

Minutes for the Moorings Neighbourhood Forum
Monday, 27 April 2026 at 6pm at the Moorings Sociable Club

People present

Derek Sewell (Co-chair), Deborah Frimpong (co-Chair), Ozge Ali, Beatrice Anaman, Pat Robinson, Sue Pollock, Dave Rugg, Chiamaka Muoneke (minute secretary), Kasia Khider, John Hogan, Rosa Grrizzetta, Rachel Sewell, Femi Solola, Averil Lekau

Apologies: Dan Wells (Peabody), Keith Jones

1. Update on the lights in Manorway park.
Natalie will do another walk around. She has requested Derek to report all that are not working again.
90% of the lights are still broken. She is having a walk around on Tuesday 5th May to explore the issue further
2. Litter pickup - report Ozge
Last Thursday 7 adults and 3 children went from Waterways to Birchmere and had a good time together.
Next one? Ozge is free any Thursday 9-30-11 am and is hoping to collaborate with Peabody for the next one.
3. Update to constitution (How to join the committee)
The about tab on the website has the constitution - it is as up to date as can be at the moment.

Suggested addition:

How to Join:

Potential committee members must:

- have an interest in the Moorings
- must be actively involved in the public forum by attending meetings and engaging with the work, even if not always present at every meeting.
- They need to be willing to take on jobs/role within the committee.
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They are elected/re-elected each year in April

All accepted the change of constitution.

4. Next meetings: Public meetings
Monday 22 June – POLICE
Monday 20 July (Start of the summer break)
Monday 22 September Forum – POLICE
Monday 26 October
Monday 30 November – POLICE

AOB- Thamesmead Shed, at the moment they meet on Thursdays. Leaflet given out, see appendix.

The steps up to the Bus stop on Carlisle Road are very uneven. This is a local issue that we can pursue.

Q- Why is the forum area different from Moorings Ward? We are mainly on the Greenwich side. We cover just the bullet area and are willing to help other issues close to this area.

Any other local issues? lights still not working on the A-bridge round-a-bout, Some lights are working but not the lights on the ramps coming from Woolwich. Waiting for an update.

Deborah and Dan had a walk about, but still not had any feedback with regard to the drop curbs etc. Waiting to hear from Greenwich.

There are several trees with dead branches, waiting for Greenwich sort, on Malpus Path and Titmuss Ave.

Family health joined with Gallions for health activities on Tuesday- can pop in for coffee etc.

Ozge wants to propose to run her project again - agreed by show of hands.

Birchmere, suggested we should be involved as soon as possible. Cllr Avril is proposing for us to work with them. £20 million available. A letter was sent to all Moorings residents. We agreed we should get involved. Cllr Avril agrees we should get involved because of all the work we have done so far. How do we get involved? After the election the board will be created. We just need the blue prints from Peabody and request the information from Dan . The funding is £2 million a year for 10 years.

Ozge - proposed a street festival in front of the moorings she is waiting for Greenwich to give permission. She wants to do it more than once during the summer.

The event tomorrow at the Nest- Deborah and Ozge, Chimaka and Derek are going. It is for people who have had funding in the past.

Deborah, John and Dave meet once a month for a panel making decisions on projects that will run in the building, some going towards training, they have a Thamesmead Panel working alongside them. Any project ideas let Deborah know.

John community BBQ on Sat 15 August.

Thamesmead festival 8th August

AGM.

- Chair's report.
See below
- Treasurer's report (Sue)

See appendix

Total income £13,199.70

Total expenditure £12,381.58

closing balance £818.12

A vote of thanks was given to Sue for all the work she has done as treasurer.

- Voting in new Treasurer - Kasia Khider - voted in unanimously
- Voting in the whole committee...
 - Deborah Frimpong (Co-chair)
 - Derek Sewell (Co-chair)
 - Ozge Ali
 - Keith Jones
 - Chiamaka Muoneke
 - David Rugg
 - Beatrice Anaman
 - John Hogan
 - Sue Pollock
- all were voted in unanimously

The constitution of the Moorings' Neighbourhood Forum

1. About

The Moorings Neighbourhood Forum was formed in Winter 2017 by local residents and partners. In April 2024, we agreed to continue our work even without formal council designation.

Our area of primary focus:



2. Purposes

To improve the social, economic, and environmental well-being of the Moorings area and enhance local lives.

3. Objectives

- Raise awareness of local issues and empower residents to act.
- Work towards a safer and cleaner neighbourhood.
- Collaborate with the local police and authorities.
- Support local businesses and community projects.
- Promote healthy lifestyles.
- Share local news to encourage community involvement.

4. Membership

Open to anyone who supports our aims and who meets one or more of the following criteria:

- A resident or worker in the Moorings area.
- Representing a local group, business, school or faith group.
- An elected ward representative (Ex-Officio).
- Genuinely interested in the area.

How to Join:

Attend meetings and sign up for updates. No fees (voluntary donations welcome).

Revoking Membership:

The committee can revoke membership if someone goes against the Forum aims (with right to appeal at a general meeting).

5. Management Committee and Executives

The committee consists of up to 12 members, elected annually at the AGM. It includes:

- Chair
- Secretary
- Treasurer
- Additional members as needed

Committee Roles Include:

- Shaping the Forum's agenda and strategic direction.
- Managing finances and administrative matters.
- Representing the Forum at local events and initiatives.
- Organising public events and meetings.

The executive committee is made up of elected officers.

Current Officers (As of April 2025)

Co-Chair: Deborah Frimpong

Co-Chair: Derek Sewell

Treasurer: Mrs Susan Pollock

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6. Annual General Meeting:

Held annually in April. Members will receive at least 14 days' notice. A record of each AGM shall be produced and made publicly available.

AGM includes:

- Reports from Chair and Treasurer
- Approval of finances
- Election of committee members for the following year.
- Discussion of other matters
- Urgent items may be added to the agenda by a two-thirds vote.

Conflict of Interest:

Must be declared. Affected members don't vote or take part in related decisions.

Elections

- Nominees must:
 - Live, work, or have a demonstrable interest in the Moorings.
 - Have attended recent public meetings (with apologies given if absent).
 - Be willing to serve the community and attend most committee meetings.
- Nominations must be submitted 3 days before AGM and be recommended by two others
- Voting is by ballot. Appointed scrutineers to oversee the process.
- Proxy votes allowed with 24 hours' notice.

7. Other Meetings:

- At least 3 public forum meetings per year.
- Committee meets at least twice annually.
- Voting by show of hands (except elections).
- Meeting minutes will be shared.
- Any conflicts of interest must be declared.

8. Finances:

- Financial year: 1 April – 31 March
- Records kept for 6 years
- Open to inspection with 10 days' notice
- The Forum holds a bank account requiring two signatories.
- Independent examination of the accounts is needed if annual turnover exceeds £20,000.
- Funding through donations, grants, etc.

9. Amendments:

Changes to the Constitution require a two-thirds vote at a general meeting.

10. Dissolution:

If dissolved, remaining funds go to a similar community group, ideally in or near the Moorings.

11. Signatures:

This version was adopted on 28 April 2025 AGM

- Co-chair: Deborah Frimpong
- Co-chair: Derek Sewell
- Treasurer: Susan Pollock

Co-Chair Report (AGM Summary)

This year has seen steady progress across a number of key areas, with full details available in the meeting minutes on our website.

Key highlights include improvements to accessibility, particularly the installation of the new ramp and additional dropped kerbs, alongside ongoing work to tackle environmental issues such as fly tipping and estate maintenance.

The Moorings Healthier Together programme has been a strong success, reaching a wide range of residents through dental, gardening, and community cooking sessions. Plans were being looked at to hopefully apply for further funding to continue and expand this work.

We've also stayed engaged with wider developments affecting the area, including the proposed DLR extension to Thamesmead, encouraging residents to take part in consultations.

We've received regular updates from the Metropolitan Police, helping us stay informed on local safety issues and priorities, and we've also followed and shared information on the London City Airport consultation to ensure residents are aware and able to have their say.

Alongside this, the group has focused on improving communication, promoting tools like FixMyStreet for reporting issues, and maintaining the website as a central information hub.

While some challenges remain, particularly around lighting, infrastructure, and coordination between agencies, we will continue to raise these and push for improvements.

Sadly, we noted the passing of Chris Waite and recognised his contribution to the community, particularly around the waterways and local photography group.

We would also like to take this opportunity to thank Sue for her work as Treasurer. As she steps down from the role, we are very grateful for her contribution and commitment, and we wish her all the best for the future.

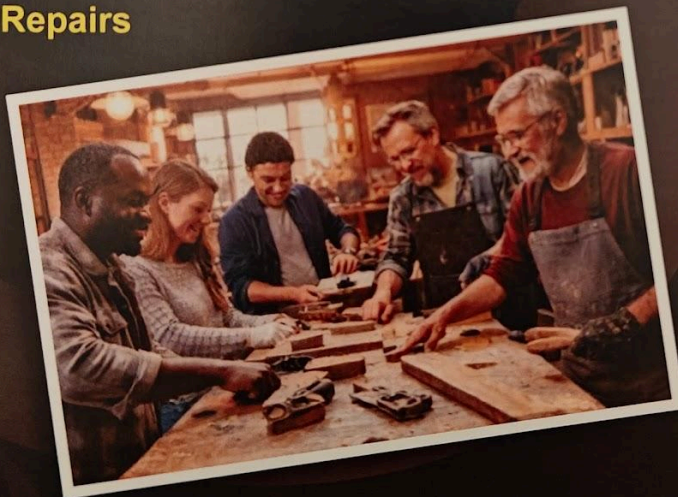
Finally, we'd like to thank everyone who has contributed their time and effort over the past year.

Deborah Frimpong & Derek Sewell - Joint Co- Chairs

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Thamesmead Shed is open to everyone. Build and share knowledge, make connections with your neighbours and become part of a welcoming community.

- Wellbeing
- Community
- Gardening
- Refreshments and biscuits
- Chatting and socialising
- Building
- Handicrafts
- Art
- Repairs



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