

Agenda for EGRA AGM

Thursday 7th February 2019 at Rothbury Hall, Mauritius Road at 19.30

Attendees: 26

1. Minutes of the previous meeting (4th October 2018) and matters arising (Monique Tomlinson)

Previous minutes were approved, not matters arising.

2. Annual Report - feedback, comments and corrections (Patrick Ives)

Details of the annual report can be found on the EGRA website [here](#)

Concerns were raised about cruise ships continuing to use the central Greenwich mooring. No Toxic Cruise Port (NTCP) campaign will focus more on this this year, but pressure needs to be applied to Port of London Authority (PLA) as this is beyond the control of Greenwich Council.

We maintain a watching brief on when Morgan Stanley re-submit their plans, particularly in relation to affordable housing and Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) terms.

It was raised that the meeting with Police last year was particularly helpful and there was support for continuing these through this year.

Christchurch School Garden has been a great success this year, last year the focus was on building the garden, and whilst there is still some construction to do, we are now looking to establish the garden. The Saturday open day was enjoyed by many present and it was felt this was particularly successful. The next open day will be Saturday 27th April.

The Thames Path closure in front of Trinity Hospital is now in force, Balfour Beatty did salvage the plants and deliver them to the Christchurch school garden where we have been looking after them prior to distribution around East Greenwich. Other companies have also keen to help including Maylim providing help with groundworks as well as B&Q donating plants.

The work of the sea wall at Trinity Hospice has now started, unfortunately there was not significant consultation on this. There was community engagement just before work started, we have spoken to Balfour Beatty and the Council to try and simplify the space rather than reinstate as was, but the response from the Environment Agency and Balfour Beatty was that it was too late in the day to change the plans. Suggestions of talking to Murky Depths & 853 blog to add some pressure to try get this reconsidered.

The public realm in front of Bellway & Barratts has issues with mismatching street furniture and seating placed on cycle paths. Suggestions were made to engage with planning enforcement officers to add more pressure to get this resolved.

Licensing: Enderby House has been granted an 11pm license for outside. There was correspondence between residents, police & licensing, suggestions included 10:30pm in line with other venues, but 11pm has been granted. As yet, no expected opening date has been announced.

Thanks, from the floor to the Executive committee for all activities for all last year.

Thank you to all who have become members, supporters and volunteers who have helped us achieve all these projects.

3. Financial Report (Kate Joeques)

Summary – Income from membership £295, Rogue films £1,000 (donation made at suggestion of local resident for street filming)

We currently have ~£6,000 left following payments to EEA for People's parlour.

£3,000 was from the Green Trafalgar Rd campaign, we will spend this on further improvements / maintenance of the site this year.

£1,750 for administration of EEA People's Parlour project we will allocate this to keeping the People's Parlour project going or to go into outreach.

Thanks to the Arts Council & Royal Borough of Greenwich / Ward Councils for support with the People's Parlour

Thanks to Brian Bosak in LA who continues to pay the cost of the website.

Accounts for 2019 and proposed allocation of funds were approved by a show of hands.

4. Election of Chair, Secretary and Treasurer and call for any members who might like to be on the executive committee. (Monique Tomlinson)

Re-election of current committee numbers was approved by a show of hands.

Chair: Patrick Ives

Treasurer: Kate Joeques

Secretary: Louise Fletcher

5. Update on Morden Wharf plans following meeting with developers (Patrick Ives)

The developers intend to submit outline planning in the spring and more detailed planning in the autumn, however plans have changed somewhat since initial consultation. Key changes are all parking will now be underground & Thames Path closure will not be required. A second path will be instated to provide a route as close to the river as possible if the original path needs to be closed. The drawings we have seen do show parkland along the river which is positive.

Waste transfer company Sivyer are on site, they are now using part of the site with a couple of metres of the path and this is quite intimidating with piles of rubbish and

diggers moving it about. Sheila Keeble has been trying to follow up with the council on this, Chris Lloyd offered to follow up on her behalf to try and gain a response.

6. Future Plans (Patrick Ives):

- Trafalgar Road Improvements including how to spend some of the EGRA money still in the green projects' kitty, the current work being undertaken by RBG using money from the Mayor of London including the pocket parks, de-cluttering and anti-social behaviour.

Proposal to engage a professional to remove dead tree and look at the tree that is not thriving as it's by the outlet vent from the laundry. Also look at how the system works for watering and drainage. This was agreed to be explored by those present.

Pocket Parks if lit better and more open hopefully reduce antisocial behaviour

Is there anyway of getting natural water supplies to these areas? There are plans for a big water butt on corner of Mell St to service that pocket park. There is a challenge to having to plant in a planter that is a continuous drainage issue. Council are using Sustainable Underground Drainage Systems (SUDS)

Main concerns are on maintenance and ensuring that these continue to be pleasant to be in and do not attract anti-social behaviour.

- Greenwich Town Centre and Hills and Vales traffic schemes and the likely impact on East Greenwich and how we can address possible problems.

Proposal to close rat running roads in West Greenwich (bits of Crooms hill, Royal hill, Hyde Vale) and change one-way system in Greenwich. Make Nelson Rd bi-directional.

Consultation ends on 17th February – Louise to add to EGRA website

It was agreed to allocate more time to discuss this at next public meeting.

- How to access the Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) and Greenwich Neighbourhood Growth Fund moneys in order to see some benefits in this area which has generated so much of the revenue.

Our Area (area 2) has £227,000 in this round of funding of which £100,000 is remaining. Ideas for money: St Alfege's park, Anchor Iron Wharf addition of play equipment, further spaces for children to play.

Could we apply for a person to help with enforcement on developers? Unfortunately, under the rules, funding jobs is not allowed.

It was agreed that we should continue to make the case to change the way money is given out. Trying to move to a model more aligned with Southwark

council where it is easy to get small projects of the ground and away from the admin heavy, time consuming model that is in place at present.

Identify the key areas that we want to focus on e.g. Play space for children

Proposal to have an open meeting where we can join with the other societies (Westcombe, EGRA, Greenwich Soc) to discuss what we think the focus should be and use this to lobby the council was discussed and supported.

Proposed name: Speak Out Greenwich (SOG)

7. Any other business

The Forum has offered us a room for 4 meetings a year. It was agreed that we will have the next meeting at the Forum, but will continue to look at venues around the area to enable all to attend.