

# MINUTES OF COMMITTEE MEETING OF THE FRIENDS OF BROCKWELL

**PARK, April 16th 2018, NORWOOD LODGE, 7.00PM**

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

**Apologies:** Adam Steinhouse (**AS**) Vice-Chair; Noshir Patel, Secretary.

**Reference to:** 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; Mike Penney, (**MP**), Brockwell Park Manager; Ajay Jochi (**AJ**), Lambeth Parks Tree Officer; Iain Boulton (**IB**), Lambeth Councils' Environmental Compliance Officer; Lara Mifsud-Bonici (**LaM**), Parks Officer-Parks & Open Spaces Development; Kevin Wallace (**KW**) Lambeth Parks Area Operational Supervisor; Sonia Winifred (**SW**), Lambeth Council Cabinet Member for Equalities & Culture.

**Observer:** Ania Tomaszewski-Nelson.

**Minutes of Committee Meeting March 19<sup>th</sup> 2018** approved and signed off by PB.

## **Matters arising:**

1. AP's new notice for the Walled Garden will be referred to the Park Management Team for input.
2. MaB and GS have signed the document for compliance with the General Data Protection Regulation.

## **Fixed Business:**

1. 'Field Day & Mighty Hoopla' Event: DL and MB attended a Mediation Meeting & the Licencing Meeting, as did 15-20 other interested parties. Only 'cosmetic' changes were made to the application. The Environmental Impact study recommended by IB had not been started.

**Actions** a. the FoBP Committee thanked DL and MB for their work and time spent in representing the position of FoBP.

b. FoBP confirmed its commitment of £1,000.00 to Brockwell Park Tranquillity if their Judicial Review is mounted. **Action:** PB will liaise with ASa of Tranquillity.

c. PB has issued a Press Release stating FoBP's position following the 'favourable' judgement of the Licencing Body.

d. All FoBP Committee Members to photograph the Event itself and its aftermath, in order to provide documentation for any post-Event criticism.

2. Funding for the installation of the Bird statue in the Walled Garden. Quotes range from the £900 to £1300. **Action:** 1. FoBP will put £200.00 towards this. 2. LM will liaise with MP.

3. FoBP website attack: GS has attended to this; no serious damage was done.

4. Car Boot Events. LaM drew the attention of FoB to the waste generated by this Event. FoBP must deal with it or KW could do it, for a fee. **Action:** FoBP will try to deal with the problem first. DL will produce a flyer of explanation for the Traders.

5. The BPCP Open Meeting on March 25<sup>th</sup>. **Action:** AS presented the position of FoBP forcefully: that it is opposed totally to the holding of the 'Field Day Mighty Hoopla' Event in Brockwell Park which is a natural reserve for the enjoyment of the public in peace and tranquillity, a haven for wildlife, and not a commercial platform.

6. Standing Items:

a. Lambeth Parks Events Strategy. PB opined that SW's ability to review it in the Autumn is suspect. This is an established Cabinet Policy. **Action:** PB will ask SW what the mechanism for her review would be. PB will raise the matter at the next Lambeth Parks Forum meeting.

b. Interface with the Cressingham Estate. It seems that provisions have been made for no high-rise buildings along this stretch.

c. Lottery bid for Brockwell Hall. Lambeth's 2<sup>nd</sup> application was rejected in the recent round of bidding, we were informed at the March 25<sup>th</sup> BPCP meeting. However the bid was viewed favourably, and a 3<sup>rd</sup> bid was encouraged. Nevertheless, there has been a statement that the Lottery is going to cease awards to Parks at some point..undefined as yet.

d. Disability Access. Access for the disabled to the Sports Platform by the Lido is being constructed. LM suggested the positioning of exercise stations suitable for the over-50's on the platform. **Action:** 1. FoBP Committee Members to discuss needs and ideas with members of the disabled community. 2. It was agreed to change this heading to 'Park Accessibility', in future.

### Reports:

1. Chair: will do a talk between Sept 16-30 on his upcoming trip to Italy.

2. Vice-Chair. Absent, no report forwarded.

3. Secretary. Absent, no report forwarded.

4. Treasurer. Main account: £27,345.00 (with £18,000.00 of that ear-marked for benches). Paypal £4.49, awaiting transfer to Main account. Second account unchanged at £12,986.00

5. May Newsletter: 450 copies to be printed; some to be distributed to local retailers free, for them to sell on. **Action:** different Committee Members will distribute as above.

6. Park Liaison:

a. LM said that one tree remains for donation.

b. The decision was made to acquire 6 donation boxes for contributions at various events, such as the recent Bird Walk, and Autumn Walk. **Action:** AP will investigate and source.

c. Becca Collins, an artist who has become a local resident recently, and who made a presentation at the BPCP Open Meeting on March 25, states that she wants to be involved in making artworks about the Park, for installation in it. She is also interested in becoming a member of the FoBP Committee. **Action:** EL will discuss these matters with her at the PMT meeting on April 18<sup>th</sup>, which she will attend. He will invite her to attend the next FoBP Committee Meeting on May 21<sup>st</sup>, as an Observer.

d. Tree protection during the imminent 'Field Day/Mighty Hoopla' Event. LM will bring this up at the April 19<sup>th</sup> PMT meeting, and liaise with MP and AJ. The Event Managers have already committed themselves to pay for this.

e. AG reported on the Dawn Chorus Bird Walk on Sunday April 15<sup>th</sup>. 31 birds were identified, 35 people attended. Everyone enjoyed it thoroughly.

**Action:** 1. AG will thank the members of the RSPB who conducted the walk.

2. AG will discuss bird box acquisition and their location with SPB; especial reference was made to the Little Owl which used to nest in a tree below the Hall, which then disappeared (possibly mobbed out by the crows), but which was sighted again recently.

### **AOB**

1. AP has received comments on the muddy approaches to many of the Sports Exercise Stations in the Park. Some sort of ground covering in these areas was discussed.

**Action:** EL will bring this up at the Park Management Team meeting on April 18<sup>th</sup>.

2. EL raised the matter of the age profile of the Committee Members, and the need to think about the future of the Committee. **Action:** PB thought this important, and a subject which merits a place in Fixed Business on May's agenda.

Meeting closed 9pm.

Next Meeting May 21<sup>st</sup> 2018, 7pm, at Norwood Lodge.