

Minutes of the Moorings Neighborhoods Forum

Held on Monday, 28 July 2025 at 6pm at the Moorings Sociable Club

People present

Derek Sewell (Co-chair - Chairing), Deborah Frimpong (Co-Chair), Rachel Sewell, Rosa Guzzetta, Ozge Ali, Yvonne Sharp, Pat Robinson, Natalie Cottrell-Smith (Peabody), Tom Broad (Peabody), Beatrice Anaman, Chiamaka Muoneke, Dave Rugg, Keith Jones

Apologies:

Sue Pollock, Cllr Olu Babatola, Dan Wells

Welcome to Natalie and Tom from Peabody

1. Matters arising from the minutes

- a. the flooded underpass? No update but Natalie will check and get back to us.
- b. 'Round about black-out' - Lighting on the A-bridge - the issue is old infrastructure as well as an asbestos problem. The Bexley council is on this issue. Ideally the whole lot needs replacing as the fault still cannot be found. Awaiting reply from Larry.
- c. TFL survey open until Sunday 17 August DLR extension to Thamesmead
https://haveyoursay.tfl.gov.uk/dlr-extension-consultation-2?tool=survey_tool&tool_id=dlr-extension-consultation-2-survey
- d. Any updates on fly tipping hotspots?
Hotspots have been looked at and are waiting to see what the council will do. The plan is to install a camera or a sign warning of a fine.
Also, the council is looking into a joint agreement between Greenwich and Bexley so that residents from both boroughs can use Nathan Way tip.
- e. Dan is trying to encourage more people to use the pop-up cafe and door knocking will take place in September to make the cafe more widely Known. It was suggested that MNF join the door knocking to get themselves more known in the area as well. Is there anyone who would like to be involved? Maybe we could give Peabody some of our cards to advertise the MNF – further inquiry needed.

2. Fix-My-Street tutorial and discussion - We were shown how the fix my street website works and how to navigate our way round it.

- Natalie encouraged us to keep reporting problems and check back on the website to see if it has been dealt with.
- When you report a problem, you are given a reference number which you can use if you need to chase up an unresolved problem.
- When logging an issue please include as much detail as possible.

- It is better to log it on the Peabody site and then they will pass it on to Greenwich if it is not their responsibility.
- When the evenings start to get darker, Derek and Keith will do a walk around checking the lighting. Natalie explained that to fix lighting once the item is logged it is then passed to 'Purdy' Peabody's contractors who will investigate the issue and fix where funds allow. There was no explanation as why Peabody lights have been out for years despite regular reporting.
- To encourage more people to use fix my Street, MNF will include a link on their website and Natalie will write a short paragraph showing the benefits of logging issues.

Thanks were expressed for those issues that have been resolved.

3. **Website update and development (the website is now fully working - <https://www.mooringsnf.org.uk/>)**

- a. Derek showed a print out of the website, explaining that because we got a cheap deal there are additional costs to get basic certifications. The website is dated, but we need someone who has the time and the ability to keep it up to date. If anyone is able to look after the website talk to Derek. Deborah suggested we could advertise the need for someone to keep it up to date.

Derek will remove 'Updates' tab as it is out of date.

4. **Litter Picking**

It would be good to have a monthly clean-up, but we need someone to organise it. Ozge said she is planning to do litter picking with parents from Waterways. She will let us know of the dates so we can join too. Ozge has been encouraged to give us a date in September when we can go. We also need to get clarity on where we can dump the rubbish once finished.

5. **AOB**

- a. August 2nd, 2025- Thamesmead festival 12-7-30pm
- b. A water spectacle - Friday 5 September, 14:30PM-18:30PM, Birchmere Lake
- c. East Children Centre every Wednesday during holidays, you can pop in 3pm-4pm and get fresh fruit.
- d. The Community Garden by Hawksmoor School is becoming neglected as the person who helped establish it is no longer being paid to keep it up. The council expected the community to take over keeping the garden for free. However, it is a big task. Yvonne is trying to liaise with Greenwich to sort out someone to take charge, especially as it used to be a good community opportunity.

6. Next meetings

- a. 22 September, 2025 Forum (Police)
27 October, 2025 (Committee meeting)
- b. 24 November, 2025 (Police)