

Minutes of the Moorings Neighbourhood Forum
Held on Monday 27 January 2025 at 6pm at the Moorings Sociable Club

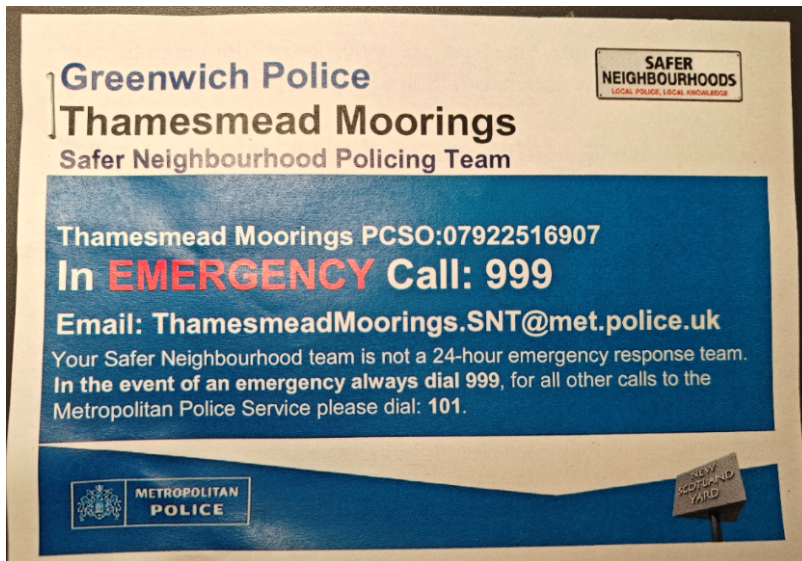
People present

Derek Sewell (Vice chair), Rachel Sewell, Ozge Ali, Pat Robinson, Rosa Guzzetta, Keith Jones, Beatrice Anaman, Dave Rugg, John Hogan, Leanne Kelly, Faith Oimage, Oke Adieze, Lola Akinridok, Matt Coates (Peabody), Daniel Wells (Peabody), PCSO Stoian, PC Adjei, Leanne Kelly (dgcities.com).

Apologies: Deborah Frimpong (chair), Sue Pollock, Con Lobo,

1) Report from the Police regarding safer neighbourhood panel

A couple of handouts were given out with contact numbers on.



<https://www.met.police.uk/ro/report/asb/asb-v3/report-antisocial-behaviour/>

The police spoke about ward priorities. There is a plan that the local MP will come and visit the ward to see the problems first hand, two places they will be going are. Arnot Close and Carlisle Road.

They are aware of drug dealing on Disraeli Close and Arnott Close. They have also made a few raids to stop drug dealing. At present they are targeting 2 boys who are drug dealing in the area, the aim is to get them off the ward.

Theft from motor vehicles has been reported especially on Booth Close and Nickleby Close. So far they have recovered over 5 stolen vehicles.

They have also been targeting traffic offences and drivers committing road traffic offences.

They are working with the local shops in the town centre to target shoplifting, especially the young and are seeking to identify frequent shop-lifters.

For statistics see sheet in appendix.

They provided sheets for us to feedback and they will collect them from the Moorings Sociable Club.

DS thanked them for all that they are doing.

Also discussed:

- Note that McDonald's has been designated a safe haven for any who feel unsafe in the area.
- A question was asked, "Is there counter-gang work?" They are looking to see how to work proactively against gang crime. There has been a knife arch at Abbey Wood Station from which there have been 2 arrests.
- Dan asked what we could do as a committee to support the Police. Report to them and they will give feedback to us.
- Matthew (Peabody) said there had been a rise in domestic abuse cases over the Christmas period. Gang crime is reduced but probably due to poor weather. Peabody working with Police to target gang crime.

2) Connecting Thamesmead research - Leanne Kelly from [dgcities.com](https://www.dgcities.com/) (<https://www.dgcities.com/>)

Leanne reported that her team is undertaking local research - one which works well for social connection in Thamesmead and to understand the different experiences & views of local residents and organisers. They are aware that there is a lot of social isolation in Thamesmead.

There were questionnaires available for any who want to participate and share their views on people who are isolated and how they could be helped. It was suggested that there are a number of churches and schools in the area where the surveys can be shared.

People responded by saying that men feel there is plenty for the women, but nothing specific for them. It was also mentioned that there used to be a soft play area for the children, but this has been closed for several years. Thamesmere Leisure Centre put on teas and coffee and games on a Friday morning to help people get out.

It was also noted that some people cannot get the information as they don't have the internet so it needs to be put on noticeboards in the housing blocks.

3) Update regarding the long-term issues.

Dan Wells

Fly tipping /contentious ownership- has almost all been cleared up by the Gallions Reach Health Centre. Long term ownership/responsibilities is still being worked out.

Birchmere is both Peabody and Greenwich. Any reports sent to Peabody that are not theirs will be automatically sent on to Greenwich or Bexley. Often the problem is figuring out whose land it is and working on having scheduled tasks.

Peabody is able to flag particular information that we give them.

Any issues you have you should use 'fix my street' - Peabody
(<https://fix.thamesmeadnow.org.uk/>)



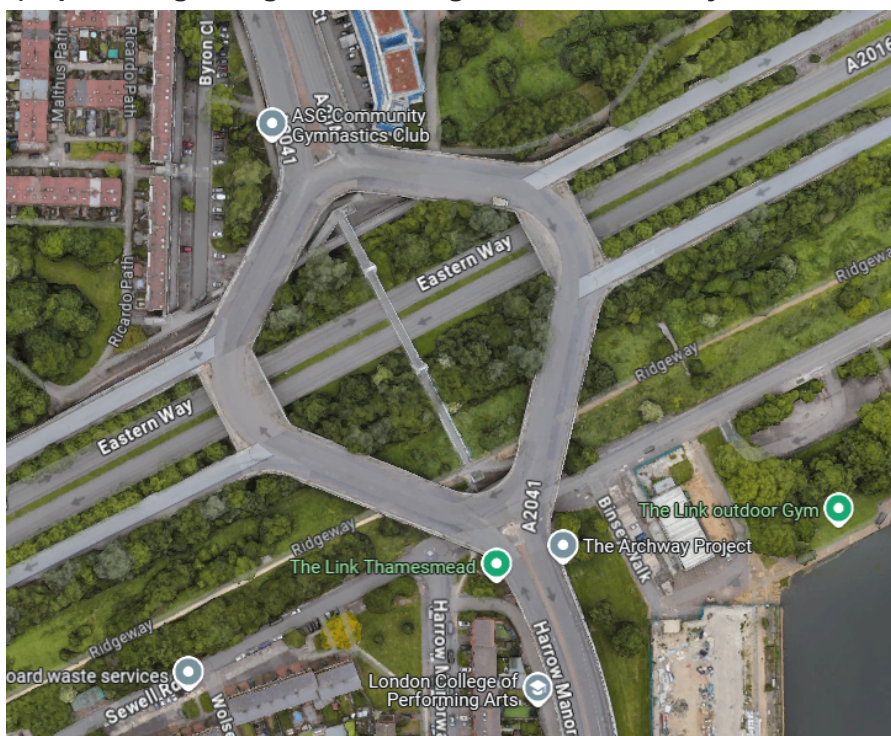
Bexley or Peabody? they have not finished the steps.

DS thanks Greenwich for clearing the rubbish on Meadowford Close



The hedgerow is now the duty of the council to deal with it.

4) Update regarding the Street lights out on the 'sky roundabout'.





The issue is that the lights have been out since June. People are getting angry that both Greenwich and Bexley councils have been saying that it is not their responsibility.

Derek reported "Thanks to TFL, they escalated my complaint to Greenwich. Then Ruth Warrington (Street Lighting Contracts Officer) stated:

'I have heard that the underground high voltage cables that supply these streetlights has a fault on the main cable. UK Power Networks (UKPN) is aware of his cable fault and is working on restoring the power supply. To my knowledge, the repair timescales keep getting pushed back by UKPN.'

I then contacted Cllr Larry Ferguson who finally managed to get some info. UKPN apparently did fix the supply just before Christmas but did not let Bexley know it had been partly fixed. A second problem needs to be fixed by Bexley Council. I have been assured that this particular problem should be fixed by Bexley's contractor in the next week. It will then be back to UKPN to make the final connection. Cllr Larry Ferguson is hopeful everything should be working again in the next two to three weeks."

Three weeks will be up on Wednesday 5 Feb.

Derek has called for a public investigation and will keep us updated.

If people notice areas of concern put it on fix my street. If you see someone fly-tipping, video it and send it to the police as it is a criminal offence.

5) Update regarding projects - Ozge

We have had 5 cooking sessions, 5 dental health sessions and 2 cultural sessions. A total of 160 people attended.

The responses that we have received so far say that these sessions have helped their physical and mental health. With 88.9% saying they very much like the event.

The attendees are learning new skills.

Most attendees heard about the sessions through the Children's Centre.

In March we are going to do 2 gardening sessions. There will also be more dental and cooking sessions.

6) Possible information session on how to use the My Peabody platform

It was asked if residents know how to use the My Peabody app? Do tenants use it or want to use it more?

When would be a good time to learn how to use the app? It was suggested to meet once a month on Thurs 10am- 12 at the Moorings Sociable Club.

7) AOB

Coffee morning- please use it.

There is a carers event on Wednesday for carers at the nest.

Titmuss Avenue Baptist Church is starting a monthly coffee morning on the first Monday of each month from 11-12.30pm, Starting on the 3 March.

Our future **public meetings** will be **31 March**, 28 April, 30 June, 28 July, 27 October and 24 November. The Committee will meet In February, May and September.

Ward panel meeting statistics for OCT 2024-JAN 2025

Thamesmead Moorings

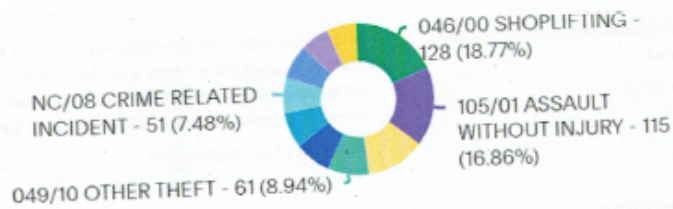


Top 10 Classifications - Last 365 Days

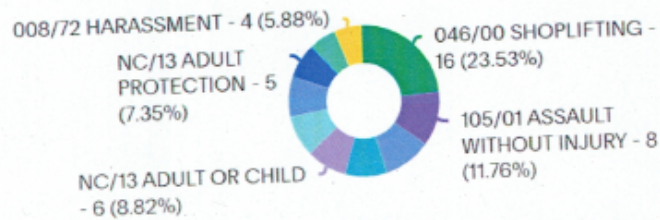
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Top 10 Classifications - Last Month



Theft of Motor Vehicle - Last 365 Days

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Theft from Motor Vehicle - Last 365 Days

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By Classification Group - Last Quarter

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Total Number of Offences - Last 12 Months

ASB, Missing Persons etc removed





Previous priorities and actions that have been taken:

Priority:

Violence on the streets of Thamesmead

Issued 14 November 2024

Drug dealing in the Thamesmead Moorings and on surrounding areas

Issued 14 November 2024

Theft from Motor Vehicles Including tow aways and Theft of Motor Vehicles.

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Action taken:

To conduct patrolling through the walkways and residential blocks.

Actioned 14 November 2024

Intelligence gathering, leading to warrants being carried out, with assistance of specialist teams.

Actioned 14 November 2024

Inform residents of recent motor vehicle crimes that have been in their immediate area, with motor vehicle crime prevention information leaflets and SNT contact details. Conduct patrolling hotspots with other police forces.

Actioned 14 November 2024

What should we prioritise :

What areas should we target :

And what days/times?

What other actions do you believe would be effective:

What crime prevention advice would you give to others based on what we have discussed today: