

Minutes of WaCoCo Networking Meeting – Wed 3rd May 2017

Attendees:

R Bridge – Chaplin Close Residents' Association, WaCoCo Chair S Coyte – Lambeth Council E Elkington – WaCoCo administrator K Hamilton – Waterloo Community Development Group

Apologies:

D Clarson – The Bridge at St John's, Waterloo Rev G Goddard – St John's Church, Waterloo R Leech – Oasis UK

- 1. Conflicts of interest: No conflicts of interest were reported.
- 2. Minutes of last networking meeting: Minutes of the Networking Meeting held on Wed 5th April 2017 were agreed and signed off.

3. Matters arising

London Eye Community Chest – Round VII

The Chair reported that 15 applications had been received, some from groups that had neither applied before nor engaged with WaCoCo. This was applauded: it showed that the publicity drive for the current round had succeeded in reaching new groups and represented a 50% increase on the previous round's number of applications.

Assessments of each application were being prepared by Natalie Bell for circulation to the Assessment Panel members in the weekend of 6 and 7 May. The Panel would have two weeks to digest the applications' contents before convening on 22 May. It was noted that Richard Bridge would chair the Panel. The Panel would include Alex Valenzuela of the Visitor Management Group, a representative from Merlin Entertainments/London Eye (tba), Cllrs Jennifer Moseley and Kevin Craig, and John Langley (Chair of the VMG). A WaCoCo member with no conflict of interest and a good knowledge of the local community sector would also be approached to sit on the Panel. It was noted that recipients of £5,000 and above would receive 70% of the award in the first instalment; recipients of less than £5,000 would 90% of the award in the first instalment.

VIDI Media advertising venture

The Chair reported, with regret, that the entrepreneur behind this scheme had still failed to secure the necessary up-front finance to get the project started and, as the site owner's deadline for payment of the deposit was looming, it was beginning to look

increasingly unlikely – but still not completely impossible - that this project would happen.

4. Financial Report

The Chair referred to the pre-circulated April financial statement. There were no queries and it showed that the group's finances were in a satisfactory state.

5. <u>Draft Annual Report</u>

The pre-circulated annual report, including the accounts for the year ended 31 March 2017, which would be tabled at the June AGM. They showed a healthy £2,948 in funds (all but £500 of which were unrestricted) at 1 April 2017. The draft report was accepted.

6. Any Other Business

There was no other business.

7. <u>Date of next meeting:</u> Wed 7th June 2017, 8.30 am start, New Cut Housing Association meeting room, 106 The Cut.