

# MINUTES OF COMMITTEE MEETING OF THE FRIENDS OF BROCKWELL PARK, JANUARY 15<sup>th</sup> 2018, NORWOOD LODGE, 7.00PM

**Members present:** Peter Bradley (PB), Chair; Adam Steinhouse (AS), Vice-Chair; Dean Littler (DL), Treasurer; Antonia Gross (AG), Membership Secretary; Laura Morland, (LM), Parks Liaison; Michael Boyle (MB), Newsletter; Alice, Playle (AP); Edward Lavender (EL).

**Apologies:** Noshir Patel NP), Secretary.

**Minutes of November 10<sup>th</sup> 2017:** approved and signed off by PB

**Minutes of December 4<sup>th</sup> 2017:** approved and signed off by PB. Committee thanks expressed to EL for speedy production of these Minutes, which documented FoBP position on the proposed forthcoming 2018 Brockwell Park Events.

## **Matters arising:**

1. from November 10<sup>th</sup> Meeting: EL will be responsible for correcting *Draft Minutes* and for forwarding them to Madeleine Boomgaarden for posting on a website archive.
2. The FoBP Winter Fayre in Brockwell Hall was a success, yielding £400.00. This was due largely to the excellent social media advertising by Madeleine Boomgaarden, and the preparatory organization by NP. The Committee expressed thanks to both.
3. The FoBP Calendar for 2018 was further discussed. Car Boot dates were fixed, on the assumption that the Lido is in agreement with them.
4. Bid for Lambeth to be the London Borough of Culture 2018: PB sent letter of support to the Mayor of London.
5. Follow-up of donation to the RSPB, and acquisition of bird boxes: **Action:** AG will execute.

## **Fixed Business:**

1. The January 18<sup>th</sup> meeting to be held in the Baptist Church on Half Moon Lane: a public meeting organized by the Herne Hill Forum to discuss the proposed Lovebox & Field Day Events in Brockwell Park this Summer on June 1<sup>st</sup>-3<sup>rd</sup> & July 13<sup>th</sup>-15<sup>th</sup> respectively.
  - a. Lovebox has circulated a leaflet in advance which implies the support of FoBP, which is erroneous. **Action:** PB to release a letter refuting this claim.
  - b. It is expected that Sonia Winifred, the Lambeth Council Cabinet member responsible for Equalities & Culture; and Lee Fiorentino, Senior Events Director & Producer will both attend; also Lambeth Councillors from several wards.
  - c. AS presented a circular which Sonia Winifred has sent round . It requests comments on the proposed Events to be sent to the Lambeth Council communications e-mail address. **Action:** Committee Members agreed all to submit comments.
  - d. Sonia Winifred has already announced that she will not make the decision on the Events alone. This decision in to be made the week of January 29<sup>th</sup>.
  - e. Questions for the panel at the meeting are requested in advance. FoBP agreed to submit 2 questions: 1. Who is going to make the final decision 2. What right did Lovebox have to imply that their Event has the approval of FoBP. **Action:** PB will forward these advance questions to Herne Hill Forum

**f.** EL suggested that Alice Salisbury (ASa) make a large laminated poster for display at the meeting, requesting interested parties to sign up to her Brockwell Tranquillity website. **Action:** MB will follow up this idea with ASa.

**g.** ASa is already preparing 1000 leaflets for local distribution. **Action:** MB will liaise with her in order to organize this. Several member of FoBP Committee volunteered to help in the distribution.

### **Reports:**

Chair: PB released reports and background information on the SUNFALL Events in 2016 & 2017. He listed the adverse fall-out inside and outside Brockwell Park; and the negative feedback received from the community on the Events.

In the same documents he also denounced the implication by Lovebox that FoBP is in favour of their Event this year. **Action:** PB has already made a press release to this effect.

Vice-Chair: AS asked if there has been any further news about the Go-Ape application for an installation in Brockwell Park. PB said that there is none.

Secretary: no submission.

DL: follow-up of the Parks Management Team meeting on Dec 20<sup>th</sup> 2017:-

- a. The Cressingham Estate redevelopment plans were discussed. They are going to be sensitive to Brockwell Park landscape.
- b. Kevin Crook, Head of Service, Lambeth Council, observed that there is a lack of volunteers in the Parks. There was discussion on how to get more, especially as a significant volunteer force is a requirement for a Park 'Green Flag' award.
- c. The Brockwell Park management team reported that there have been no complaints since Park management has been brought back in-house.
- d. The proposed Events for 2018 were discussed, and antagonism to them was voiced, including by Kevin Crook. There was also a complaint about the lack of public consultation on the Events, a part of the Event assessment proformas.
- e. The Walled Garden Pagodas are to be painted.
- f. FoBP members expressed confusion over the composition and status of the new Brockwell Park Governing Body. **Action:** PB to write to Ann Kingsbury, Chair of BPCP for clarification.

### Treasurer's Report:

\*the 2 accounts contain: £26,141.33; & £12986.75 (this one unchanged).

\*The backlog on Gift Aid claims now eliminated: 2015-2016 yielded £831.14; 2016-2017 yielded £344.00. The sharp drop-off has been due to the cessation of the Park bench scheme.

\*BPCP has received £250.00 refund on the FoBP contribution to the Norwood Road railings repainting. BPCP requests that FoBP contribute that sum to the proposed Model Railway shed. The Committee voted this through, as having been agreed previously.

### Park Liaison:

\*There are still some trees available for allocation.

\* The Bird statue for the Walled Garden. No progress on its installation- no quote yet.

**Action:** LM has resent our request for a new installation quote to Mike Penney (Brockwell Park Manager) who will contact Clarence Riley (previous park manager) for advice.

**AOB:**

1. AP suggested a 'Whatsapp' group to ease internal communication between members of FoBP.
2. AP noted that a notice is needed to list what is and what is not allowed in the Walled Garden. **Action:** AP and LM will produce one.

Meeting adjourned 8.50pm.

Next Meeting: 7.0pm, Norwood Lodge, February 19<sup>th</sup> 2018