



Minutes for Town Team Meeting 24.4.23

Officers Group present: Shuba Rao, Judith Burden, Chris Peskett, Amy Foster

TT Members present: John Hickman, Sue Takwani,

In Attendance: Tamara Amarquaye, Michelle Normanly, Jonny Kemp, David Gleave, Roxanne Gleave, Norman Mine

Apologies: Chris Herman, Rachel McKoy Ian, Verena Ammon, Doreen Soukup, Paul (Jolly Sailor)

Minutes of last Meeting: (circulated previously)

These were amended to read: John Hickman is organising a dignitary to unveil the plaque to the two Suffragettes. WLSE25 will organise an event after the unveiling and the funding will be from WLSE25 and PPR. John will send through the dates. He is waiting for the plaques to be delivered.

Matters Arising not dealt with elsewhere in Agenda

Action Points

| Date | Action | Outcomes |
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| 2023.11.01 | Libby offered to help with creating a WhatsApp Broadcast Only account | Ongoing |
| 2023.11.04 | Capacity is tight for efficient communications by volunteers. Amy to discuss with Officers the suggestion that it could be a paid post. | Ongoing |
| 2023.11.05 | Michelle will put out information about the communications post in the new year. | |
| 2023.11.06 | Town Team members could attend the Capacity Building Programme as a representative of the WLSE25 membership, according to space. Michelle will put out something in the new year. | |
| 20.2.23 | Ian will email the video of the Holmesdale Community Gardens project. | |
| 20.2.23 | Miranda will write another Awards For All bid for £5,000. | Completed |
| 20.2.23 | Shuba will create an info-sharing WhatsApp group | In Progress |

1. Welcome & Introductions:

2. Updates (Amy)

- a. Feedback from North East Local Community Partnership meeting
 - i. There was a request to notify the Town Team when the date for the next NELCP Meeting is set.
- b. Feedback about CVA Localities Network

- i. Norman Mine of Norwood Junk Action- is a Community Builder covering W Croydon, Thornton Heath and S Croydon. There was a discussion about funds and how to distribute them evenly. Workshops were held and ideas generated about understanding issues affecting the neighbourhood. There are difficulties on accessing digital content. Every Tuesday there is Social Prescribing at Baptist Church - trying to understand how links are made.
- ii. The role of a Community Builder is to work alongside the different generations. There are multiple funders for the role, including the CVA. All Funds are held with Age UK
- iii. Norman notes that many people complain but only a few offer their time or resources to help.

3. Fundraising

- a. Christmas Lights fundraiser
 - i. About £3,000 is needed to replace the 10 motifs that are not working. They had not been missed.
 - ii. They could be funded by small businesses locally but Chris has no time to fundraise for lights but will contact SN Business Network.
 - iii. Fundraising to be picked up after Christmas this year unless someone volunteers to take it up.
 - iv. This year the Officers' focus is on consolidating membership if the TT so there is no capacity to take this on. Could Shell and Sainsbury fund this? There is no one to work on it.

4. Supporting Community led Initiatives (Shuba,)

- a. Minigrant awards update
 - i. Feedback from artistic projects 2022
 - 1. Jonny Kemp: Local Heroes
 - a. The aim was to draw /interview people who had contributed to the community and to SN during the transition from 2017 onwards. The portraits were exhibited at the Stanley Halls. Funding was used to buy frames for the portraits and stationery for posters to promote exhibition. About 150 people attended the exhibition.
 - b. It was suggested that the next stage could be to archive the portraits and stories, possibly at Croydon Museum, as an important project.
 - c. Next funding would be for drawing Workshops for young people at the Library over the summer.
 - 2. Sue Takwani: Kestrel Boxes for the Country Park:
 - a. These replaced the ones that had disintegrated. .. Michael Howden the Howden Tree Care a local tree surgeon offered his services free of cost. Fencing was put up beside the 'beach' at the lake to protect nesting birds and other wildlife and the dead hedge re-enforced.
 - 3. Norman Mine - Junkaktion
 - a. Introductory session to introduce the project.
 - b. There is a plan to run an obesity & wellness workshop at Socco Cheta where people will pick litter and create art. bringing awareness about environment and obesity

- c. Norman will be working with a number of SN Schools and is taking part in the Invention Festival at the Stanley Halls: the Junk Coronation.
 - d. Saturday Junkie is held every weekend. It raises awareness of environmental issues with parents and carers via their children.
 - e. Norman has re-applied this year and has match funding. It has led to a number of other projects where families and children understand litter and parents also learn not to live in junk. This also links with climate and social life isolation. Invention Festival in August at the Halls Funded by HAZ Cultural programme.
- 4. It was proposed that WLSE25 logos should be created in various forms. There should be a requirement to attach these to projects funded by WLSE25 to raise the profile.
 - 5. Miranda is putting in for a follow-up grant
 - 6. WLSE25 put in a bid to fund the Minigrants for the next year, through Mayor's Community fund.

5. Communications Internship(Jordan)

- i. **Jordan** will bring the interns, who will develop their skills on social media, marketing, journalism etc. to meet the TT.
- ii. **Jordan** and interns will make reels for tiktok etc about the projects of the Minigrants

6. Governance & Constitution

- i. The Constitution is being revised and the structure reviewed.
- ii. Do we become an umbrella organization or remain pro-active?
- iii. What core elements do we want to protect?
- iv. It was suggested that the Officers or TT decide on a manageable number of visible projects that can be carried out/completed. These should attract people who can be involved to demonstrate what WLSE25 is achieving. Each should have a target date for completion. '*By this date we will achieve this*'. These could be proposed by volunteers who are prepared to lead on them and see them through to completion.
- v. The Regeneration Team offer CVs to their Volunteers.
- vi. The size of the TT & Officers Group should be reconsidered. Volunteer and paid support is needed. To build capacity.
- vii. Meetings could be held in local business places
- viii. It was suggested that young people, especially pupils at local schools be able to attend by zoom because they may not live in the area and Interns could make use of Instagram.
- ix. To make WLSE25 visible, projects should carry acknowledgements and logo.

7. AOB

- a. AGM date:
 - i. It was confirmed that the AGM would be held on a Monday evening.
 - ii. There was a request that dates for the TT Meetings be published well in advance, particularly to new businesses. Perhaps they could be invited to a special meeting?

- b. There is a petition to rebuild the Country Park Visitors'Centre.
- c. John has been involved in two films about the local area: one by Stanley Arts - on William Stanley in SN Second one is by Corrine Snow Media which is a walk around the central heritage area. Corrine incorporated some of the photos into the films. This included a photo of Little Mouse Cheese shop which uncovered a 1911 shopfront and a 1950s sign. The film will be screened during Carnival of Invention in September.
- d. A Carnival of Invention will be held at the Stanley Halls either Sept 9th/ 10th dependent on football. It will be funded by Stanley Arts through HAZ Cultural Programme
- e. Borough of Culture Minigrants up to £4000 for each part of the borough are available. Stanley Arts will work with 4 areas of the borough. The funding will depend on the quality of the applicants. It is funded by TNLCF so bids need to have a heritage link. All details will be on the website.
- f. Ideas for next meeting – Town Team members come with an idea of a project and some food to share.
- g. Borough of Culture (living world) grant is available. It opens at the beginning of May. Details will be on the Stanley website.

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| 24.4.23 | Jordan and interns will make reels for TikTok etc about the projects of the Minigrants. |

Date of next TT Meeting

Monday 12th June 2023

6.30 at Stanley