

## MINUTES OF BPCA COMMITTEE MEETING – 19 JANUARY 2010

### Venue

86 Nightingale Road

### Present

Doris Leonfellner-Quinn, Ed Balleny, Sue Baylik, Dee Kushlik-Williams, Karl Sweeny, Asha Patel, Lionel Ferer, Cathy Herman, Caroline Simpson, Kate Franzmann

### Apologies

None

### Ceilidh

- KF and CS are to do the food for this event
- DL offered to put up posters around the area. EB is to liaise with Mary Blake and DL with regards to posters.
- CS offered to print the posters and laminate half of them.
- KF pointed out that there is a danger of too many people being involved, and that Mary Blake should co-ordinate the publicity.

### Poetry Competition

CS reported that the resource pack had not yet been finished and that she would continue to work with KF to complete it.

### Attracting New Members

- DL suggested that we should make the benefits of being a member of the BPCA clear to attract new members. EB suggested that this information could form the basis of a leaflet and go on the website. He also asked people to e-mail him suggestions for what could be included on such a leaflet.

### AGM Brainstorming

From the list drawn up at the previous AGM, the committee prioritised the aims for the BPCA. It was agreed after a lengthy discussion that the following were reasonable to focus on in the short to medium term.

- Myddleton Road project including a community centre
- Youth/Ethnic involvement in the BPCA
- Links with Schools
- Planning issues
- Use of Thames Water land opposite Myddleton Road Gardens
- KF wanted to add a community choir to the list.
- Festival on Myddleton Road linked to the existing festival, including open air cinema
- Improvements to Finsbury Gardens
- Gaining access and use of Shaftesbury Hall

KF pointed out that we should not forget the existing commitments for the next 12 months. These were listed as:

- Finsbury Festival
- Myddleton Road Gardens Picnic
- Ceilidh
- Quiz Night – KF and Niki to organise
- Street Reps
- 2 Newsletters per year

New activities agreed for this year

- Myddleton Road project including a community centre
- Setting up a community choir

Other areas will be addressed in the medium term but some preparatory work on linking with schools and encouraging youth involvement may take place.

### **Youth involvement**

It was suggested that to get youths involved in the BPCA we could foster existing links with schools. KF suggested having links with the Pupil Referral Unit and thought that they would be interested; it re-opens in the summer. CS said that we should foster links with youngsters specifically in Bowes Park. EB suggested that we should be focussing on very young children to help 'bind' the community, DK pointed out that the picnic and festival caters well for them.

### **Finsbury Festival – 17 July**

KF reported that the cost of the festival will be around £2000. There is a possibility of £1000 from Make a Difference, also £500 from the Garage on the corner. She suggested that, because of cost, we should use the same first aider as last time. She said that lots of volunteers were needed and that they would be given specific responsibilities, making it more efficient.

### **Community Picnic – 12 June**

AP reported that the garden group are to have a meeting next week to finalise the details of the picnic. It is likely to include bring your own, and face painting. KF thought the 'silly games' were particularly successful and CS said that they could become a regular event and parents could hire them. LF said he thought the guitar man was very successful last year.

### **Planning**

- CS reported that there is now less work with regards to planning due to recent successes.
- 2 People are replacing illegal windows with sash windows.
- 17 Whittington Road are appealing against the bedsit conversion not being allowed. BPCA is objecting.
- 38 Clarence Road application – CS has objected
- SB mentioned the property on the corner of Sydney Road and Shropshire Road and wondered what was going to happen there.

### **Choir**

KF is to look into funding. Members would probably need to pay per session. She suggested linking it to the Referral Unit by using the space and involving some of the youngsters. KF is to update the committee at the next meeting.

### **Community Cinema**

CH said that the suggestion of a community Cinema should be put in the next newsletter to generate interest.

### **Photo Competition**

DL suggested a children's photo competition and exhibition with images of the area. Prizes would be needed and funding for the printing. DL is to look into ideas and present a plan. KF is to find out about approaching schools. CS pointed out that the idea would be good to foster links with young people in the area.

### **Myddleton Road Strategy Group**

CH reported that English Heritage has given £300 000 that Haringey will match. Discussions have been had as to how to spend the first £100 000 and has been agreed as follows:

1. Moving Shutters from the outside to inside of shops.
2. Moving satellite dishes from the front of buildings.
3. Install some straight awnings over shops.

4. Have some planters installed at the Whittington Road end.
5. Funding of a premises for 1 year for use by the BPCA.

CH said there was a lot of red tape involved but that Matt Cooke is helping. The money needs to be organised by the end of the financial year.

KF proposed thanking all involved in the negotiations.

CH said she would like funding for a person to work in the office and identify future funding possibilities and said that Ripple is looking into this. CS stressed that a BPCA presence on the street will help relations with traders.

### **Communications**

EB is still working on the website and is in contact with Father Robert. Individual e-mail addresses are to be forwarded to members soon.

All website updates are to be sent to EB at [bpcanews@googlemail.com](mailto:bpcanews@googlemail.com)

### **Street Reps**

Street Reps should contact Michael Sanderson – Street Enforcement Officer if any issues arise. EB to circulate his contact details to Street Reps.

### **Newsletter**

- SB said the next newsletter is to be 8 pages which will cost £732 for 3000 copies. She has £350 from sponsorship. It was agreed that the BPCA is to fund the balance for this one. CS suggested some funding ideas for future newsletters; KF suggested getting sponsorship for the whole process in future rather than 'part-funding' – a request is to be included in this newsletter
- Feb 12 is the deadline for items
- SB would like more discussion-type items for future newsletters and fewer reports on what has been done, as it is getting very predictable.
- EB is to send out an e-mail to members asking for help with the layout.
- Articles are needed from LF, KF and AP.
- CH said she didn't want the English Heritage money news included in the newsletter until it is 100% certain.
- CS suggested including a call for volunteers for the BPCA shop.

### **Give and Take – 20 March**

LF reported that he may have funding for the school hire but that no more money is likely to be available. AP offered to print some flyers. CH pointed out that the Advertiser and Independent are good for free publicity and CS suggested local radio. Haringey People was also suggested.

### **Accounts**

DL is in the process of converting the accounts to Excel.

### **Next Meeting**

To be held on Monday 1 March, 7.30 at 86 Myddleton Road.