



**FORUM COMMITTEE MEETING
23-01-23
MINUTES
ZOOM CONFERENCE**

Presents: Geoff Biggs, Sadia Moh, Lina Alchami, Jason Swerling, Keith Cookson, Diana Hare, Cllr David Boothroyd,

1. Opening - Welcome to new attendees

2. Apologies for absence

Cllr Angela Piddock & Cllr Adam Hug

3. Minutes and matters arising

Minutes agreed as being accurate.

4. Working Groups Updates

1. Green Westbourne working group

Update – PP presentation:

Successful community activities have taken place in Westbourne Ward: -

- a) Green Westbourne – 25 children from the Westbourne Park Family Centre visited the allotment with planting activities as well as litter picking. The local community still engaged in the gardening.
- b) Gardening day to landscape the green outdoor at Grand Junction organised by The Time & Talents – Flowers planting.
- c) Westbourne Worm Composting Workshop delivered by Vivi Wallenius.
- d) Green Westbourne project – Swap and Mending Workshops has also been very successful funded for 10 months. It has now come to an end, but Nta has continued to provide the community with her service at WECH and she is looking for further funding to continue to provide her project to the Westbourne Ward Community.
Suggestion: Westbourne Forum will look into this funding in the near future and propose to meet with Nta to discuss her plan.
- e) Art and Heritage project workshop at Stowe Centre – learn about the canal, the green place and share the story of living in the Westbourne area and creating artwork. Following the completion of the sessions, the group will head to visit the Canal Museum.

Note: The garden allotment has been extended to a further year to be used while waiting from WCC to deliberate if it will be used for social housing development in the near future which could be their priority. If so, to find out about other alternatives to continue with the community gardening.

Proposal to meet with KC to explore further options and ideas into developing the Green Westbourne aspirations and the opportunity for to involve young people.

Proposed idea to open the allotment garden for an extra day and to be led run residents.

2. Events working group

- 11 March International Festival
- Elections – Recruiting/Process
- The group has been planning towards the goals of the international festival on the 11th of March 2023 and the elections which will take place at the event.
- Happy Lizzy has been contracted to help the Forum to deliver these two elements of the project.

- Flyer has been designed with a QR code to get to the application form. 500 copies have been printed.
- Flyers have been emailed to all committee members to distribute to their own channels.
- SM to distribute on the housing notice boards
- Use any channels that we can to get people interested in as standing for elections.
- Use of WhatsApp groups
- People that we may know
- People attending Baptist Church's activities
- Deadline of application submission has now been extended to 20th of February instead of 11th February.
- There will be forms that will need to be filled out by the festival attendees to enable us to have a good number of people voting.
- People who are standing to be elected will be invited to come to the Baptist Church for Happy Lizzy to carry out a video with short questionnaire. The video will be played at the festival prior to voting.
- Need to recruit volunteers to clean up after the festival event and to serve the food.

So far one person has been interested in applying – application collected
Westminster Academy – interest amongst six forms students – application emailed.

Suggestion: to have one A4 flyer with sufficient information and QR code and contact number to distribute on Notice Boards and local estates.

AGREED: GB will contact Lizzy to get a simplified version for an A4 flyer
Local Councillor to help advertise the recruitment flyer through Newsletter

3. Planning working group

Update

At the last Committee meeting, it was suggested to put on hold the Neighbourhood Plan and to think about whether there were any sort of community projects to consider. No meeting was set up to discuss further.

KC suggested to meet with LA and SM to talk about Westbourne Green and possible small scale greening projects particularly about the allotment and its use. Other ideas to integrate some community input in a creative way.

Proposal to wait after the International Food Festival and the Elections to meet and discuss all options and try to find out who else could to be involved and be part of that group.

4. Community Voices working group

Workshop Update

The focus of the event is to bring awareness on gang and knife crime to the community and it will be held at the Baptist Church on the 8th of February from 9.30 am – 12.30 pm. Some partners have been invited as speakers (Family Lives, Community Champions, Future Men, Westbourne Park Family Centre, Westminster Council Gang Unit, Salam Project). Meetings have been held to discuss the way forward in planning and distributing flyers to the community. Karen Buck MP and local councillors have already been invited. Funding from Young Westminster Foundation has been sought for small activities supporting this agenda.

Action: to send the flyers to Jason to display on the Westbourne Forum Website.

5. **Community Development Worker**

Update

Activities and Forum Promotion

- Westbourne Forum Community Awareness through an invitation from Suite Project Workshop held at the Stowe Centre
- Women Cycling Group through Cycle Confident Westminster re-starting on 9th of February
- Guided Tour – House of Parliament sponsored by Karen Buck MP on the 8th of March for residents of Church Street and Westbourne wards residents.
- Walk to the Leg of Mutton Reservoir organised by Hammersmith Gardens Association – 03-02-

- Vivi Project – session about eco-friendly beauty and cleaning products – to be organised with community champion Leader
- Project with Moya from Urban Wise to discuss also in the near future

Website/Communication

- To keep sending local activities flyers to Jason to display on the website.
- Update on the elections to be displayed on the website

6. Finance Update

Account

World Food Festival expenditure: £5,500 less than last year (£6,200)

Happy Lizzy, contractor, will be paid an extra amount as she will be involved in organising the elections at this coming World Food Festival Event.

Moved the £1000 allocated to communication to the Elections

The Cost for the year 22,000 (£9,971 funding from the Westbourne Ward councillors

They have been kind to contribute to the Westbourne World Festival o £1,499.

£9,000 from Award for All for this financial year

New funding application has been submitted but if granted it will contribute for the next financial year to help pay for the Summer Festival in June.

Running at a slightly minus cash balance but we did have a cash flow in our bank account and at the moment there is Elections will cost £1,200

The World International Food Festival £5,500

Total cost £6,700

7. AOB

Existent committee members have been encouraged to re-apply by filling in the form.

KC will remain as co-opted person.

The next two weeks will be focussed on recruiting residents.

8. Date of next meeting: 20th March 2023

Suggestion: to start meetings at 6.00 pm rather than 6.30 pm