

# MINUTES OF THE CROFTON PARK ASSEMBLY

Wednesday, 11 October 2017 at 7.00 pm

PRESENT: Councillors Chris Barnham and Pauline Morrison

ALSO PRESENT:

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor Roy Kennedy

## Crofton Park Assembly 11 October 2018

### Summary of Meeting

#### The Crofton Park Assembly Fund Marketplace Event

The following projects were bidding for a share of the £12,500 Crofton Park Assembly Fund.

##### **Proposal 1**

**Organisation** – Dalmain Athletic Girl's Football Club

**Project** – Introduction to Girls Football / The Crofton Park Cup

**Amount applied for** – £1,253

**Project Description** – We would like to run a schools tournament for the schools in the Crofton Park ward, for the Crofton Park Cup. All schools in the Ward will be invited to enter a minimum of 1 team to enable the girls to experience playing competitively for their school. This will be followed by a FREE half term football camp, which all girls who play in the tournament will be invited.

##### **Proposal 2**

**Organisation** – Ewart Community Hall

**Project** – Community Cinema

**Amount applied for** - £965

**Project Description** – The Project aim is to set up a monthly film session; the target audiences are all age groups from around the community, both the Ewart Road Co-operative Estate residents and local residents. A survey is being sent round to ascertain local preferences for genre, era, etc.

The Project will run from November 2017 to May 2018: this is to gauge the amount of local interest with a view to continuing if it becomes successful and generates enough income to cover costs.

##### **Proposal 3**

**Organisation** – Elder Peoples' Support Project

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**Amount applied for** - £522

**Project Description** - EPSP provides a range of activities to benefit older people including: a Wednesday lunch club, physical classes such as Zumba and line dancing and intellectual pursuits such as art classes and bingo. It also arranges visits to places of interest especially for vulnerable adults. This bid is to support EPSP through the provision of new easels and a digital camera for the art class as well as a new dishwasher which would greatly help with the provision of

refreshments at the lunch club, and funding to enable a visit for the art group to the Tate Modern gallery. We are also seeking some small funding to improve the wifi network at the Ackroyd Centre which is used by many groups.

#### **Proposal 4**

**Organisation** – Prendergast – Ladywell Primary School

**Project** – Little Free Library

**Amount applied for** - £1,437

**Project Description** - Our project is two-fold. We would like to set up two 'Little Libraries' – one would be a hut in the playground to which the children would have access to at playtime and at the end of the day. The funds would provide the hut and a selection of books to start the library off. If money allowed, we would also provide a writing area and materials to inspire our many budding writers. We would also like to set up a more traditional 'little library' for the parents of the school in order to build on our already excellent relationships with them. Research has shown time and time again that children are more likely to read if they see their parents reading for pleasure. A free and unlimited loan library would encourage those adults who do not have the time or maybe the confidence to visit local libraries. We need funds to build and stock the library until it grows and is able to restock itself. Further information on 'Little Libraries' can be found at <https://en-gb.facebook.com/LittleFreeLibraryProject/>

#### **Proposal 5**

**Organisation** – Friends of Blythe Hill Fields

**Project** – Playground Equipment Blythe Hill Fields

**Amount applied for** - £1,500

**Project description** – The playground in Blythe Hill Fields was installed in 2010. Other than remedial works and some repainting the equipment has remained roughly the same. We wish to install up to three new items of equipment using monies raised from the Blythe Hill Festival and donations to the friends and with support from the Crofton Park assembly to keep the play equipment fresh and increase use of the public green space. At the 2017 festival children attending the craft tent were encouraged to "vote" on which items they would like to see in the playground by placing stickered stars on pictures of each piece of equipment from a selection provided by Glendale and their preferred supplier HAGS. The winning three items were: Cradle Swing £3,933.56 including installation, additional £752 for fencing around it. Spinner £1821.90 including installation Wobbly bridge £1063 including installation. This application is for the installation of at least one of these items, potentially of the cradle swing, which subject to agreement with Glendale will sit outside of the main playground and be located to make the most of the spectacular views whilst maintaining quiet spaces for those without children in tow to relax. We are requesting £1500 from the assembly. This covers 23% of the estimated cost of the project.

#### **Proposal 6**

**Organisation** – Crofton Park Transport Users Group

**Project** – A Cinderella Line

**Amount applied for** - £500

**Project description** – A Cinderella Line is a group set up to improve the train service from Crofton Park station. The area has seen a significant growth in population and demand and the service has not kept pace with this.

Our campaign has already seen some key successes, including restoring the services from Crofton Park to London Victoria in the morning peak time, as well as

canvassing 3,000 responses to the first part of the Thameslink consultation representing over 20% of responses for the entire Thameslink network. We will continue to campaign to ensure that the promised four trains an hour (from the first phase of the Thameslink timetable consultation) become a reality, and will also work to deliver an all day, seven days a week twice-hourly direct Victoria service, overall giving six trains an hour. Engagement with Thameslink, South Eastern (or its successor should it not be successful in retaining its franchise) and Network Rail to achieve this.

## **Proposal 7**

**Organisation** – Max Media Arts

**Project** – Brockley Max 2018

**Amount applied for** - £1,000

**Project description - Activities for young people and older people** - For 2018, the festival will be focusing on increasing the number of young volunteers as well as building upon the previous year's focus on older people's participation.

**Supporting community cohesion** - Brockley Max enriches the local community by bringing together people from a range of backgrounds to perform and participate. All sorts of relationships have developed over the years from friendships developing as a result of volunteering at an event to people discovering new group activities which they continue after the festival is over and new collaborations of artists/performers. It enables people to be active in their area, increasing their well-being by feeling part of a community. It also strengthens the links of businesses, and a range of arts- & other organisations with the communities they serve, fostering a more caring community. **Health and well-being** - "Several of the studies in the evidence base acknowledge the intrinsic value of the arts and culture. Beyond this, it suggested that engagement with the arts variously permits people to lose themselves in creative activity & gain perspective upon their individual condition as part of a societal whole.

## **Proposal 8**

**Organisation** – Acorn After School Club

**Project** - Healthy Eating & Performance Art at the Acorn Club

**Amount applied for** - £960

**Project description** - The project is for the Acorn After School Club based at the Ackroyd Centre to continue with free weekly healthy eating and performance arts groups for children

## **Proposal 9**

**Organisation** – Eco Communities

**Project** – SE4 Coding Club

**Amount applied for** - £1,500

**Project description** – The SE4 coding club is a project designed to provide tools for youth to be engaged with the social and digital world, with the intention of imparting vital digital skills to enable them to create new possibilities. The project aim to foster an interest in technology by introducing KS2 students through A-level students to computer science. We believe that children should have the opportunity to learn to code ,no matter who they are or where they come from. The project will teach children how to program by showing them how to make computer games, animations and websites, built around 2 free open source programmes SCRATCH and CODEACADEMY. The focus is on creative, fun activities that help develop core programming skills, as well as offering courses outside the school

curriculum to stretch the learners academically e.g teaching students how to build websites and apps and teach them the forgotten art of computer programming. The course will be easy to follow and digital champions will assist young people learn HTML, CSS , Python by making games ,animation and websites. The project will gradually introduce coding concepts to allow young people to build their knowledge incrementally. We also provide certificates, as well as offer competitors and prize draws for them.

### **Proposal 10**

**Organisation** – St Saviours Church Brockley Rise

**Project** – Linking Lives Crofton Park

**Amount applied for** - £1,200

**Project description** - In 2016, with the help of an £800 grant from the Assembly Fund, St Saviour's church, working with other local faith and community groups, initiated a volunteer befriending scheme for isolated people in Crofton Park Ward. This project is recognised and registered with Linking Lives UK who set high standards and give ongoing support to the project. Co-ordinator, Alma Jenner was appointed in 2016 to recruit, DBS check, train and support volunteer befrienders , and then match them with isolated people. We currently have 25 active befrienders, roughly half have church connections and half do not. Referrals of people needing a befriender are received from a variety of local agencies including Mindcare, Age UK, Community Connections, Dementia Care, Adult Therapy, local GP's and Voluntary Services Lewisham. Most of the clients are elderly and living alone, but we have two clients who are under sixty and three couples where one partner has dementia or Parkinson's; a visits help to break the monotony of daily routine and bring some respite to the caring partner.

### **Proposal 11**

**Organisation** - Crofton Park Railway Gardeners

**Project** - Crofton Park Railway Community Garden

**Amount applied for** - £1,500

**Project description** – The vision: To create an exemplar multi-purpose outdoor public space to be enjoyed by everyone in the neighbourhood. Provide opportunities for outdoor recreation and learning, social meeting space, food growing and thriving biodiversity. The project will deliver a better pocket park and community garden. It aims to achieve the following:

1. Emphasise importance of, and promote health and wellbeing in the community.

We aim to:

a) Create a sensory garden to provide a truly multisensory and healing experience filled with colour, textures and scents.

b) Provide a tranquil outdoor space, serving as a refuge from the traffic noise of Brockley Road.

c) Promote healthy eating through cultivating fresh, organic fruit and vegetables.

2. Promote outdoor natural learning. We aim to:

a) Provide a space for local schools to use for outdoor classroom events, to learn about local nature, food varieties, cultivation, natural habitats, biodiversity through events and hands-on activities.

b) Have as many varieties of herbs and plants with info on their origin, medicinal uses, etc, as a way of improving knowledge of their health benefits.

3. Provide an outdoor community social space. It will aim to:
- a) Provide seating space throughout the site for the different views of the garden
  - b) Create a 'parklet' that is more accessible to those who find it harder to reach the peaks of Blythe Hill Fields.

## **Proposal 12**

**Organisation** - Hopcroft Neighbourhood Forum

**Project** - Hopcroft Neighbourhood Forum Greening the Ward

**Amount applied for** - £1,500

**Project description** - This is a bid for funding to enable the Hopcroft Neighbourhood Forum to continue its work in the ward and to implement two greening projects. To date the Forum has successfully overseen the development of the Neighbourhood Plan for the ward as a statutory tool to help guide future development and also to promote a number of proactive projects to benefit the area. The work has been led by a volunteer steering group and has involved considerable engagement with residents in the ward to ensure that it is the local community's plan and addresses the issues most important to people living there. The projects that have been taken forward include street planting at three locations: Brockley Rise, Ewhurst Road and Honor Oak Park which has been very well-received. Further assembly funding will enable us to do more of this work and in particular, to plant two street trees on a piece of open land in Brockley Road and also to deliver two more street planters at the southern end of Brockley Rise.

## **Welcome to Prendergast Ladywell School - Vivien Nicholls**

Vivien Nicholls welcomed everyone to the first assembly held at Prendergast Ladywell School.

## **Sugar Smart Lewisham – Danny Ruta**

Danny spoke about the obesity "epidemic" that is spreading amongst our young people. The statistics were given: 22% of children in Lewisham in their reception year are already overweight or obese. This rises to 40% in year 6. Danny encouraged all those present to join the campaign by asking their local businesses to go SugarSmart. This involves small steps such as placing lower sugar items within easier reach of customers and moving higher sugar items to the back of shelving (or stocking less of them).

Those interested should visit our website for more details:

<https://www.lewisham.gov.uk/myservices/socialcare/health/diet-and-exercise/sugarsmart/sugar-smart-lewisham/Pages/default.aspx>

or email: [sugarsmart@lewisham.gov.uk](mailto:sugarsmart@lewisham.gov.uk)

Businesses who come on board get a certificate signed by Jamie Oliver and stickers for their shop windows.

## **Lewisham London Borough of Culture – Nancy Stridgen**

In the Summer, the Mayor of London made an announcement about a borough of culture competition. The scheme is about using art and culture to make a difference to people's lives. Lewisham already has a good track record for the use of art and culture and we want to build on this. There is a 1.5 million prize for the winner. Winning the competition could also attract additional investment to the borough. People are being asked for their ideas on how to use art and culture to make a difference, what are the issues that need to be addressed and how to celebrate art and culture across the borough. People are also encouraged to think about the hidden arts and culture within their area.

There is a social media campaign which people can tweet using #loveitlewisham or by visiting [www.loveitlewisham.co.uk](http://www.loveitlewisham.co.uk)

### **Result of the vote**

For this meeting the assembly trialled a 'give back scheme' whereby the fully funded projects were given the opportunity to donate some of their award to enable the unsuccessful project to receive some money

As a result of these generous donations Eco Communities SE4 Coding Club will receive £645.

Councillor Morrison then thanked everyone for coming along to the meeting.