



MINUTES OF THE FOREST HILL ASSEMBLY

Tuesday, 8 October 2013 at 7.30 pm

Christian Fellowship Centre
Honor Oak Road, SE23 3SH

PRESENT: Councillors Anne Affiku, Alexander Feakes and Philip Peake

1. Welcome, introduction and format for the meeting.

Cllr Alex Feakes, Chair of the Forest Hill Assembly welcomed everyone to the meeting. He then introduced Cllr Philip Peake and Cllr Anne Affiku and told the assembly that the main purpose of the meeting was to decide which projects to fund from the Forest Hill Assembly Fund.

2. The Forest Hill Assembly Fund Market Place event with voting

The following projects were bidding for a share of the £12,500 Forest Hill Assembly Fund. Attendees were encouraged to visit each project and find out more about the proposal. They were then asked to mark it each proposal out of 10 with 10 being the maximum mark.

1. SFH Performing Arts Academy – Sydenham School £3,000
2. Re-Connect @ Platform 1 £3,000
3. Planting in Forest Hill Town Centre – Forest Hill Society £280
4. Forest Hill's map of hidden treasure - Town Centre Traders £2,500
5. Garden project - Rockbourne Youth Club £1,987.75
6. Garden Power Supply - Friends of Devonshire Road Nature Reserve £1,600
7. Young, fit & Healthy – Mad Workshops £3,000
8. 3-a-side Football Tournament For Youth Sake £1,990
9. Saturday Jewellery making class £2,460
10. Kelvin Grove Activities £2,250

For more details about the proposals please contact Maya Onyett
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3. Clinical Commissioning Group update

The second half of the meeting was chaired by Cllr Peake. Cllr Peake reminded the assembly that at the last meeting the Southwark Clinical Commission Group was consulting regarding improvements to their services in Dulwich and the surrounding areas. They were looking at two possible options - either by having a larger health facility on the Dulwich Hospital site and core services only in general practices, or by having a smaller facility at Dulwich and more services in some of the larger general practices.

The consultation has now finished and the recommendation is to pursue the Dulwich Hospital option. For more information regarding the recommendations visit www.southwark.nhs.uk

4. SEE3 Neighbourhood Planning update

Hilary Jarrett from the Forest Hill Society spoke to the assembly about the Neighbourhood Planning Framework. This commenced a few years ago and involves the SE23 and SE26 areas including Forest Hill, Sydenham, Perry Vale and Honor Oak. The SEE3 Legacy Group is now pushing this and acting as an umbrella organisation.

There was a meeting in September to look at the priorities and those agreed were:

- A planning group
- Kirkdale – want to see a higher standard as some proposals really poor
- Forest Hill Town Centre – 10 year strategy, ie how do we want it to look in 2023
- Working with other local groups in Honor Oak Park and Honor Oak Parade
- Issues with local town centres, what can be learnt
- Signage strategy ie the street clutter report that was commissioned although little has happened
- Impact of streetscape changes in Sydenham

Q How does what you are planning relate to the Sydenham Society?

A It is all the same people involved

Q Is there a timescale on the local plan?

A The process started 18 months ago and a core strategy is in place

5. The Results of the Vote

The following projects will be funded from the Forest Hill Assembly Fund:

- Garden Power Supply - Friends of Devonshire Road Nature Reserve
- Planting in Forest Hill Town Centre – Forest Hill Society
- Re-Connect @ Platform 1
- Garden project - Rockbourne Youth Club
- Forest Hill's map of hidden treasure- Town Centre Traders
- Kelvin Grove Activities

The remaining £882 will be offered to the next placed project which was SFH Performing Arts Academy – Sydenham School.

There being no other business the meeting was closed at 8.30pm. The next meeting will take place on Tuesday 11 March 2013 with the venue to be confirmed. Further details and information will be circulated to all residents nearer the time. No declarations of interest were made at the meeting.