



**GROVE PARK LOCAL ASSEMBLY
MEETING**
Saturday 28 September 2013 10.30am – 12.30pm
Baring Primary School
Linchmere Road, SE12 0NB

Summary of Meeting

1.0 Introduction

Cllr David Britton welcomed everyone to the assembly and introduced the two other ward councillors, Cllr Suzannah Clarke and Cllr Christine Alison, he then told the attendees that the main purpose of the meeting was to develop ideas to present to the January Assembly meeting for funding. Cllr Britton then introduced the Baring Primary School Youth Music Samba Group ranging from year 5 to year 6 and the Head Teacher at Baring Primary School Diane Brewer. The Samba Group then played some music to the assembly meeting which was very well received.

2.0 The Grove Park Assembly Fund table work

After the performance, assembly the attendees were asked to work in their groups. Each table had been marked with an assembly priority:

- Young people and the elderly
- The environment
- Neighbourhood security
- Community communication

Cllr Britton asked each table to come with a project proposal, something that can be presented at the next assembly, on each table was a guide with some information about projects that other assemblies had decided to fund.

3.0 Feedback from the tables

Table 1 – Improving Neighbourhood Security

- Safety for pedestrians on pavements – This could include a sign, more monitoring and speaking with parents of pupils at schools such as Coopers Lane
- More police required on foot – What are their hours, where are the Neighbourhood Watch members, lack of action from police

Table 2 – Community Communication

- Community website – Select a group to set-up a website / responsible for updating. Community events / assembly events could be added, and this could be run by local residents. There could also be an email database.
- Notice boards – There should be at least 2 with the assembly deciding where they are placed, these can advertise assembly and community events.
- Leaflet – Choose a background colour that identifies the Grove Park assembly, have local school children more involved and A3 posters distributed to shops, housing associations and community notice boards.

Table 3 – Activities for Young People and the Elderly

- Mend it, Grow it Cook it – This brings young and old people together. It can be held at a community centre and will require a small plot of land for growing. As the cooking will be in a community hall the group can sit and eat together. Young people can bring their broken items along and these can be fixed by people in the group. The money earned could go towards outings for the group.
- Outings for the elderly
- Marvels Lane Children’s Centre Cookery Club – Encourages healthy eating / balanced diet and people learn how to cook on a budget. – More information Jacqui Cook
- Young Carers One to One Mentoring Proposal – To provide one to one support to Young Carers who are struggling to cope at home, in school or in their lives due to their caring responsibilities. – Project cost £2,000 - Philip Mills Young Carers Service Manager

Table 4 and 5 – The Environment

- Refurbishing the area outside Grove Park Library, laying a patio and planting flowers. Eco-communities will contribute £1,500 towards this with the total cost of the project being £4,000. More information Rosaleen Kelly
- Replacing the portable toilet outside Grove Park Station with an area decorated with flowers and possibly a seat. There is a possibility of partnership with the council on this
- Improve the environment with more trees – this proposal may attract match funding from the Mayor of London
- Re-paint the shops in the central Grove Park area in partnership with the Downham Assembly as the shops are within their area
- The concrete blocks by the Betting Shop
- Lack of island in centre of road in front of Grove Park Station
- Junction turning right in to Chinbrook Road from Grove Park Station, very bad
- Trees in planters

- Flower planters and hanging baskets with flowers throughout the year. Painting a design on the planters to make them more appealing
- Plant flowering trees on the two green banks by Gallahad Road ie Rowan Trees, put a couple of benches there. Could do this with the Downham Assembly
- What has happened / is happening to the Princes Trust
- The whole area outside Grove Park Station on both sides of the road including the shops needs cleaning and painting to brighten the place up
- Parking space behind the Baring Pub, so people passing can stop to do local shopping
- Remove the 'welcome to Lewisham sign' coming into Grove Park from Bromley along Baring Road. It does not say Lewisham Borough

4.0 Community Notices

Q I would like to pursue the idea of a Grove Park Assembly newsletter and get people involved in writing it

A There is an underspend with the assembly budget and we could do a newsletter using this money.

Cllr Alison – There have been changes to the Lewisham email system involving security and I can no longer access emails at work, there are also new phones being issued

Cllr Clarke updates:

- Grove Park Station – We want to keep the ramps and the lift, but Network rail favour a cheap option. We want something bespoke for Grove Park and we have asked Network Rail for a meeting
- Baring Hall Hotel – Antic have now bought the premises and will be turning it into a family style pub, well done to the community for fighting for this
- Princes Trust – This is now going forward, but as a Neighbourhood Plan
- I would like to see welcome to Grove Park signs

Q The Baring Hall Pub will have very late opening and music, I'm a bit concerned about this?

A This is not an issue for this meeting as this is just a proposal. It must go to the Licensing Committee first and when it does you can object

Q The LBL website is not user friendly and the Ringway Centre is not marked on the ward map

A Paul Gale stated that there been some major changes in the borough with far less resources available. He will have a look at this and try to make the changes.

Cllr Britton then told the assembly meeting that he has been a Councillor in Grove Park and St Mildred ward for 16 years, but he will not be standing in this ward in May. He told the meeting that Grove Park has two fine ward councillors. He also thanked Barry Anderson, Liam Carlisle, Mark Ingleby and Sylvia for their support.

Cllr Clarke and Cllr Alison both thanked Cllr Britton for all his hard work in Grove ward, this was fully supported by the assembly meeting.

There being no other business the meeting closed at 12.30pm with Cllr Britton thanking everyone for coming to the meeting. The next meeting of the Grove Park Assembly will be on Thursday 23 January at the Eric Richards Hall.

There were no declarations of interest at this meeting