

## MINUTES OF COMMITTEE MEETING OF THE FRIENDS OF BROCKWELL PARK, March 19th 2018, NORWOOD LODGE, 7.00PM

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

**Reference to:** Keith Fitchett (KF) Web Membership & Payments Manager; Madeleine Boomgaarden (MaB) Website content and Social Media presence: Gal Sapir (GS), Website architect. Alice Salisbury (ASa), literature formatting, montage & printing; originator & manager of Brockwell Park Tranquillity website; Rose Montgomery (RM), Newsletter reporter. Suzy Hogarth (SH), Brockwell Park Community Partners & Biodiversity Group. Mike Penney, (MP), Brockwell Park Manager; Ajay Jochi (AJ), Lambeth Parks Tree Officer.

**Observer:** Ania Tomaszewski-Nelson.

**Minutes of February 21<sup>st</sup> 2018:** amendments having been made, approved and signed off by PB.

Matters arising:

1. The policy, previously approved, of identifying 5 important points from the previous month's Minutes for MaB to highlight on the website to be implemented. **Action:** EL to identify such, submit them to the Committee for approval or otherwise, then, upon agreement, post them to MaB.

### **Fixed Business:**

1. Funding for hedge-laying: due to bad weather during the recent hedge-laying and repair process, it was not completed. More money is needed for an extra day's work. SH estimates that £420.00 is needed and requests that FoBP pay half. **Actions:** This was agreed. LM will take photos of the first 3 days' work, and send to MaB for posting on the website. She will give MaB the time and date for the next session, on March 27<sup>th</sup>, to inform volunteers.
2. The Licencing Committee hearing on April 4<sup>th</sup>, for the 'Field Day & Mighty Hoopla' Event to be held in Brockwell Park in June 2018.. **Actions:** MB will speak for FoBP; DL will speak as an individual.
3. The invitation from the Event organizers to meet objecting parties, at a time of their choosing: **Action:** LM, DL & MB will attend, either on March 28<sup>th</sup> or 29<sup>th</sup> am. This will be after the BPCP open meeting on March 25<sup>th</sup> which the organizers will attend, and at which FoBP will speak.

*On each of these three occasions, identified in 2. & 3. Above, FoBP will state its 'red lines':*

- *Sound limit of 65dB*
- *Opening time noon; closing time 8pm*
- *Limit of 10,000 attendees*
- *Not to be open on the Friday.*

*Even if FoBP is not able to influence the staging of the Event beforehand, FoBP feels that*

*by reiterating these red lines the message will have greater impact in retrospect, when the anticipated adverse outcomes of the Event are seen,*

4. Reaction to the April 4<sup>th</sup> Licencing Committee decision: FoBP needs to make an instant reaction to that decision, whichever way it goes. **Action:** PB will prepare appropriate responses for press release in advance.
5. Tree protection during the Field Day Event: This has not been covered by either the Event organizers or Lambeth Parks so far. **Action:** LM will speak to MP & to AJ about tree protection, especially the donated ones.
6. Brockwell Park Community Partners Open Meeting March 25<sup>th</sup>: **Action:** AS, MB, EL to attend and present FoBP 'red lines'.
7. The FoBP 'Away Day' on March 4<sup>th</sup>: **Action:** PB to circulate the Minutes to Committee Members for comment.
8. The next Car Boot Sale on April 8<sup>th</sup>: due to the absence of many Committee Members, there will be no tea/cake table. **Action:** LM to inform volunteers. AP will put up the notices for the event.
9. The next FoBP Committee Meeting confirmed for April 16<sup>th</sup>.

### **Reports:**

Chair: nil additional

Vice-Chair: a strategy needed for eliciting statements from the 4 main political parties (Labour, Conservative, Liberal Democrat, Green Party) on the Field Day Event and Parks policy. **Action:** RM to write to them.

Secretary: nil

Treasurer:

1. Accounts:- 1<sup>st</sup> £26,634.00; includes the latest donated tree money. 2<sup>nd</sup> £12,986.00. Paypal £317, due for transfer to No. 1 AC.

2. The projected 2018 budget, agreed on the 'Away Day', confirmed in full Committee. Parks Liaison:

a). 2 donor trees outstanding; **Action:** this can be mentioned in the next Newsletter, and can be a highlight item for MaB to post on the website.

b). The sculpture for the Walled Garden: still no movement on its installation (after 4 years). **Action:** LM will speak to MP again.

c). There is a backlog of older donated trees, planted within the last 3 years, dating from before the latest £350.00/tree batch which need attention: **Action:** LM will follow up.

### **AOB:**

1. AG reported that some new members have enquired about volunteering.

2. AG reported that she has been given special dispensation (and the keys!) to open the Herne Hill gate entrance to the Park for the early morning Bird Walk on Sunday April 16<sup>th</sup>.

3. AG stated that a Privacy Policy for the website database, (as distinct from the membership one, where KF's concerns were detailed in Minutes of Feb 2018), needs formulation, in view of the forthcoming legislative updating of the Data Protection Act. **Action:** PB will discuss this during a forthcoming planned meeting with MaB.

4. AP presented a revised notice format for the new Walled Garden notice, including a new picture. **Action:** the Committee approved.
5. AS raised the matter of the items agreed at the 'Away Day' which should be added to the monthly Agenda as Standing Items. These are:
  - Lambeth Parks Event Strategy
  - Interface with the Cressingham Estate
  - The Lottery bid for Brockwell Hall
  - The Go-Ape application....this no longer necessary since it has been withdrawn.*AS also thought that Disability Access should be added to the list. This is an ongoing aspiration of FoBP, but at present, attention can not easily be given to it.*  
**Action:** The Committee agreed that these items should be a Standing Items on the Agenda, as a reminder, and to trigger action when relevant developments arise.
6. PB reported that the Clock Tower garden design is beset by objections to its design, and also that new money may be needed.

The Meeting ended at 8.43pm.

The next Meeting will on April 16<sup>th</sup> 2018 at 7pm in Norwood Lodge.