

MOORINGS NEIGHBOURHOOD FORUM MINUTES
Public meeting

Date: Monday 30 October 2023 6pm. | Venue: Held at the new Moorings Sociable Club

Present: Deborah Frimpong (Chair), Derek Sewell (Vice-Chair), Rachel Sewell, Pat Robinson, John Hogan, Dave Rugg, Ray Woodage, Con Lobo, Sue Pollock, Ozge Ali, Chiamaka Muonero, Dan Wells (Peabody), Amy Nolan (Greenwich waste services), Matthew Coates (Community Safety Officer, Peabody)

Apologies: Keith Jones, Olu Babatola, Beatrice Anaman, Tracey Megson

Area	Notes and Actions
Welcome	Introductions were given by all present.
Action	
1) Matters arising	No amendments to the minutes of the last meeting. Matters arising from the minutes – As Peabody have informed that each meeting should start with a fire evacuation notice. DS gave the notice of where the fire exits are in the building.
Action	
2) Greenwich Waste	<p>Amy Nolan (Greenwich waste) shared that they want to encourage more residents to think about waste and encourage recycling. She invited us to share our concerns regarding waste.</p> <p>The following were said:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • There has been an increase in fly tipping since the Greenwich Waste collects black bins every other week. However, it is a change that residents need to get used to. Bins that are not sorted correctly will be left. • Fly tipping has also increased since Bexley residents cannot take waste to the Greenwich Recycling Centre at Nathan Way. Is there any way that Bexley residents can use the Nathan Way recycling plant? Bexley residents need to visit their own local recycling centre or pay at Nathan Way to recycle their waste. Amy Nolan stated that recycling doesn't make money, it costs money to recycle waste and can therefore not take waste from non-Greenwich Borough, even if it is closer. • Fly tipping law is very difficult to enforce due to the inadequate supply and installation of surveillance equipment, there are more areas that still need surveillance. Residents would like to see more surveillance cameras, so that the crimes can be reported. • RW- pointed out that since the Thamesmead furniture recycling was closed; fly tipping has increased. He would like to meet with Greenwich to set up another furniture recycling shop. So that furniture can be repurposed/sold on, especially to low-income families. Amy would also like to work with Ray to be able to do that. They will meet with Peabody as well. The biggest problem is finding a property. • Some people find the different bins complicated. Could there be

	<p>workshops that can be done to educate people? Ozge to liaise with Amy to organise.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • It was raised that green bins are often not collected in Cole Close. • It was raised that over a 6-week period the black bins were not collected in Titmuss Avenue, this was due to the bank holidays and that collections fall on a Friday. Amy informed us that those who work on weekends are doing voluntary overtime, so if there are not enough volunteers it is hard for all bins to be collected. • It was also raised that when bins are left out overnight ready for collection wrong waste is being added to the bins and are then not collected. <p>Also, the bins are not returned to the property from where they were collected from; instead, they are being grouped together at various points in the road or round the corner.</p> <p>Amy was thanked for her time.</p>
Action	<p>Ray to contact Amy (Greenwich waste) and Peabody to arrange a meeting re: furniture recycling shop.</p> <p>Ozge to contact Amy regarding bin organisation workshop</p>
(3) Update on ASB	<p>Matthew (Peabody Community safety team) introduced himself. He is part of a team tackling low anti-social behaviour. They are working on a case-by-case basis to reduce disturbance.</p> <p>The following were highlighted:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • It would be useful to have CCTV at the Cole Close area as well as the Birch mere Park due to the frequency of Motorbikes plying these areas both day and night. • An issue with a neighbour was also raised and they were advised to discuss it directly with the Peabody Community Safety Team. <p>Ray, Keith, Gez and Dan have been a part of the ward panel in the past, how can Ray and Keith still be involved?</p> <p>It was also advised that anyone who experience any ASB should contact the Peabody hub on 0300 123 3456. They ONLY deal with Peabody residents. Contact police if you are not a Peabody resident or if you have any other ASB concerns.</p>
Action	
(4) Birchmere Lake changing rooms update	<p>Sue gave a report to say the that changing rooms ideas are on hold now, due to low funding.</p> <p>There are several checks that need to be carried out before work can start, include asbestos checks. Nothing can be done until we have funding.</p> <p>An article needs to be written in the bulletin to let people know what is happening.</p> <p>It has been agreed to dissolve the subgroup until the project is re-opened.. The project is handed back to Peabody.</p>
Action	
(5) Birch mere lake swimming	<p>Dan explained an email that was sent prior to the meeting: In summary – we did have a disappointing year for swimming in Birchmere Lake. <u>Important to note</u> that this was due to Blue Green Algae (BGA) being present – and no other</p>

	<p>operational or environmental reasons.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ●One single weekend of Outdoor Swimming took place in July before routine algal blooms tests flagged that blue green algae levels were rising above what is deemed safe for swimming. Approximately 20-30 swimmers across the weekend. ●<i>BGA occurs naturally in still or slow-moving waters such as lakes, canals and reservoirs. It's technically not an algae but many tiny bacteria that when grouped together form large clumps with the appearance of algae. When BGA grows excessively – or “blooms” it can sometimes produce toxins which can be harmful to animals or humans that come into contact with and ingest the water.</i> ●Testing continued throughout the Summer until the start of September – during this time only blue green algal blooms were present. All other routine tests showed throughout the summer that the water was “good” or “excellent” quality for bathing. ●We could have restarted advertising sessions in mid to late September but it was agreed to be too late in the season to be viable. Although swimming can take place all year round (and does in other local venues) it wouldn't be viable to start during Autumn. ●Looking forward – this summer hasn't caused any long-term concern for Birchmere Lake's suitability as a swimming venue. Blue Green algae was widespread nationally this summer due to temperature and weather conditions. There are lots of other factors that influence the bloom at a local level too, and some of these can be managed. ●Peabody will still be searching for a long-term delivery partner to continue this activity. Next month a tender exercise will begin for find an organisation with the skill and experience to operate the Boat House on Southmere Lake and Birchmere Outdoor Swimming will be included in the offer.
Action	
(6) Making Space for nature	Ozge reported that sessions will be run once a month at Waterways Children's centre. Derek and his son Simeon will create a photo book. These sessions are open to all residents.
Action	Ozge to email dates so that they can be put in the diary.
(7) Men's Walk	<p>Ray and a few others went for a walk. It was a good and therapeutic walk; they would like funding to make a flyer and set up other mental health and positive steps for people to talk one to one. He reported that 1 in 5 men think about Suicide; 5 in 15 take their lives/attempt to take their lives. As a result, setting up a forum or making initial steps, where people are given a chance to talk through their issues is very important.</p> <p>They would also like to start a walk exercise once a month known as Thamesmead Walkers which has been advertised on Facebook. Anyone can join in, when possible, for them to join.</p>
Action	Ray to outline what they are planning to do next and present it to Peabody as well as the required funding.
(8) Survey	<p>We have only had 13 responses.</p> <p>It is great to see different needs going out. Would be good to get a group to go</p>

	<p>out and to use phone or tablet on google forms. Would like to get at least 30 responses by next meeting.</p> <p>Ozge is happy to go and ask if there is a spare tablet /phone.</p> <p>Thanks to Derek for the emails that he does Send. People do read it.</p>
Action	DS to follow up the survey.
(9) AOB	<p>Dave- spoke about the empty garages - when are they going to be used again?</p> <p>Pat- pointed out the clean-up central Thamesmead campaign. Strip of wood a total mess. No one is willing to take ownership. Many little bits of land that no one is willing to take ownership of.</p> <p>Ray reported about Garages being broken into last week.</p> <p>Derek. Pointed out that we need to revise our Safeguarding policy, have a risk assessment and a first wider present at all meetings.</p> <p>Dan on Wednesday have an advice hub for community groups to find out more about different services. Will share invites. Can be shared with anyone.</p>
Date for next public meeting	Tuesday 28 November. All held at the Moorings Sociable Club at 6pm. Bring in some snacks for Christmas Celebrations.