

# **Minutes**

## **Friends of West Barnes Library**

### **Committee Meeting**

4<sup>th</sup> March 2019 at 7.15pm

#### **1. Present**

- Toby Ewin (Chair)
- Penny Price (Treasurer)
- Dan Griffiths (Secretary)
- Theresa Clarke (Committee Member)
- Alison Honor (Committee Member)
- Mary-Jane Jeanes (Committee Member)
- Madeleine Maguire (Committee Member)
- Sarah McAlister (Committee Member)

#### **2. Apologies**

- Rachel Taylor (Vice-Chair)
- Anthony Hopkins (Head of Library & Heritage Services)
- Karren Whyte (Library Manager)
- Brenda Brevitt (Committee Member)
- Eloise Bailey (West Barnes Ward Councillor)
- Hina Bokhari (West Barnes Ward Councillor)
- Carl Quilliam (West Barnes Ward Councillor)

#### **3. Head of Libraries & Heritage Services Report**

AH was unable to attend but did send an update on Crossrail 2 covered below.

#### **4. Library Manager's Report**

KH was unable to attend.

#### **5. Treasurer's Report**

PP provided an up-to-date copy of our Accounts which is included overleaf.

#### **6. Update on Events**

TC provided an update on our programme of forthcoming events:

- 18th March - Author's talk – good response
- 30th March - Spring Fair – posters in shops, cake donations, cupcake bake-off
- 13th April - Alison running Spring flower arranging session
- 2nd May - Bingo with a Difference (50% takings to Royal Marsden)
- 14th May – another Author's Talk TBC
- 15th June – Quiz

- 29th June - AGM
- June or July – Secret Kingston Walk

Volunteers to help setup, run and tidy-up at the Spring Fair would be much appreciated as would donation of home-made cakes for the refreshment stall.

## **7. Crossrail 2**

Following the Committee’s meeting with representatives of Crossrail 2 earlier this year, TE has asked if it is possible to circulate DG’s summary of the meeting (see overleaf) to the Friend’s email list. At the time of the meeting no response had been received. -- *However, since then TE has confirmed this request was approved pending a few minor changes to the text.* --

At the meeting CR2 did state it was unlikely that Crossrail 2 plans would impact any redevelopment of the library site. DG asked AH for comment on this and he responded that:

“Whilst Cross Rail 2 did give assurances about it being unlikely that the library would need to be used our regeneration colleagues felt that they haven’t fully clarified the use of space around the library, which is owned by the Council and would be required in the event of the library development. Once the meeting has taken place I will update the Friends further.”

The Committee looks forward to hearing back from AH following the meeting.

## **8. Motspur Park Business Association**

Our Local councillors are gauging interest in the set-up of a business association for the Motspur Park and West Barnes area. The question was asked if the FOWNBL would want to be part of this. The committee discussed the matter. While another local group is welcome (especially in light of further Crossrail 2 consultation) it was agreed that the Friends, not being a business, would not join.

## **9. Any Other Business**

- A chess set has been donated and will be kept in the library. We will mention in the Friends newsletter that this is available for anyone who wants a game.
- Prior to the meeting BB raised with TE the lack of clear and timely information about the transition to new systems and awareness of disruption for library users’ access to

accounts between 1<sup>st</sup> - 7<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup> March. This has been raised with AH. TE will add a note to the next Friends newsletter and posters are up in the library explaining the disruption.

#### **10. Next Meeting**

Next meeting will be Thursday 9th May 2019 (apologies from SMcA)

## Friends of West Barnes Library

Income & Expenditure Report as at 2<sup>nd</sup> March 2019

	Income	Expenses	Net Income
	£	£	£
Membership Subscriptions	5.00		5.00
Spring Fair 12.05.18	123.40	26.00	97.40
Donations	20.00		20.00
Autumn Fair 29.09.18	124.99	28.60	96.39
Photography competition prizes		100.00	-100.00
Author Event 29/10/18	26.00	69.83	-43.83
Author Event 10/11/18	20.00	9.00	11.00
Quiz Night Nov 18	150.00	147.72	2.28
Author Event 28/01/19	26.00	44.52	-18.52
Sundry Donations (cash left in cashbox)	19.81		19.81
	<u>515.20</u>	<u>425.67</u>	<u>89.53</u>

Cash at Bank @ 28.02.19	1876.3
Cash in hand @ 28.02.19	<u>128.12</u>
	<u>2,004.42</u>

Cash reserves b/fwd at 01.04.18	1914.89
Net expenditure 2018/19	<u>89.53</u>
Cash reserves c/fwd	<u>2004.42</u>

## Crossrail 2 Meeting Summary for FOWBL Committee

17<sup>th</sup> January 2019

Firstly, although much planning and consultation has already taken place it is still early days for the Crossrail 2 project, if indeed it does even proceed. There was a brief intro to what CR2 is and what it means for the local area. There are a number of us with a paper copy of the presentation we can share but briefly:

- Both level crossings will close given increased volume of trains.
- One crossing (either West Barnes or Motspur Park) will be replaced either with a flyover/bridge or underpass.

5-6 options were then shared with us for replacing the West Barnes crossing, 3 options for the Motspur Park crossing each being various configurations of bridge or underpass.

There are many factors but environmental impact, traffic, housing take (including compulsory purchase), cost, etc are obviously all considerations.

These options are not in the public domain (copies were not left with us) but fair to say it's a significant project and they all have major implications in different areas and degrees. I'm sure someone who attended the meeting can talk you through them if interested.

Significantly for WBL none of the options have a direct impact on the current library site (though there might be indirect impacts on traffic flow, local area, etc) and should not be a bar to redeveloping the site. No safeguarding is in place either.

Given the above, it would be good to understand Merton's reluctance to press ahead with library redevelopment consultation and plans? Presumably the concern is that this is still early stage and no impact may yet conceivably change to mean some impact in future?

Overall an interesting but (unsurprisingly) inconclusive meeting given the relatively early stage of CR2 planning.