

**Blackheath Joint Working Party (BJWP) Meeting Minutes**  
**26<sup>th</sup> March 2018**  
**Venue: Age Exchange, Blackheath**

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**Attendees**

Cllr Kevin Bonavia (chair)	London Borough of Lewisham
Tony Butler	Friends of Greenwich Park
Janine Whitaker	Royal Borough of Greenwich
Sue Corlett	Hare & Billet Action Group
Philip Craig	Greenwich Society
Shirley Broughton	Nature Conservation Group
Mike Norton	Westcombe Society
Helen Reeves	Blackheath Society
John Thompson	London Borough of Lewisham
Chris Devine	Royal Borough of Greenwich
Vince Buchannan	Royal Borough of Greenwich
Racheal Hook	Royal Borough of Greenwich
James Bravin (mins)	London Borough of Lewisham

**1. Apologies and introduction**

Cllr Kevin Bonavia thanked Steve from Age Exchange for coming out especially to open the meeting room for the BJWP. Apologies were received from Amanda de Ryk, Mehboob Khan, Ian Andrews, Lisa Lawrence, and Gemma Buttel.

**2. Minutes of the 16<sup>th</sup> January 2018 meeting**

- (i) **Accuracy:** No issues relating to accuracy were raised
- (ii) **Matters arising**

Cllr Bonavia noted that a discussion item about the scheduling of BJWP meetings had been added to the agenda for the 19<sup>th</sup> June meeting.

One member of the BJWP said that the minutes of the BJWP were still not all online. Cllr Bonavia said that he would contact Liz Bryan to ensure that they were all put online.

**Actions:**

- **Liz Bryan** - to ensure that BJWP minutes are up-to-date on Lewisham website
- **Royal Borough of Greenwich officers** - to ensure that they are Greenwich website.

Vince Buchannan ESAG and noted that there had been some slight changes to the Let's Dance event specifically around the serving of alcohol at the event. Cllr Bonavia noted that if changes had been made to the original plan then, this should formally be brought to the attention of the BJWP and should therefore come back to the June meeting.

**Action:**

- **Vince Buchanan** - to find out what the change in relation to the provision of alcohol was at the “Let’s Dance” event. This information is to be circulated to the BJWP membership, or presented at the June meeting.

### 3. Minutes of the public meeting

- (i) **Accuracy:** No issues relating to accuracy were raised.
- (ii) **Matters arising**

The event planner which included events from both London Borough of Lewisham and Royal Borough of Greenwich had yet to be circulated.

#### Action:

- **Gemma Buttell** - to add Royal Borough of Greenwich events to the events planner and re-circulate to BJWP members.

### 4. Events Planning Update

#### (i) **Pre-application for Christmas Market**

Cllr Bonavia wanted to make sure that the Tinsel Town event was on the agenda for the 19<sup>th</sup> June meeting, and that they send a pre-application form to ensure that the proper process is followed.

#### Action:

- **Cllr Bonavia, and Dame Helen Reeves** - to get in touch with “Tinsel Town” organisers to ensure that they submit a pre-questionnaire to the BJWP.

#### (ii) **Greenwich & Bexley Community Hospice (GBCH) and St Christopher’s Hospice (STCH) Charity fund-raising event**

Cllr Bonavia introduced the item, by saying that although it was outside of the normal timeframe for event applications, as the events calendar was less busy than recent years he felt that it would be ok to allow Greenwich & Bexley Community Hospice (GBCH) and St Christopher’s Hospice to put in an application. Cllr Bonavia explained a little bit about the background of Blackheath Joint Working Party and handed over to Megan Boyle and Georgie from the two hospices to introduce their event.

Megan Boyle ran through the event highlighting the following points:

- She thanked the BJWP for allowing them to put in an application outside of the normal time.
- The event is a 10km leisurely sponsored walk for a maximum of 3000 people starting on Circus Field, Royal Greenwich Borough. Participants will walk through Greenwich Park, through the Old Royal Naval College, around the Cutty Sark, along the Thames pathway up to Deptford, before coming back up Crooms Hill, crossing the A2 north to south, and around the perimeter of the heath, past All Saints Church, finishing on the heath south of the A2 in the Lewisham Borough.
- It is the first time that the two hospices would be working together on a joint charity event. The events teams were vastly experienced in similar events so would be able to deliver the event.

- Only a third of the hospices money comes from government funding so their fundraising work is significant to both hospices.

Megan Boyle asked the BJWP if they had any questions. The following points were discussed:

- One BJWP member asked whether or not the route would cross a road. Megan Boyle said that there is currently one crossing planned but would be happy for input from the BJWP on the proposed route if they thought there was a better route.
- Cllr Bonavia asked whether they had considered noise levels, and whether there would be a PA, music etc.
- One member asked where they would be serving alcohol. Megan Boyle said that there would be some celebratory drinks served at the finish line.

The BJWP agreed the event in principle subject to certain conditions and the agreement of an appropriate route.

**Actions:**

- **Gemma Buttell** – To arrange a walkthrough of a proposed route with representatives from both hospices and circulate dates to BJWP.
- **Megan Boyle** – To confirm of the event with the BJWP and events planners at both boroughs.

**(iii) London Marathon**

Cllr Bonavia provided the dates for the London Marathon:

- **12<sup>th</sup> April - Set up**
- **22<sup>nd</sup> April - Marathon Day**
- **24<sup>th</sup> April – Set down**

One member of the BJWP said that she felt the setup period for the marathon was too long and that it should be reduced.

**Action:**

- **Racheal Hook** – To look into the time it takes to set up the event to see if this can be reduced.

**(iv) Action Challenge Bike ride**

Vince Buchannan noted that the event would be using the area around the Clarendon as a setup location. Cllr Bonavia added that the bike racks would be set up at 8am and would be off-site by 11am.

Cllr Bonavia added that OnBlackheath had been to ESAG and a few relevant points regarding their application and how it might be different this year.

- Smaller footprint
- No full road closure
- Potential comedy event on Friday evening in addition to the festival days

**Action:**

- **BJWP** – invite OnBlackheath to the 19<sup>th</sup> June meeting to discuss the details of the changes to this year's Blackheath event.

**5. OnBlackheath Community fund**

Cllr Bonavia noted that the OnBlackheath Community fund proposals had been discussed at the latest BJWP meeting. The following points were discussed:

- The location of the installation of bollards around the church and Duke Humphrey road needed to be decided.

**Action:**

- **Gemma Buttell to contact Canon Cranfield to discuss the location of the bollards**

A representative from the Westcombe society said that Royal Borough of Greenwich were handing out poppy seeds and these could be used to populate the bunds around the heath.

**Action:**

- **Glendales to contact Greenwich to see if they could use the poppy seeds on the bunds.**

## **6. Derelict building west of Talbot Fields**

There is a derelict building to the west of Talbot Fields, the land is owned by the Royal Parks Crown Estate. It has been derelict for 10 years but it can't be demolished or put to use unless it's approved by the Crown Estate. For anything to change there needs to be a feasibility study and a market appraisal which can cost £10,000 – £20,000. It was unclear what the best course of action was, but Cllr Mehboob Khan agreed to contact the Crown Estate and RBG procurement team to discuss next steps.

**Actions:**

- **Dame Helen Reeves** – send details to Cllr Mehboob Khan.
- **Cllr Mehboob Khan** – to set up meeting with RBG Procurement and Crown Estate to discuss next steps.

## **7. Coach Parking Area**

Cllr Bonavia explained that he needed to see the video footage before addressing this issue and that this should be addressed at the next meeting

**Actions:**

- **Liz Bryan** – add Coach Parking Area to agenda of next meeting.

## **8. Royal Parks Regulations Consultation**

Cllr Bonavia noted that the Royal Parks were consulting on suggested amendments to their Parks Regulations and wanted to discuss if the BJWP should submit a response. The following points were discussed:

- The Westcombe society have noted several issues with the amendments and were going to put a response in themselves.
- One member agreed with some of the points that the Westcombe society were raising in particular around the removal of the ability to make parking payments in cash.
- It was noted that the various amenity societies would be commenting on the consultation, but the BJWP would not be doing a co-ordinated response.

## **9. A.O.B**

Vince Buchannan noted that Lewisham has tied for first place in the Good Parks report that is produced by Parks for London. Lambeth and Southwark came joint top with Lewisham.

**Date of next meeting:**

**19<sup>th</sup> June**

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