

MLGB Neighbourhood Forum Meeting Notes

Thursday 25 March, 6-7pm

Chaired by Helen Moore and Kat Zamri-Peel (East Street Arts)

15 people in attendance (2 residents and 13 organisations)

Zine sub-group update:

A small group of forum members have been meeting to progress the next neighbourhood zine and will give an update (Kat and sub-group)

- It's important to ensure that the Zine includes information from people who are living in the area mostly - something we agree with and want to continue.
- Speak to Julie Holmes from Housing about Zines - can the communal areas be used in some way?
- Important to keep the Zine contributions local
- The deadline for contributions is the 12 April
- Will be ready for early May

Burmantofts Health Centre Update:

- Recently we (Helen and Kat) met with The Health Partnership's Team, which works with the Council, NHS and other partners
- They have commissioned Community Ventures Leeds (CVL) to work on the development of an outline business case for creating a new centre on or close to the current Burmantofts Health Centre site.
- Their current focus is getting to know Leeds, Lincoln Green and Burmantofts and reviewing the information gathered to date about what the community needs to improve their health and wellbeing
- They are currently meeting with key local partners and arranging a series of workshops to inform the vision for the new centre
- The intention is to make good use of the information local residents and other community members have already given
- Then they will review this information with you and other local people to check that it still reflects the community's needs and aspirations and would like to invite some members from the Neighbourhood Forum to do this with us in April.

(Helen)

Introduction of requirements for forum application: Discussion of initial ideas, April's session - forum constitution (Abbie)

3 things to think about for next month's meeting:

1. What aims should the forum have?
2. What are the strengths of the neighbourhood that we should reflect in the application?
3. How should we reflect the membership in the application?

Guest Speaker - Toni Dee-Paul (standing in for Selina Thompson)

Oh God Not Another One - A project exploring politics beyond representation. Selina asks the question: 'Will we change the world... or will the talk be all recycling bins and antisocial sound levels?' A utopic project for dreamers, doers and people who think 'there's too much politics'.

- Toni talked about the original plan for the project, and where it might go next.
- Toni invited people to get in touch following the meeting to explore ideas and involvement

AOB:

Community access to digital

- Coop Academy looking to provide ESOL classes and an IT suite that Neighbours / families can access. This is likely to start from September
- Leeds City College also wants to offer resources and things that can help the community. Again this is likely from September
- How can we help more residents with digital access and ease? Is this something that is needed?

Resident access for meetings:

- Not enough residents attended. We need to relook at how we do the Forum meetings right now (some of the great ideas of Coop Academy being a data accessible space possible from September, also Leeds City College).
- How can access to the forum meetings be easier immediately? We need to relook at how residents can attend.

Meeting minutes access:

- Kat to record a voice note summary of each meeting that residents can listen to (reading a document is not accessible for all)

Suggestions for upcoming meetings:

- Start with 'things we want to share about the Neighbourhood' section, things that have happened. Any news etc. Good news, thoughts, things to share - keeps it to a resident focus.
- Keep each meeting focused around one aspect of the Neighbourhood that will directly involve and appeal to residents.
- Call non-digital residents in advance to bring any things they want to talk about?
- Look at how we did the initial Q&A where Kat called residents before and after to be kept involved.

Date of next meeting:

- TBC Thursday 29 April on Zoom / 24/25 April - picnic in the park