

Blackheath Joint Working Party

Minutes of Meeting

19th June 2018

Venue: Age Exchange Blackheath

Attendees

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| Cllr Kevin Bonavia (chair) | London Borough of Lewisham |
| Cllr Geoffrey Brighty | London Borough Greenwich |
| Cllr Aidan Smith | Royal Borough of Greenwich |
| Gemma Buttell | Glendale |
| Vince Buchanan | London Borough of Lewisham |
| Tony Butler | Friends of Greenwich Park |
| Shirley Broughton | Nature Conservation Group |
| David Walker | Blackheath Society |
| Lisa Lawrence | Royal Borough of Greenwich |
| Phillip Craig | Greenwich Society |
| Marilyn Little | Westcombe Society |
| Margaret Dinkeldein | Tidy Blackheath Group |
| Mike Norton | Westcombe Society |
| Liz Bryan | London Borough of Lewisham |

1. Apologies and introductions

Cllr Juliet Campbell (LBL), Cllr Ian Andrews (LBG), Cllr Mariam Lolavar (RBG), Cllr Amanda De Ryk (LBL), Cllr Mehboob Khan (LBG), Rachel Hook, Helen Reeves.

2. Minutes of the 26th March 2018 meeting

- (i) **Accuracy**
Vince Buchanan is from LBL not RBG
- (ii) **Matters arising**

Derelict Building West of Talbot Fields – Helen Reeves has sent an e-mail in her absence to explain the latest position. Cllr Bonavia read the mail and said that since attending the meeting with Cllr Brighty, the two necessary quotes had been received. The marketing appraisal can be carried out for £750, with the offer of a 50% rebate if a tenant is found. The technical appraisal would cost £3,410. Both of these would be necessary before any approach can be made to the Crown Estate. Cllr Bonavia said that there might be funds in the Onblackheath Community Fund to carry out the market appraisal if it could show a benefit to Lewisham Residents. Cllr Bonavia asked if the Greenwich Ward covering Blackheath had a fund. Cllr Smith said he did not know as yet what ward funds might be available. Tony Butler said he would ask whether the Greenwich Society could fund the Marketing Appraisal. Mike Norton said it could be joined together with other issues such as coach parking and traffic.

Note that Let's Dance has been cancelled

Lisa raised the Diversity Event request which arrived in recent weeks while Cllr Bonavia was out of the country and could not be considered in time resulting them finding another venue. Cllr Bonavia agreed this was disappointing for RBG and explained that events were usually cleared by the October meeting for the following year.

Onblackheath fund – Gemma had not realised she should contact Canon Cranfield regarding positioning the bollards Liz to send contact details on.

Actions:

- **Liz Bryan to ensure all the minutes are published on the LBL site.**
- **Cllr Khan/Brighty to liaise with Crown Estates to seek approval re derelict building Talbot Fields.**
- **Liz Bryan to send Canon Cranfield's contact details to Gemma.**
- **Lisa Lawrence to remind Rachel Hook to do the same for RBG.**
- **Gemma Buttell: to check the balance of the Community Fund.**
- **Tony Butler: to check whether the Greenwich Society could fund the Marketing appraisal.**

3. Event Planning update

- (i) **On Blackheath** – Gemma said Tom had planned to come to the meeting but had been unwell and not arrived. Cllr Bonavia said he was aware there had been discussions about this year's event and understood that they were using a different promoter and the event would be smaller and they were not using Hare and Billet Road or Whitfield Mount. Vince said that noise should be reduced. Sue said they had increase the ticket price at more than £200 for the weekend.
- (ii) **Greenwich & Bexley Community Hospice (GBCH) and St Christopher's Hospice (STCH)** – Gemma has made an on- site visit to discuss the facilities required on the Lewisham side. There are already a number of charity runs organised for next year. GBCH would need to complete a new approval questionnaire. Cllr Bonavia said he was happy for Gemma to continue to have discussions with STCH.
- (iii) **London Marathon** – Lisa has spoken to the organisers to see if the time on the field can be reduced.
- (iv) **Tinsel Town** – the pre-planning application has just been submitted. Gemma said that organisers could not attend today as they were dismantling an event in Dulwich Park. Gemma said they had links to the small funfair and had worked in Lewisham for more than 11 years. This event would include an ice ring and was aimed at families. The set up timing could be difficult as they would need 3.5 weeks before December- January. Tony asked for the location and Gemma said it would be in Royal Parade. Cllr Bonavia said it would not be on the grass. Gemma said they were looking to charge one price of £20. The bar would close at 9pm and food would be 8.30. Cllr Bonavia said there would be amplified music for a children's DJ area. Cllr Bonavia said they could be some duplication with the Blackheath Village day event and agreed to liaise with the event. Mike also mentioned a possible cross over with the carol service/procession event.

Mike asked what were the arrangements for food disposal? – Gemma to check. Cllr Bonavia said he was happy to approve the event in principle.

Actions:

- **Cllr Bonavia – to liaise with the Blackheath Village event regarding Tinsel Town.**
- **Gemma Buttell – to check what Tinsel Town’s food disposal arrangements are.**
- **Cllr Smith - to chase TFL for the redesign of the Quiet Way.**

4. Coach parking

Cllr Bonavia asked if there was an update. Cllr Smith said that at the main top gate there had been a number of accidents. RBG wanted to remodel the road to a Quiet Way through TFL funding. The Department of Transport has rejected the design. TFL have contacted Len Duvall at the London Assembly and are resubmitting a new design that will still prioritise cyclist and pedestrians. Cllr Smith agreed to press for the new design. Tony asked that the BJWP see the design when it is submitted.

Sue asked why the coaches were allowed to run their engines for so long and Cllr Bonavia said it was difficult to enforce.

5. Signage Duke Humphrey Road cycling signage

Cllr Bonavia said he was expecting the signage to be out up in the next couple of weeks.

6. Duke Humphrey Road Update

Vince fed back that there was still a delay between Sustran and the Early of Dartmouth’s Office.

Action:

- **Vince Buchanan to clarify and let Cllr Bonavia know if it has moved forward.**
- **Cllr Bonavia to contact Kevin Sheehan if there is no progress.**

7. Amendment to the Greenwich Park Regulations

Tony said that the result of the consultation would not be known until a meeting on the 27th June. It was primary legislation and would come to parliament later in the year.

8. Dates of future meetings

Agreed Tuesday’s were the best dates. Provisional dates have been booked for:

Tuesday September 18th 7-8.30 pm

Tuesday October 16th event planning 7-8.30 pm

Tuesday January 16th 7-8.30 pm

Tuesday March 19th public meeting 6.30-8.30 pm

Tuesday April 30th 7-8.30pm

Cllr Smith said he may not be able to attend some of these dates.

Action:

- **Liz to resend dates to Councillors to check availability.**

9. AOB

(i) Margaret had the following:-

- Congratulated L.B. Lewisham for general events litter clearance but raise concern that day to day clearance was not always done prior to mowing.
- there were a number of missing posts on the Lewisham side of the heath
- Would bunds at the east of Prince Charles roundabout on the Lewisham side be easier to manage rather than posts?

(ii) Sue confirmed there were bats around Holly Hedge House and there were lilies in the Hare and Billet Pond.

(iii) Shirley said that the litter bins fill easily and could they be changed to ones that had a wired surround. Vince explained that they are at risk of being stolen.

(iv) Shirley referred to the ducks that had been killed on South Row and a general concern about crossing at this point stating traffic calming may be a good idea. Cllr Bonavia agreed to raise it with Simon Moss

(v) David raised AOB on behalf of Helen Reeves:-

- Old stone from St Michaels Church requires replacement bollards – can we increase the grant from £1000 to £1500? – Cllr Bonavia said yes if there were still sufficient funds. Gemma to check what funding was left in the Onblackheath Community fund.
- Roundabout planting on the A2 – Vince to check if this is TFL. Vince said that seasonal planting was not sustainable and would need to be perennials
- Hare and Billet tree replacement – could be funded from the Onblackheath Fund in the autumn.

Actions

Vince Buchanan:

- **to raise litter clearance with the contract manager**
- **to send Liz Bryan the Service Standards for Glendale's**
- **add Blackheath to the litter enforcement team**
- **Check if the roundabout on the A2 is the responsibility of TFL**

Gemma Buttell:

- **Check how much was left in the Onblackheath Community Fund**

Cllr Bonavia:

- **to raise South Row traffic calming with Simon Moss.**