



Minutes of Board Meeting – 4th of May 2011

Attendees: Richard Bridge (RB), Peter Truesdale (PT), Abigail Tripp (AT), Sara Coyte (SC), Ken Hamilton (KH), Rosa Wright (RW),

Apologies: David Clarson (DC), Giles Godard (GG), Chris Easton (CE)

Minutes of last meeting and actions arising. Minutes were accepted.

PT updated the group with the latest news from Living Space, the main part of the Space requires £50,000 without staff to run and with staff up to £120,000 currently. There have been meetings which PT has chaired between Black Friars settlement, Oasis, WCDG and SE1 United so they that at the end of the month can suggest a model to run the place with a view to getting a proposal put to the council in the early Autumn. He says this is a positive model as it engages people from different organisations to works towards a common goal. They can put a plan together so Lambeth council can comment it and support it.

RB met CE and the latter thinks that there might be positive news from the Princes Trust, and that they might become more involved in the area if they could use Living Space as a more permanent base.

Conflicts of interest No conflicts were reported

Financial Report

The financial records show an unrestricted balance of £1,462.89 and current balance of £1,462.89 at the end of April. The recent cash flow figures shown to the board committee for the last month were as follows: WaCoCo had total expenditure of £86.66, of which 42.68 was paid to renew the domain name, and ABS Communication had a second payment of £43.98 for stationery.

Outcomes and work plan for LFN work 2011/2012

RB, mentioned that the documents he sent around were about the milestones achieved last year. He also mentioned that the March South Bank Forum was postponed to May is taking place Thursday 26th May. RB, AT and Annie Duffield met yesterday and they will come up with a proposal, so that the rest of the Board members can give their opinions on it before the next LFN meeting. This is discussed in more detail below.

Proposal for bid to Awards for All to support more work with TRAs

RB says that is time to move onto a new step with the TRA process building the capacity of these associations is very important, it is a long term process and that the result should be engaging more people from the estates to be involved in activities in the Waterloo Area. This is also outlined in the workstream for next year.

Advertising re funding bidding support

RB mentioned that DF should have sent a special email advertising the funding bidding support program at Easter but this was delayed. This email will now go out as a one-off email and possibly in SE1 news also. AT mentioned it could be included in the June issue of SE1.

RB handed out a proposed schedule of activities with associated costs and funding sources to the group.

RB said that during the next year, there would only be three forums and three South Bank News issues. Funding is already there for the first two issues, so only two more each need to be funded from LFN.

An annual plan proposed by RB, AT and AD incorporated communication and activities between different groups of the partnership only partly funded by the LFN.

The first column in the handout outlines a series of activities which will be the output of the communications expected throughout the year. The second column outlines the outcomes required by LFN for their funding and the third list of information indicates where other funding might be available.

The workstream costs 64,500 of which LFN will hopefully provide 55,000. There is some money from last year coming forward, the additional money be from LFN to fund the next Forums and South Bank News as well as to add some money into the Community Celebration and Conference. The Sports and Gardens day currently has a funding application submitted which was led by WaCoCo this day will involve more young people and more diverse groups. Some money will also be allocated to improve and upgrade the website. As WaCoCo is working in partnership with SBEG, South Bank Partnership, and possibly Waterloo Quarter, it would be important to involve different aspects on the website and RB would like to bring in Richard McKenna from Strudel to help with this.

There is also a piece of software being developed by the LFN which enables your website to scrape information off 100s of different websites for details and information on the local area. It can also be used by the community to highlight issues in their area to the council. With approval from LFN this could be incorporated into the website.

Also in the program is to continue the community outreach work which is linked to the Community Celebration/Conference and TRA program. Money can be used for estate visits and also to put together a local exhibition of the history of the local estates as part of the Community Celebration/Conference. 4x£500 grants could be applied for by the TRAs after the conference to hold events on their estates. An Awards for All grant could be applied for (up to £10,000) to fund the majority of this.

PT asked which of the funding is secured for this year. RB replied that the LFN money will be something – they have £100,000 available. As WaCoCo is also applying for much less than last year, so he is reasonably confident that their requirement will be met. The Awards for All grant needs to be applied for. The Sbeg funds is certain. The Lambeth Events funds should be known at the end of the month but is currently very oversubscribed. AT said that if less money is given, then the Sports and Gardens day will just have to be a smaller event, and as much as possible has been done to get facilities and services for free. RB also said the Community Conference could be altered and still run on smaller funds.

A.O.B

KH mentioned the loss of shops of still of concern to the community and wondered whether WaCoCo could have any role in trying to prevent further loss. RB mentioned the redevelopment of Lower Marsh in consultation with WDCG should attract more people and business to the area.