



Minutes of Networking Meeting – Wed. 6th November 2013

Attendees:

R Bridge – Chair – Chaplin Close Tenants' Association
D Clarson – formerly of Waterloo Community Development Group
E Elkington – WaCoCo administrator

1. Apologies

M Ball – Waterloo Community Development Group
H Firminger – Bankside Open Spaces Trust
G Goddard – St John's Church, Waterloo
K Hamilton – Waterloo Action Centre
Cllr P Truesdale – Bishop's Ward Councillor for LB Lambeth
R Wright – Association of Waterloo Groups

2. Conflicts of interest: No conflicts of interest were reported.

3. Minutes of last meeting: Minutes of meeting held on Wed. 2nd October 2013 were accepted.

4. Matters arising

- **EDF London Eye Community Chest Grants**

The Chair reported that applicants were now able to submit their bids to WCDG. The closing date was Mon. 25th November and the Appraisal Panel would meet on Mon. 9th Dec. The Panel would include independent-of-would-be-applicant, authoritative representatives from EDF, SBEG and Lambeth Council as well members of the board of WaCoCo who have no conflict of interest with any grant application. Cllr Truesdale would be on the Panel. DC stressed the importance that all Panel members declared their interests in advance of the Panel convening. The conditions of applying were discussed. It was noted that groups which had received two or more awards from the Community Chest in previous rounds were barred from applying this time. This was to encourage new applicants. The minimum bid amount had been dropped to £1,000 to encourage groups with small projects to apply. Partnership bids would be given preference and required to list all their project partners and how much each would be receiving from the overall grant.

The Chair outlined the agreement with WCDG that they would promote this opportunity by producing and distributing A3 posters to Living Space the library in Lower Marsh, WAC and Oasis for display. He added that the opportunity was also carried every week in the WaCoCo newsletter and on the WaCoCo website and that EE had sent a press release to SEI News. Further to some discussion about the need to promote this opportunity more, EE agreed to also send the press release to Jenny Styles and Giles Goddard with a plea for them to broadcast the opportunity. She also undertook to chase the editor at SEI News to mention it urgently in his publication and on his website.

- **Revitalising Waterloo Open Spaces Partnership**

The Chair reported that £1,770 in grant money had been pledged by Lambeth Council to cover work carried out up until 31st March 2014. Another application to cover work planned for after this date in 2014 was being planned. It was noted however that the LFN had in approving the grant reduced the hourly costs applied for as these were considered unreasonably high. Both WCDG and BOST had confirmed their desire to continue the project nonetheless.

5. Financial Report

RB drew the attention of those present to how he had changed the layout of the monthly financial statement to make it clearer. It was noted that there was a healthy surplus of unrestricted funds in the bank. RB was working with EE to ensure that it was up to date and accurate since April 2013 so that going forward EE had a solid basis for keeping all financial records.

6. AOB

It was noted that DC had resigned from the Management Committee of WCDG, of which he had been Chairman. The Chair confirmed that this did not mean that he would be required to resign as a member of the Board of WaCoCo. He had been elected for a term of three years in a personal capacity by the whole membership and was welcome to stay on the Board for the remainder of it.

7. Date of next meeting: Wed. 4th Dec. 2013. 8.30 am start at St Andrew's Church, Short Street, SE1.