



Minutes of Board Meeting – 7th September 2011

Attendees: Richard Bridge (RB), Giles Goddard (GG), Rosa Wright (RW), Melanie Tighe (MT), Abigail Tripp (AT)

1. Apologies: Peter Truesdale (PT), David Clarson (DC), Ken Hamilton (KH), Sarah Coyte (SC)

Minutes of Last Meeting – Accepted (and can go on website)

2. Matters Arising - Summerfest 3rd August – AT reported back on success of Summerfest event. First time the event was a community event not solely a youth sports day. Good turnout particularly families from Johanna School. Activities included a gardening area with Roots & Shoots, David Tootill led mosaic workshops, Eden caterers provided mini portions of food. Martial arts area and cricket nets most popular with kids. Marquee area with cinema museum, Lambeth Time Bank bought 30 people, Tai Chi involved around 40 people. Slam produced 8 minute film about the day. SE1 United had 30 people volunteering as stewards. Marine Society involved in tug of war (with Park Rangers) and were helpful with generator for bouncy castle. They have offered assistance for next year if given advance notice. South London Press had photo of cake stall & tug of war.

Unfortunately did not find out till the day that Blackfriars not coming and Church.co.uk had returned from a residential the day before which reduced youth numbers. Football tournament did not have enough youth for a tournament so coaching and mini games were provided. Perhaps involve Colombo Centre in the future to hold the football tournament– this could also defray costs regarding medals, coaches, etc..

Review of event - Working with friends groups was excellent, gave people work experience in stewarding, raised profile of park with lunch time commuters. Next year – Build up local business support. Final report should be end September. Also AT highly recommends SC Hire - great to work with and reasonable prices for marquees, all hire goods, DJ etc.

3. Conflicts of Interest: AT resigning as Treasurer until AGM. Envisaged that AT will continue to carry on day to day responsibilities e.g. paying invoices, banking, but Treasurer will supervise work with RB and new Treasurer approving payment of invoices and reviewing financial reports prior to committee meetings. Treasurer will be a supervisory role. AT suggested a representative from Oasis. RB to contact Ro Leech to formally invite her to come along to WaCoCo meetings and if interested in being Treasurer.

4. Financial Report Money £10,000 received from LFN which is mostly restricted to £3,000 for 2 South Bank forums, £2,000 for 2 South Bank news, £3,000 to website-on line media, £1,000 agreed to nominal admin charge for supporting newsletter weekly.

AT to reflect these in the finance spreadsheet.

- Lambeth fundraising training received £690 - £240 is admin cost of running the scheme.

- Have confirmed WaCoCo administering next round of community chest grants of £50,000 which will be advertised in September. Fees for WCDG time for administering grant will be taken from this amount and approx £1,000 for WaCoCo time.

5. Website Development Update

Website project has been agreed with Strudel who are happy with £3,000 budget and should be up and running by Christmas. Annie Duffield at SBEG is happy with arrangement of putting database behind website so in future any extra contacts WaCoCo get through outreach etc.. will get logged into this database and this will merge with Annie's. All funding information put out by SBEG will be logged and stored in funding page; useful funding resource for smaller groups. Will continue with live feed from SE1, create a Flickr page where community organisations can bank photos of local events, encourage local community organisations to bank their minutes to encourage transparency e.g. South Bank Partnership. Also to receive advice about media presence and perhaps a twitter stream.

AT suggested a refresh of logo with changed font size however not looking to rebrand.

6. Plans for AGM - Wednesday 2nd November 8.30 – 10am including light breakfast

Typically AGM has been Sat morning but want to avoid creating an event for the sake of it. There is £2,000 from LFN to spend on an event and original idea was to celebrate tenants which would build on AT work. This will not be ready before Christmas. Instead AGM will be a typical WaCoCo board meeting in the downstairs room at St Andrews with a SWAT analysis. (perhaps Annie??). WaCoCo can then direct funds to an event later in year perhaps regarding the neighbourhood planning group.

Action: MT/AT – Send RB the rotation schedule of Trustees so RB can send out minutes. MT/AT to cancel WAC booking and book St Andrews.

7. Neighbourhood Planning Group Update

The current localism bill provides for neighbourhoods to establish their own forums and conduct a plan for their neighbourhood. Broadly it can be anything the neighbourhood wants and then goes to an election. Local council has a duty to fund an election and if majority of people vote in favour it will then become the plan for next 5 years. Prior to election, the independent inspector will ensure plan is reconcilable with what is already there. Bankside and BOST are one of the pilots. CLG said they would like a business led pilot so SBEG expressed interest.

Working as a steering group with those that steered SPD. Steering Group will be made up of membership of community orgs such as reps from WaCoCo, WCDG, SBEG, WQ BID, Peter Truesdale and potentially Coin St. Business led focus would be on 4 key areas -creating balance in retail offer, quality of public realm, SB District energy scheme, local coordination S 106 (community tax in future). Keep contributions for development in this area which dovetails with Sue Foster changing S106 to be more efficient.

Not looking to create more groups/consultation in W'loo – instead use existing key documents such as LM Regeneration Plan, Waterloo Square proposal, WQ BID, MORI. RB has provided standard simple Mem & Arts to Steering Group. There is kudos in being asked to participate in pilot however it is early days and CLG are still fine tuning rules and regulations. Lambeth are very supportive however not sure how it will work with overlap of Southwark areas.

GG queried need for more groups but AT saying Lambeth too slow, need faster S 106 information and redistribution.

8. A.O.B

Lower Marsh street works to start in January. AT met HS – Lambeth control the market and Westminster Artisan are now on site. Negotiating to have a display in library updating everyone of the changes taking place. Hopefully a site manager will be regularly involved so information can be regularly updated.

The Young People profile in South Bank News was well received and GG noted that the St John's Festival in July was a success.