

MINUTES OF COMMITTEE MEETING OF THE FRIENDS OF BROCKWELL PARK, July 16th 2018, NORWOOD LODGE, 7.00PM

Members present: Peter Bradley (PB), Chair; Adam Steinhouse (AS) Vice-Chair; Noshir Patel, (NP) Secretary; Laura Morland,(LM), Park Liaison;; Michael Boyle (MB), Newsletter; Alice Playle (AP); Edward Lavender (EL), Scribe.

Apologies: Dean Littler (DL), Treasurer; Antonia Gross(AG) Membership Secretary Ania Tomaszewski-Nelson.

Reference to: Madeleine Boomgaarden(MaB) Website content and Social Media presence: Alice Salisbury (ASa), literature formatting, montage & printing; originator & manager of Brockwell Park Tranquillity website; Kevin Crook (KC), Head of Neighbourhoods in Lambeth Parks Landscape Structure. Fred Cowell (FC), Lambeth Council member for Thurlow Park. Ann Kingsbury (AK), Chair, Brockwell Park Community Partners; Herne Hill Forum (HHF); Friends of Brockwell Park (FoBP)

Minutes of June 18th 2018. As amended per e-mails, approved and signed off by PB.

Matters arising:

PB made two Press Releases:

1. stating the position of FoBP on Field Day/Mighty Hoopla' (This was later picked up by 'The Observer' newspaper, to form part of the basis for an article in the edition of Sunday July 8th).
2. criticising the arrangements for the Lambeth Country Show: the burdensome and restrictive new organizational impositions; and the lack of adequate advance information.

Fixed Business:

Lambeth Country Show. There are new security arrangements this year including fencing, controlled access, baggage searches, identification arrangements for vehicles, wrist-band identification for stall-holders, time constraints on stall set-up and take-down. This required discussion to deal with these organizational problems so different from previous years. However, the process is being made easier by the imaginative and effective groundwork already done by MB. **Action:** The Committee thanked MB formally for his work on this project so far, and to come.

Picture posters will be created as a background to a petition for stall visitors to sign up to the statement "***We petition Lambeth Council to stop holding fenced Events in Brockwell Park***" Car Boot Sales in August & September. Personnel for gate control, & set-up and take-down of the tea table were detailed.

August 12: PB/EL/LM/MB (early)/NL/DL?

September 9: PB/EL/LM/MB (early)/NL/DL?

'Field Day/Mighty Hoopla'. It was agreed that we need to produce a debriefing post-Event document.

Action: PB will produce one. This will include comments collected by MaB on the website and Facebook; and constructive suggestions for any such future Events which may be held, despite FoBPs resistance to them in principle.

Standing Items. Disability access to the Brockwell Park café was discussed again. It will require a substantial ramp, and is the responsibility of Lambeth Parks. **Action:** PB will write to KC on the matter.

Reports:

Chair: 1. KC wants to meet up to discuss FoBPs report on a Brockwell Park Volunteering Scheme .; **Action:** PB & LM to arrange a meeting with him.

2. ASa of Tranquillity is to push for Lambeth Parks to follow the Finsbury Park ruling (that all revenues from an Event held in the Park go to the Park itself). However, the latter is up for review before the Supreme Court, following contests to the ruling.

Vice-Chair: AS is in touch with FC over the Events Policy Review to be held.

Secretary: Nil to be added.

Treasurer (presented by PB in the absence of DL):

1. Accounts: Main £26,610; Second £12,8272; Paypal £114.

2. AK has written about the Norwood Lodge ‘Sinking Fund’: FoBP now owes two years’ worth of contributions, amounting to £200.00. **Action:** It was agreed to pay that sum.

Newsletter. The sub-committee will meet to start planning for the next edition.

Park Liaison:

1. LM reports that the sculpture of RC has been installed in the Walled Garden. She intends to arrange for its rotation to other sites in Brockwell Park at some point. **Action:** PB will write to RC over details.

2. The memorial Bird sculpture created by Lucy Casson is to be installed in the Walled Garden on July 19th. **Action:** AP will take photographs.

AOB:

NP drew attention to the proposal by the HHF that the company which it has used successfully to tackle rubbish problems in Herne Hill should perform a similar service in Brockwell Park. PB noted that this idea has been rejected by KC.

Meeting closed at 8.51pm

Next Meeting: none in August.

Please note:

September Meeting moved from 17th to September 24th, at Norwood Lodge, 7.00pm