociable Club

LAST TIME

Present: Deborah Frimpong (Chair), Derek Sewell (Vice-Chair), Rachel Sewell (taking the minutes), Claire Hallinan, Ray Woodage, Dave Rugg, Con Lobo, Sue Pollock, Pat Robinson, Oke Adieze, Dan Wells, Tracey Megson, Julius Ariko, Dan Wells, Uzma Ali.

Online - Patricia Reilly, Michelle

John Hogan, Beatrice Anaman, Keith Jones, PCSO Dennis Hobbs, Ozge Ali, Chiamka Muoneko

Apologies: Ozge Ali, John Hogan, Kate Batchelor, Keith Jones

Area	Notes and Actions
Welcome	We are trialling a hybrid-style meeting. Everyone introduced themselves.
Action	-
1) Matters arising	In the last minutes, it stated that there were 4 workshops. It should read that there were 7 workshops.
Action	Amend minutes to read '7' instead of '4'
2) Police report	No report had been sent prior to the meeting.
Action	
(3) ASB plan update	DW reported that the last meeting was in February. The action plan has been revised. A new date will be set in May to include the areas that have been highlighted. The Street Doctors event had to be cancelled - no further date has yet been released.
Action	Peabody to circulate a new action plan.
(4) Woolwich Poly Boys/Girls' next steps	Last month, we heard from both head teachers about some of the challenges they are facing. Peabody is meeting with both headteachers on 27 April to discuss the issues raised. They will provide notes following that meeting to the Forum DS urge the forum that If you have any personal issues you should talk directly to the school and mention your involvement in the Moorings Neighbourhood Forum. The problem is that there are not enough buses to take the pupils home. It can take 45 minutes to an hour to dismiss the students. It was suggested that we as a Forum write to TFL. We need to find out who to write to Our letter is to show the impact that the school dismissal currently has and that this is only going to get worse as the schools expand. Another problem from the past was also raised. It was again stressed that we

	<p>need to report any problems directly to Woolwich Poly and TFL as soon as possible. Include the date, approximate time, bus number/route number (yellow number) and any distinguishing features such as the colour of the lanyards.</p> <p>CH is Meeting the RBG team. She will raise concerns with them as they are involved in youth engagement.</p> <p>As a committee, we are to make a formal complaint to RBG regarding the dangerous parking around the schools and to call for enforcement. It is good to take photos of the problem to back up the complaint. When raising concerns it would be good to copy local councillors into any complaints or concerns.</p> <p>It was suggested that we put on the website steps to reporting ASB regarding children around Thamesmead/bus incidents.</p>
Action	<p>Peabody to provide the outcome of the meeting with Woolwich Poly. Write to TFL to voice concerns over not enough buses. Contact David Cooper in charge of the local bus routes for the best way to approach them. Ray has contact details. DS to make a formal complaint to RBG regarding dangerous parking around Woolwich Poly Girls' School including taking photos.</p>
(5) Tidy Central Thamesmead refresh	<p>DS reviewed some of the things we did in 2022 - such as fighting to clear two public highways and many fly tips. However, DS needs to step down from leading this - he does not have the time that such a post needs. It needs someone who can...</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Arrange events 2) Look after our pickers, etc when not in use 3) Check that the website is up to date. 4) Fight for action on disputed land. 5) Update website/social media and encourage others to stand with them. <p>Anyone willing to lead this and get more people involved please speak to DS. It would be good if it can be agreed in the next 2 months. DF thanked DS for the work he has done</p>
Action	<p>Anyone willing to take the lead in Tidy Central Thamesmead to speak with DS. Advertise the role at the coming Volunteer fair.</p>
(6) Update on the neighbourhood plan	<p>DS reported that we have the new survey: https://forms.gle/fsbaG22RfrXVxGgr8 The survey will be done online only. DS talked through the survey and suggestions were made to update it.</p> <p>RBG has said... 'You could also seek to ask questions about how people would like to see new development contribute to their area, for example through better design, improving pedestrian and cycle routes, more cycle parking, increasing biodiversity and access to nature, reducing flood risk through sustainable drainage, attracting new businesses, providing a variety of new homes. These are just some options. You could also ask people which of these areas are their top priorities, perhaps including a ranking system or naming the top three, so</p>

	<p>you can see what issues are most important to your community – this might help you focus on which areas you want to think about preparing policies for and which you don't.'</p> <p>TM is willing to help with getting the correct questions and wording and will work with DS to finalise the survey. When producing the survey we are to make sure it can be accessed via a QR code. Create a Poster that Peabody can have at MSC and various other venues.</p>
Action	DS and Tracey will communicate to discuss the survey
Date for next public meeting	Tuesday 27 June , Tuesday 25 July, 24 October, and 28 November.

AGM

Area	Notes and Actions
(1) Chair's report	<p>DF read the report MNF Chair's Report 25/04/2023</p> <p>Since the last AGM the MNF has participated in monthly meetings at the Sociable Club and continued work in Thamesmead Tidy and championing issues within the Moorings community area. Repairs to the lights and improved lighting have been introduced due to the persistent follow-ups and emails sent out by our Vice Chair, Derek Sewell with the support of committee member Keith Jones. Keith has been working with Kate Batchelor to bring in bins in the right places around the Moorings area. We have also continued to help develop open communications with the local school Head Teacher at Woolwich Poly Boys School as well as developing links with the Royal Borough of Greenwich. The weekly MNF Newsletter prepared and sent out by our Vice Chair helps us all keep updated with events happening in the community. We also continue to support other local groups when possible.</p> <p>In addition, several of our forum meetings have been attended by the police where members have had the opportunity to ask about issues facing the safety of the Moorings community as a whole. Sadly, this year we saw the loss of two young boys in the Moorings area.</p> <p>The reopening of Birchmere changing rooms has become a distinct possibility due to the hard work of the MNF sub-group, led by our treasurer, Sue Pollock, and supported by Keith Jones. This group has included various local representatives including Peabody, the Anglers' Club, and students from St. Margaret Clitherow. The potential of a refurbished venue is now in the hands of Peabody personnel, so let's watch this space.</p> <p>Through diligent research and commitment one of our MNF committee members, Ozge Ali, secured further funding for two projects. We had the opportunity for a trip to attend the Houses of Parliament invited by our local MP Ms Abena Opong-Asare. This turned out to be a great success, despite the weather.</p> <p>The second project established a Well-being Workshop. This project ran for a</p>

	<p>few weeks and took place covering the topics of gardening and cooking. The Workshop was well attended and it allowed for Sue to feature her gardening skills while Ozge explored more of her teaching healthy eating lifestyle meals.</p> <p>In addition, with the consolidation of the work of this group, we started preparing the latest MNF Survey with guidance from RBG. A deadline is yet to be set. We look forward to working towards a Neighbourhood Plan in the coming months. We have been fortunate to now have Public Liability Insurance so members can be confident in running or being involved with new projects.</p> <p>Finally, my huge thanks to Derek who supports me tremendously along with his wife Rachel, our Treasurer Sue and other members of the committee who continue to give their time voluntarily. Thank you to everyone for attending the meeting.</p>
Action	
(2) Treasurer's report	<p>See below for accounts Balance B/F from 01/04/22 £222.29 SP shared the funding received. Total funding received £6,422.29 Total expenditure £3,420.59 Year-end 31/3/23 £3,071.50 SP went through the monies spent- see below for full details. Ignore line 1 of page 4 - £222.29 should not be there. Questions /discussion on a few points, all included in the statement.</p> <p>The insurance we have also provides free training on a variety of subjects, for up to 20 volunteers. Please let SP know if you would like to be named. There was a discussion about funding and volunteers checking insurance. Patricia will directly discuss with SP to make sure we are covered correctly. Thanks were given to SP for producing the accounts.</p> <p>The London Community Funding was provided for by Peabody. Can we please add that it was from Peabody on the audit?</p>
Action	<p>Con to offer advice to SP for future presentations of financial audit Patricia to discuss with SP regarding insurance to make sure we are adequately covered.</p>
(3) Election of existing committee members	<p>All committee members were up for yearly election. People were up for re-election. We agreed a two-thirds majority must be received. Each candidate was unanimously re-elected. It was agreed to shred the used voting slips Our current committee is made up of... Deborah Frimpong (Chair) Sue Pollock (Treasurer) Derek Sewell (Vice-Chair) Tracey Megson Chiamaka Muoneke Claire Hallinan Beatrice Anaman Ray Woodage Keith Jones Ozge Ali</p>

	David Rugg Con Lobo
Action	Uzma to shred the voting slips
AOB	<p>Pat asked who is responsible for parking issues. Parking on the island at the end of Cole Close restricts access. DS will find out and let Pat know.</p> <p>SP asked if there was any update on Birchwere changing rooms. Uzma will chase up.</p> <p>SP explained that once current payments have been made, we will only have £260 left in the account. Could we ask people to donate? Another suggestion was to introduce a membership fee. Something to discuss at the next meeting. CH is happy to help with future funding she will discuss more with SP and OA, she knows of plenty of opportunities. PR has a training presentation for a fundraising strategy She is happy to share or deliver. Patricia to liaise with Sue, Claire and Ozge.</p> <p>DR asked about a furniture bank as we need a venue to be able to have a furniture bank. DW and RW to discuss this further.</p> <p>CH told us about Hawksmoor Youth Hub photo voice which is a way of getting women and children involved in the community. There is also a big art exhibition coming up, CH will let us know more details when they are available.</p> <p>Peabody is running training for volunteers as well as a volunteers' fair on Saturday 3 June. They will send details of all that is being done for volunteers including training.</p> <p>Talk of Thamesmead article needs to be to UA. before next week Friday. It would be good to try and get something in it about the survey.</p> <p>Details of the new cafe were given out. It will be opening on 28 April</p> <p>TM told us that libraries are offering SIM cards for people on universal credit. She will send the info to DS. DS to send details around</p> <p>DS shared: Greenwich+Dockland's International Festival will be bringing performances to the Moorings over the August bank holiday. The performance is called Ancient Futures and invites audiences to join a spectacular dance party combining circus, storytelling and sound system culture. This ritual celebration combines West African folklore, fantasy and science fiction to imagine inspiring and inclusive futures. Everyone welcome!</p> <p>To help with getting local people involved, GDIF has brought in Africa, who will be responsible for getting local people excited about and involved in Ancient Futures. Africa will be in touch over the next weeks with more information. It would be great if he could come and visit one of your upcoming forum meetings to tell you more about Ancient Futures. Africa will be joining our next meeting.</p>

	<p>It would be good to offer training for taking minutes. Thanks were given to RS for taking the minutes this evening.</p> <p>30 May next committee meeting (TM gave her apologies)</p>
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Moorings Neighbourhood Forum



Community survey - Developing a neighbourhood plan

The Moorings Neighbourhood Forum works to bring our local community together to improve lives. As part of this, we need to develop a neighbourhood plan. This is an important document, which, if approved, helps developers shape their plans to bring greater benefit to our community.

To help us understand the issues, we ask you to spend about 5 minutes of your time to answer the following questions. Part one will be the survey and part two will be about you.

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Not shared

The Moorings' area





1) Considering the building developments you have seen in Thamesmead (and in Plumstead and Woolwich).

What has made life easier as a resident as a result of these developments?

- Improved public transport links
- Improved and well designed buildings
- Increased provisions of schools
- Better security
- More green spaces
- Improved street lighting
- Provision for low income families
- Provision for children's play areas
- Improved local shops
- More parking
- Other: _____

What has made life harder as a result of these developments?

- No thought for public transport
- Lack of school places
- Lack of local doctors/health centres
- Reduced street light
- Lack of development of local pathways and street accessibility
- Local families/local individuals being pushed out of the area due to unaffordable housing
- Reduced safe places for children to play
- No investment in local shopping opportunities
- Lack of parking
- Neglect of borders and green spaces surrounding developments
- Other: _____

In light of this, what would be your top priority for new developments within the Moorings' area?

Your answer _____

2) As a Neighborhood Forum we are made up of local volunteers. What could you do to help make a difference in the area?

Your answer _____

3) Please tell us about yourself.

Name? *

Your answer

Your relationship to the Moorings

- Resident of the Moorings (see map above)
- Thamesmead resident (but outside of the Moorings)
- Other local resident
- Representing an organisation/local business, if so, please state
- Other:

Postcode (omit last two letters if desired)

Your answer

Gender?

- Male
- Female
- Prefer not to say

What is your ethnicity?

What is your ethnicity?

- White
- Black
- Black mixed
- Asian
- Asian (mixed)
- Other

What is your age?

- Under 17
- 18-25
- 26-45
- 46-65
- 66 plus

Would you like to be part of the Forum? (a public meeting 8 times a year with a regular email. Everyone with an interest in the Moorings area is welcome). Please give your email.

Your answer _____

Thank you for your time.

REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED

31 March 2023

Legal and Administrative Information

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

Operational address 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 future plans.

Source of funding

The Royal Borough of Greenwich – Ward Counsellor

Peabody

Ground work – Making space for Nature

London Community fund

FINANCIAL ACCOUNTS REPORT April 1st 2022 - to March 31st 2023

INCOME

Balance B/F from 1st April 2022 £222.29

Source of Funding

2nd August 2022 - Royal Borough of Greenwich (Ward Counsellor). £1,000.00

14th September 2022 - Peabody £200.00

1st November 2022 - Ground Works (MSFN) £2,000.00

7th March 2023 – London Community Fund £3,000.00

TOTAL FUNDING £6,200.00

EXPENDITURE

DATE ITEM AMOUNT BALANCE

1/4/22 £222.29

03/11/2022 MSFN Project: Health and Wellbeing

Project Facilitation sessions and project

Management £824.99 £2,561.80

3/11/2022 MSFN Project: Food, cooking and

gardening equipment. £347.14 £2,214.66

7/11/2022 MSFN Project: Gardening items

Facilitating gardening sessions £521.90 £1,692.76

28/11/2022 Food and refreshments for last

MNF year meeting £50.00 £1,642.76

13/12/2022 Waterways Children's Centre £35.00 £1,607.76

Hire of venue

22/6/22 Titmus Avenue Baptist church £35.50 £186.79

Hire of venue

6/1/2023 Parliamentary Trip Taxi & Gifts £250.00 £1,357.76

9/1/2023 Parliamentary lunch + taxi £250.00 £1,107.76

11/1/2023 Parliamentary trip gifts £100.00 £1,078.26

11/1/2023 Parliamentary Trip Lunch £200.70 £877.56

2/3/23 Printing of books and £350.00 £527.56

Photography (MSFN)

2/3/23 TSOHOST £67.00 £460.56

(WEB DOMAIN)

16/3/23 AMAZON Mkt place £102.76 £357.80

(Dental project)

20/3/23 WILKO £85.20 £272.60

(Garden Project)

21/3/23 Print 401 £50.00 £222.60

(Health and Well Being Flyers

and Key cutting for Birchmere Hub)

27/3/23 WILKO (Garden Project). £23.10 £199.50

28/3/23 Insurance cover for D. Frimpong £128.00 £3,071.50

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Notes – 21/2/2023 - £1.00 remaining in cash from key cutting. (cost £9.00)

Accounts Summary

Income: £6,200

Expenditure: £3,420.59

Amount in Bank at years end 31st March 2023: £3,071.50

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: 20TH April 2023
Treasurer of The Moorings Neighbourhood Forum

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