

Lordship Rec Users Forum

Minutes of 15/06/11 LRUF General Meeting

@ Broadwater Farm Community Centre

1: Introductions made of people present and apologies by those not in attendance

Present: Dave Morris (Friends of Lordship Rec), Wayne (FLR + Wildlife Group), Caesar (BWF Residents Association), Joan (B2E + FLR), Becky Ahmed (B2E), Luisa Baker (LBH), Augustin (BWFCC), Bob (Church on the Farm), Debbie and Maria (Mother and Toddler Group), Margaret (WH School), Dawn Ferdinand (BWF Primary School), Abdi and Abdulla Jammac (White Star Rangers football teams), Martin (B2E). **Apologies:** Fiona McRitchie (BWF Children's Centre), Paul Ely (LBH), David Singh (BWF RA), Chris Hutton (BWF RA), Gary March (Lordship Arts Collective), Odin Biddulph (History Group), Councillor Khan, Karen Fermor (Wildcat Arts Collective), Helen Steel (Park gardener + FLR), Irene and Brian (Friends of Graham Lee).

2: Updates

Margaret from William Harvey – Finishing building 22/8, moving in on October. Phase one (first half) to be ready by then. Phase two (the next half) to be ready next year.. All children to be in new school by September 2012. William Harvey, Moselle and Broadwater Farm school all to merge to be a fully inclusive school. Needs will be met for all children while being integrated.

Augustine from BWFCC – Have slightly-reduced money (£240,000) to improve centre. Will be used to make centre Health & Safety compliant. Want to increase income generation. Gym equipment inherited from Tottenham Green Leisure Centre. Crèche to be made into gym to be used by 20-30 people at any one time. Plans to move reception forward and create office space behind. Homes for Haringey to use all of first floor offices (100-120 staff) which means more use of centre. Centre currently running activities for free, funded by sports development (over 50s, aerobic class, table tennis). There will be an open day on the 25/6 – lots of free activities and a prize draw for free membership. Plans proceeding for the 'externalisation' of management, preferably to a Trust (along with Tottenham Green and Park Rd leisure centres) by April 2012. Expressions of interest have been sought. It was noted that Nigel of Broadwater United football club has expressed an interest for a return to local community management of the Centre.

Bob from Church on the Farm – Their meetings, youth work and open days still continuing. Friends of Lordship Rec meeting at their venue once a month.

Becky and Joan at Back2Earth – Seeking more volunteers. Discussions being made for B2E lease for running kitchen, centre grounds and office space. The 4 training/volunteering schemes to do with the regeneration of park are being prepared. Queries about the straw bale building project for the new Lordship Environmental Centre / Hub. It will now be offered as a structured course to students of construction, targeting CONEL. 12 places available, and if not enough interest is shown by students, it will be opened to community and interested people.

Joan from Friends of Lordship Rec – Meeting at Church on the farm first Sunday of the month. Third Sunday of the month working in the woodland which is currently in need of shrub pruning. Members are involved in lots of other activities as always, including numerous meetings about the current works in the park.

Debbie and Maria from Mother and Toddler Group – Settled in well to the Centre creche. Only a few people coming due to uncertainties and new building works.

Caesar from the Broadwater Farm Residents Association. The BFRA thanks everyone for their contribution to improving the park and the Centre. BFRA has new committee and new members and a meeting at 6:30 on 30/6 for residents of the estate.

Wayne from the Wildlife Group – Next wildlife meeting on July 5th, 6pm in the centre.

Dawn from Children's Centre - Run community care alongside childcare. Local authority want to take community part in-house and run in clusters under local authority control. This puts services in jeopardy as they're an integrated system. In the process of consultation, and also lobbying of councillors. Formed a working group to put forward that these people remain in responsibility for the centres.

Abdi from White Star Rangers FC - do youth mentoring, sports/recreation and evening classes with young people in the area. Football teams started as a Somali group (hence the name) but want to broaden out and change name to Lordship Rec FC to encourage other members and improve identity of the teams. Currently have 140 youth members of various age-groups. Plan on using the Rec fields to practice and have games, and enter tournaments in and outside of London. Are liaising closely with Clasford and Broadwater United. LRUF offered full support.

3: FUTURE OF BW FCC

- LRUF wrote to Juan setting out proposals to protect the interests the centre's relations with the park and park-related groups during the 'externalisation' of the centre.
- New works are planned imminently. Concern was raised over the pace of change with the Community Centre, and need for more engagement, involvement and empowerment of user groups. People wanted to have input to proposals. Rejuvenation of communications to keep people involved is very important - especially schools involvement as the schools are seeking an integrated approach throughout the area.
- Mother & Toddler Group also raised concerns regarding their usage until they move back to the park in November to the new Environment Centre. Augustine assures they will work together to be found a suitable place.
- Concerns raised about ensuring the centre remains a Community Centre rather than being turned into a Leisure Centre. It was felt important to take on board the views of the senior citizens, football groups, BFRA and LRUF.
- Regular Centre User Groups' meetings proposed, to allow all groups to meet and discuss issues as centre changes.

4. WORKS UPDATE

- The regeneration works are going very well. Some of the key partners are meeting weekly (at the Tuesday morning LRUF surgeries) for an ongoing overview, and there are also Design Team Meetings and Progress Meetings. [See latest Update below.]
- Problems of vandalism in the Rec. A fire recently occurred in adventure playground. We all need to keep an eye on this problem.
- Luisa was invited to do an assembly at the local schools to talk about the project so they have more understanding of what's going on.
- All community led activities in the park carrying on well and on-going.

5: FESTIVAL

- Something smaller this year because of works, so will be held in centre and on hard ground of harmony gardens
- Will be called "Sporticulture" a combination of sports activities and a horticultural show, promoting both park and community centre.
- Will also have a few community stalls, plus café with food
- Will be held on Sat September 24th 1-5pm.
- Possibility of Wildcat Arts Collective putting on a film show in the Shell in the evening. Noted that Shell theatre not guaranteed to be ready.

6: UPCOMING EVENTS

- **September 1st:** Wildcat Arts Collective putting on consultation event next to Shell Theatre to do a consultation workshop in the morning and a performance in the afternoon. Keen to work with local community to get ideas for future usage. Will do detailed plan and leaflet distribution.
- **15th July:** Schools will be organising a Community Campus Carnival. Starting in park assembling at 9.30am on 15th July, then leaving at 10am and parading down Adams Road and into schools.
- **3rd of July:** 'Bark In The Park' Dog Training event will be held by the police and the RSPCA in the SE corner of the park on 3rd of July from 12-4pm.

LRUF Stakeholders' Weekly Co-ordination Surgeries

Tuesdays, 10am-11am @ BWFCC / B2E room. Open meetings. Reps and members of all stakeholder groups welcome.

Attendance usually includes: LBH, Friends of Lordship, Back2 Earth and Vinci Construction

Update / Current Issues (19th July 2011)

1. Construction process/schedule

a. Works update

§ **New bridges (vehicle and pedestrian):** Work well underway. Vehicle bridge being done – 3 more weeks. Culvert path to be closed off for 4 weeks.

§ **Shell Theatre:** Ready end-Sept. Damp may need to dry for some extra wks before finishing can be done.

§ **Toilet Block / Info Shop:** Should be finished in a week.

§ **Eco-Centre:** Piling nearly done, then drainage, then foundations / timber frame. Issue re temp vehicle access.

§ **New river channel:** Channel constructed. Inlet/outlet structures to be constructed. Water to be redirected through ditch for 4 weeks. Spinney burn being tested for use as topsoil on new banks of river.

§ **Sports field:** River spoil being used for future mounds & surfacing. Boundary/hedges need improvement.

- § **Adventure playground:** Drainage done. Site closed due to vandalism to wooden structure – WWW to repair.
- § **Bike track:** Drainage done. Work on new track starting probably 15 August. Ready by Oct/Nov?
- § **Drainage works:** Now main field, section at a time. Take another month-ish. Shell/MUGA area pipes in. Former drainage system around the Shell will be examined.
- § **Security:** Overnight/weekend guard now hired. We also have mobile for West Green SNT police.

- § **Lake area:** Path cracks need maintenance. *Action:* FH.
- § **Woodland:** Ongoing pruning for shrubs. Green Flag Community award likely.

b. Information

- § **Friends Bulletins:** Dave to do July/August one for main park notice-boards etc explaining progress.
 - § **Regeneration noticeboards:** Vinci/Luisa did a June bulletin.
 - § **Temporary public access/routes signage:** Review of signage on fencing ongoing. *Action:* LB/Tom to liaise.
 - § **Door-to-door bulletin:** Still need a door to door bulletin around the park, specific to the park. Maybe Friends could do? *Action:* LB and DM to consider the matter.
- c. Personnel** Park staff unfortunately been moved out to Downhills Pk to join 'area team' due to Council's budget cuts - subject of much debate. Lottery seeking guarantees over the agreed staffing and maintenance levels. New parks area management officers are Frankie Hunt (FH) and Steve Hall (SH). New security guard in place.

2. Revising/updating the planned works and Masterplan Changes being added to Masterplan, having now been made in construction drawings. *Actions:* Rupali to release revised Masterplan this week?

3. More natural play features London Play has secured £38,000 for the Rec for more natural play features (+ extra ££ for consultation). To be developed in partnership between LP and the Friends of Lordship Rec. We have held site visits to look at all the options. DM is FLR link person. To be completed by March 2013 – no hurry, could be done in 2 phases. Separate from Vinci contract. *Action:* Partnership agreement drafted. London Play to cost options.

4. Plans for planting the 200+ new trees + shrubs We've held a number of LRUF 'trees and shrubs' theme-group meetings to review planting strategy, which species, where, who to plant, sourcing. eg nut and fruit walk being looked at.. Need to ensure watering regime. New water pts won't be in until summer 2012. *Action:* Rupali to send tree map. Lu to convene another mtg.

6. Broadwater Farm Community Centre

a. Grounds issues Harmony Gardens development going well. Lots of volunteers til Nov (more always welcome). Park gardeners & brakethru club access resolved. Heras fencing up another week or so. Sump now connected to drainage by Vinci. Children's garden landscaping done – pond to be done in Sept - with local school? Lockable gate in northern wall confirmed. *NB Issue with night-time barbeques.*

b. Centre usage Users Groups Meetings now held regularly. HfH taken upstairs & paying for improvements (moving in Sept). Staff now in Clasford's office. Gym to replace old crèche, start mid-Sept (some concern expressed) + redesign of reception, start Oct. Plans can be reviewed. Mother & Toddler Grp ok till Sept, may need re-siting till Oct (DM and Centre investigating

options). Dividers for hall and café. £240,000-ish capital funding earmarked for works/repairs. Kitchen / café to be refurbished, start Dec, and let out – B2E is negotiating lease for kitchen, gardening & office. Café full time from Sept? 'Externalisation' process (incl. Leisure centres) underway – expressions of interest made. Will remain Community Centre, and current usage protected. Brief being drawn up by PE. Preferred bidder (looking for a Trust) by Jan '12.

7. Formal volunteering/Training/Employment during works 4 main formal volunteering tasks to achieve during works - tree/shrub planting, meadow seeding, bike track barrier work (LB/BA to discuss), straw bale build. Priority is straw bale (12 people a day for 3 weeks – 20 vols so far). BA doing publicity / contacting other projects for help/vols. B2E in touch with SETEC work placements. *Action: Rupali to check where the seeding zones are. Vinci / Community liaison meeting needed.*

8. Interpretation/signs strategy (noticeboards, signs etc at the end of the works) + colour policy Many theme-group meetings held. Costings (approx £32,000), and issues discussed for future interpretation/signage. Various walkabouts with LBH Comms and suppliers to get costings. Preference to be done at end of works. Joel and WWW to make finger posts. *Actions: Lu to call meeting. JM to seek extra funding.*

9. Protecting park borders In past utilities and home developers have caused damage, some agreed compensation – needs chasing up if not too late. *Action: LB, Frankie and LBH legal dept.*

10. (Non-Vinci) maintenance Approach/policy/protocol has been discussed – LB/PE to draft. Some issues: path on main field west side cracked + also lake path holes; dangerous telegraph wire on back path (reported 2 weeks ago – FH to check); cycle sign pole by main gate (now in bushes); hedges throughout the park to be trimmed next month); new border planting by new building by main gate (to be done by Vinci); grass growing out of paths; tree leaning by playground (replant?) *Action: LB/FH*

11. Lordship Rec Wildlife / Conservation Lordship Wildlife Group meets to discuss nature conservation issues – will try to develop the group in order to monitor, audit, promote and speak up for wildlife issues. A list of proposed habitat areas for bees, toads, beetles etc is being drawn up. Ruth and Wayne interested in helping manage the spinney. Jeremy has produced a list of 60+ bird species sighted! Could Ian H start a butterflies list? DMRG compiled folder of all surveys and key documents. Ian H applied for Forestry Commission grant (£5,000) for nut & fruit walk. 30 on recent bat walk. *Action: DM to do mins. Next LWG meeting Aug 23, 6pm. Informal chats Fridays, 1.30pm in café.*

12. Trim Trail To be put back into Masterplan, and funding sought. Mainly around paths, but possibly also in teen space. Martin H aims to arrange for distance markers at end of works. JM investigating funding - £10-15,000 would get 9-10 'pieces'. *Actions: Lu to build into programme. JPM to look into catalogues/funding & do options map.*

13. Future community gardens within the Rec Some proposals drafted. To be refined with options/phases. To be mentioned on Masterplan. *Action: John McC met MB re help with sketches.*

14. Arts and murals, and other creative activity Lordship Arts Collective members may reconvene to discuss future projects/activities. Jack Gardner, a 92yr old who grew up in Risley

Ave, is doing a historic child's bike sculpture in metal – agreed by FLR/LBH (LBH will fund).
Action: JC/GS may convene next LAC meeting. DM to liaise with Jack. DM to send artwork details to LB.

15. Developing more user groups and strengthening the LRUF

a. Occasional LRUF 'Sub-group' theme meetings – ie key stakeholders to oversee certain issues eg: strategies for Volunteering/Training (BA/LB), Interpretation (JMCC), Trees & Shrubs (Lu).

b. Autonomous user groups eg: History Group (JC and Odin to call next one, to discuss plans for the R. Moselle project etc); Arts Collective (JC to call next meeting?); possible Events group including future use of Shell (Wildcat Arts Collective have funding for an event there Sept 1st), Wildlife Group (RG/DM - next meeting in Aug), Dog Club (need support - JC to liaise re Animal Shelter sessions?); Abdi is aiming to strengthen the White Star football teams in the Rec (Weds and Sats) - now using the FLR lock-up; Trax weekly youth club (meet Downhills café on Sats)

c. Community Champions - Somali, Turkish, Jamaican, Latin American & Ghanaian community champions so far

d. Communications - We agreed to do 'stakeholders' flow chart Action: Joan & DM to update draft chart.

16. AOB a. Lordship BW FCC 'Sporticulture Day', Sept 24th, 1-5pm, BW FCC Sports and horticulture.

17. Disclaimer: Info above is a rough summary by LRUF and not necessarily up to date, or official LBH position

Weekly user groups sessions continue: eg. Monday walking group; Tues & Thurs Mother & Toddler Group; Wednesday Dog Training; Friday green gym; Friday community café, Trax club + rides; Football etc

