

MINUTES OF THE LADYWELL ASSEMBLY

Thursday, 23 March 2023 at 7.00 pm

PRESENT: Councillors Bill Brown, Laura Cunningham and Liz Johnston-Franklin

ALSO PRESENT: Ade Joseph

Apologies for absence received from Ladywell Police Safer Neighbourhood Team

Record of Meeting

	Items	Actions
1	Welcome, Introduction & Format of meeting	
	<p>Cllr Liz Johnston-Franklin welcomed everyone to the meeting and went through the agenda.</p>	
2	Police Safer Neighbourhood Updates	
	<p>Representatives from the SNT gave their apology for this meeting but provided a written update on their work over the past few months. Jonathan Watts, the newly appointed chair of the SNT ward panel was also introduced to the meeting.</p> <p>The update provided were as follows: The team has been dealing with issues at certain addresses in the ward, helping the people involved and improving the lives of people living locally.</p> <p>There are plans to hold a day of action in a problem area of the ward alongside officers from Lewisham Council, local Housing associations, and homeless charity aimed at combating anti-social behaviour and criminal activities.</p> <p>Three new neighbourhood watch schemes are in the process of being set up. Anyone wanting to set up further meetings on their streets should send an email to Ladywell.SNT@met.police.uk</p> <p>There have been ongoing issues at Hilly Fields Park at evening time (around midnight) with a group of people playing loud music. If anyone sees or hear this happening, they should call 101. Officers conduct regular patrols in this area whenever they are working late shifts and often deals with those involved when they find them.</p> <p>The team have had Catalytic Converter training at work and are now planning to set up a marking event where people can bring their car to mark the Catalytic Converter. More than likely this will be held at one of the big supermarkets in the area. This initiative is aimed at</p>	

	<p>combating the sharp rise in Catalytic Converter Thefts.</p> <p>The next meeting of the SNT panel is due to take place in June, this is an open meeting for all locals. To ensure more representation, the chair of the SNT panel encouraged resident's participation at this meeting.</p> <p>Other Community issues</p> <p>The meeting was alerted to a recent house burglary on Grodonbrock and Chudleigh Road. The police are knocking on doors to make people aware of these local robberies. People were encouraged to contact the police if they hear or see anything suspicious in the area.</p> <p>There has been a number of incidents of mobile phones snatching in Ladywell Fields recently. Advice from the police is was for people to be mindful when using their mobile phones in this area.</p> <p>Information was received about Council's consultation on Public Space Protection Order. The order will give the police and council more powers to prevent antisocial behaviour in public spaces. The consultation is currently open until the end of April and can be found on the Lewisham Council website. The link to the consultation will be sent to Ade for circulation to people on the Assembly mailing list.</p>	
<p>3</p>	<p>Proposal for development of the former car wash site on Ladywell Road</p>	
	<p>Jack Southorn, from a Development Consultant WSP provided a brief history of the former petrol station / car wash site which has now been built up into a new development. The site comprises of a large commercial space on the ground floor, 4 x1 bed flats on the 1st floor and 3 X 2 bed flats on the 2nd floor.</p> <p>The planning application for the development was granted in 2019. The site clearance began in 2020 to support the removal of the former fuel tanks. The building of the site took place over 2021-22.</p> <p>Delivery and Servicing</p> <p>The Delivery and Service Plan for the commercial unit has now been agreed with Planners, Council Highways team and Transport for London. The plan will see an 18 ton rigid lorry delivers ambient fresh and frozen food and milk each day. Smaller transit vans will deliver bread, newspapers, magazines sandwiches etc. to the site. It has been proposed that the delivery vehicles will park to unload on Gillian Street. A test run of the 18 ton truck was conducted on 3rd of March with representatives from the Ladywell Society participating as observers.</p> <p>Residents also raised several concerns about issues around illegal parking, traffic build-up and non-enforcement on Gillian Road.</p> <p>Outstanding matters</p> <p>Several outstanding issues with the building still to be resolved with the Council were highlighted. These relates mostly to the external</p>	

	<p>details of the development. Things such as, windows, front vent, balustrades and shop front windows, currently do not meet the specification set out in the planning documents. The meeting was shown the images of what the external details should look like versus what has been installed by the developers. The developers are currently in discussion with the Council about the best way forward to address those issues.</p> <p>A question and answer session followed this presentation.</p>	
4	Lewisham Donation Hub	
	<p>Lawrence from the Lewisham Donation Hub introduce himself along with 2 volunteers from the project and gave a presentation on the work they undertake to support those in need across the borough and beyond.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The hub is based in unit D, within the Place Ladywell complex and funded by Lewisham Council until their recent success in gaining charity status • The hub is sustained almost entirely by community donations both materially and financially • The scheme has two main objectives. One is to alleviate hardships and the other to conserve the environment for future generations • The hub has supported a wide range of needs since 2020, providing people with essentials such as communication equipment, clothing and foot wears, bedding and homewares, kitchenware, food and toiletries, household appliances and furniture etc. • A map showing the types of support being offered at the hub and where the people accessing their service comes from was shown to the meeting • Around 80 to 140 volunteers work at the project daily, providing various supports to the people accessing the hub • The project works collaboratively with the Mayor of London, British Red Cross, React, offering supporting to over 5,000 people facing hardships and homelessness in hotels across London • The hub operates in two fundamental areas: Offering food support by re-distributing food aid from the Felix project in Deptford, to people on low income, unemployed, refugees and asylum seekers, and people with no recourse to public funds. The other is around general support, through providing household items such as clippers, items of clothing, footwear, kitchenware, baby buggies etc. <p>Future priorities for the project</p> <p>Future priorities for the hub were said to be to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • expand the areas, they offer support • arrange for proper waste disposal • share more understanding amongst people about the 	

	<p>services they undertake at the hub.</p> <p>To find out more about the work of the team and discover ways to support their work and the people they serve, visit their website; www.lewishamdonationhub.org www.facebook.com/lewishamdonationhub.org www.opencollective.com/lewishamdonationhub</p> <p>Donations are received at the hub on Sundays from 1pm to 4pm.</p> <p>To arrange a talk, contact: laurence@lewishamdonationhub.org</p> <p>A question and answer session followed this presentation.</p>	
<p>6</p>	<p>Feedback from NCIL funded project – Ladywell Society – World Folk Music Festival</p>	
	<p>This feedback was provided by Robert Smith, the Society's chair who gave a brief overview of the project. The Ladywell World Folk Music Festival took place on Saturday 18th of June 2022, funded through the Council's NCIL grant. The Society received a total grant of £8000 from the Council towards the delivery of this project. The group chose Global Fusion Music and Arts, a renowned charity organisation with a wealth of experience in delivering music and arts festival as their delivery partner. The aims of the project was said to be to celebrate and revive local traditions, embrace culture from all over the world and to encourage people to come out into the open following covid, to enjoy a good festival with quality arts.</p> <p>The meeting was shown a video clip taken at the festival.</p>	
<p>7</p>	<p>Community updates and any other business</p>	
	<p>Ladywell Live A call out was made by the chair for contributions of stories and information about events happening locally to feature on the Assembly Website (Ladywell Live). The site is run and managed by a member of the Assembly Coordinating Group on behalf of the Ladywell Assembly. Contributions can be sent via the website or to the Assembly Coordinator to forward to Tony.</p> <p>Ladywell Society Information was received about a presentation by Mike Guilfoyle about a famous local author and celebrity "Inspector Robert Fabian of The Yard". Born in Ladywell, Inspector Fabian was a very famous detective who had a television series of dramatisations of some of his cases at which he appeared in person at the end.</p> <p>Mike Guilfoyle is well known in Ladywell as chair of the Friends of Brockley and Ladywell Cemeteries and a very long standing member of the Ladywell Society. A recording of this talk is now available on YouTube on the "WellofOurLady" channel:</p>	

8	Declaration of interest	
	<p>There was no interest declared at this meeting.</p> <p>The chair thanked everyone in attendance and brought the meeting to a close.</p>	