

MOORINGS NEIGHBOURHOOD FORUM MINUTES
Public meeting

Date: Tuesday 27 June 2023 6pm. | Venue: Held at the new Moorings Sociable Club

Present: Derek Sewell (Vice-Chair), Rachel Sewell (taking the minutes), Pat Robinson, Yvonne Sharp, Jack Gower (Peabody), John Hogan, Dave Rugg, Ray Woodage, Thomas Philbey (PTPcoaching), Tracey Megson Julius Ariko, Keith Jones, Con Lobo. Dan Wells (Peabody)
Online: Deborah Frimpong, Ozge Ali.

Apologies:

Area	Notes and Actions
Welcome	We are continuing to try a hybrid-style meeting. Everyone introduce themselves. 12 people in person and 2 online
Action	-
1) Matters arising	<p>Are any corrections from the minutes - these were sent out 2 months ago? No corrections.</p> <p>Update from the Schools...</p> <p>A meeting took place on 27th April. Kate G, Terry and Phil A were all in attendance, alongside the headteachers of both the boys' and girls' school. The issues discussed were: ASB in Town Centre, not helped by the large number of students (over 1,000) exiting both schools at the same time. Lack of buses, and buses getting caught in traffic, not helping the situation as large groups of students are hanging around the town centre waiting for a bus. There is still a lack of bins in the town centre, causing excessive rubbish. There is a lack of teachers to control situation.</p> <p>Outcomes:</p> <p>Kate G noted that staggered opening and closing times for both schools was a planning condition for the Girls School: School Heads to consider how this can be managed.</p> <p>Kate G raised bus issue with TfL. TfL have been in contact with the Deputy Head at the Girls School and are liaising with them.</p> <p>The schools requested that Peabody provide Wardens to patrol the area: Terry noted this probably wasn't possible due to capacity issues, but advised the Schools to contact RBG who may be able to assist.</p> <p>Kate G and Phil to liaise re: increasing number of bins in town centre.</p> <p>Kate G provided Heads of School with the contact details for Abena Oppong Asare MP, who could be useful for raising issues with RBG and TfL.</p> <p>Dan - Will find out when next meeting is due to take place.</p> <p>There was an incident at Poundland. They have been advised to build a case with the police and school and continue to report incidents.</p>
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2) Police report	PCSO Lee Lipscombe was not in attendance and no report had been sent prior

	to the meeting.
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(3) Update on ASB group	Keith- waiting for Gez to call another meeting on the ASB group. Peabody are trying to recruit a lead for the ASB team in the neighbourhood. Ward panel needs to be led by residents, police and businesses.
Action	Peabody to circulate a new action plan.
(4) Ancient Futures GDIF and Greenwich+Docklands International Festival - Thamesmead Mural	Appologies received from Africa after the meeting. He is planning to attend the next meeting in July.
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(5) Birchmere lake swimming	<p>Thomas Philbey from PTP Coaching (https://www.ptpcoaching.co.uk/team) and Jack Gower spoke and answered questions about the Birchmere lake swimming.</p> <p>It all started with kayaking in 2021 which led to a request for swimming in 2022. The team worked with PTP to trial what outdoor swimming could look like. After investigation the water was deemed safe, 2 days of activities were planned. 180 people came to swim. This lake has been predominantly a fishing lake and it was emphasised that swimming is not going to take over the lake. The current plan is to offer swimming during July and August, 3 mornings per week. They are open to the possibility of change and adapting. A survey will be collecting data throughout the summer which will feed into what will be done next. If this year works out well we will then put it out to tender for 3 or 4 years. Whilst also planning to establish swimming in the long term we want to maintain a good balance on the lake. We want to receive as much feedback as possible. We will also continue to liaise with the angling club as they hold a lease on the lake so that we don't clash on any events.</p> <p>People need to pay to swim in order to make it more sustainable to pay life guards and maintain safety checks.</p> <p>This is a family run company who want to run as cheaply as possible. There will be three life guards at any one point.</p> <p>A question was asked, could this lead to a triathlon in the area? Yes, we are happy to see if people are interested.</p> <p>How much will it cost? It will be more expensive than an indoor swimming pool. Target price £6.20, possibly lower price for local residents.</p> <p>There is a plan to recruit lifeguards from the local area. 20 teenagers have shown an interest and they plan to train them up.</p> <p>It will be advertised as a presence in the park, there will be posters and banners. These will have a QR code to scan to book, although you can turn up on the day.</p>

	<p>For each session, they will be putting up changing tents. If it is for a longer term they will invest in better facilities.</p> <p>It is important to remember that this is still a trial and feedback is important.</p>
Action	DS to send around the details for local people to apply to work on the day/s.
(6) Survey	<p>DS reported that the survey is on hold until we can be sure that everyone can help to collect the results.</p> <p>The survey is ready and is just waiting to be signed off by Greenwich council. The survey will be done online only.</p> <p>DS and Tracey will communicate to discuss the survey after we have been able to arrange a meeting with RBG</p> <p>DS needs to find a time to meet with RGB to make sure the survey is the right way forward.</p> <p>The purpose of MNF is to design a neighbourhood plan that planners must adhere to.</p> <p>Let DS know if you can help further with this.</p>
Action	DS and TM to meet with RBG
(6) Committee matters	<p>Claire Hallinan has needed to stand down from the committee. We want to say a public thank you for her labours. She has been instrumental working in the background giving advice where she is able to. She is willing to continue to liaise with us and support us.</p> <p>We have also widened who can be a committee member... (1) Live (2) Work (3) Volunteer within the Moorings. John Hogan will be attending as a visitor until our next AGM next year.</p> <p>John introduced himself: lives in Abbey Wood for 13 years. Volunteering- help older people, food banks, network gardening, active in the community in his spare time. He wants to be part of MNF and get more involved with the community as a whole.</p>
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(7) AOB	<p>Tidy Central Thamesmead - See Job description. Volunteers fair, well run, but people did not attend (Less than 10 visited the stall). We have a job description for anyone who would be interested. It can be as big as anyone who is up for it. Dan informed of an LGBTQ+ drop in on Wednesday 1-3pm at the nest.</p> <p>Pat reported that Peabody are now improving the parking problem in Cole Close.</p> <p>Street doctors came - well received. Questions were asked 'can the street doctors come again and do CPR workshop?' Yes... if someone is willing to pay for it and people are willing to attend.</p> <p>Keith - Earlier in the year we had a large crowd raising awareness of Southmere Lake and the swan problem. As a forum we have sought to help Paul. There was a nature walk with a good opportunity and explanation of why they have done what they have done. Thank you to Peabody for arranging the nature walk.</p> <p>Tracey- Launched family hubs on Saturday. Lots of people turned up. Every 4th Saturday at Waterways there will be family hub.</p> <p>David- when is the next BBQ? Ozge - 22 July not sure of location</p>

	<p>Shops in Thamesmead- Can we have an update on those that have been closing. Peabody will arrange for someone to come or to give an email update on the Town centre.</p> <p>Ray- met with Gez and Richard. There is no chance of charity shop or second hand furniture shop.</p> <p>Ray wants to do something for men's mental health. Looking into possibly doing a men's walk. Start it small and filter via word of mouth into the community. Several men have agreed to meet and walk together.</p> <p>Jules reported Hawksmoor Youth would like to see if they could be more involved.</p> <p>Thamesmead festival is on 12 August</p>
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Date for next public meeting	<p>Tuesday 25 July, 24 October, and 28 November. All held at the Moorings Sociable Club at 6pm.</p>