



## Meeting of Corringham, Fobbing and Homesteads Forum Held on Monday 8<sup>th</sup> February 2021 at 7.30pm online via Zoom

### Present:

Forum Committee			Sub.C	Residents/Representatives			Sub.C
Brenda Scott	BS		F	Roy Jones	RJ		
Penny Partridge	PP	Secretary	CL	Gary Byrne	GB	Cllr	PI
Jenny Meads	JM	Chair		John Fox	JF		T/P/PI
Alex Ridley	AR	Treasurer		Margaret Gamberdella	MG		
				Dave Plant	DPI		T/P
				Fay Plumb	FP		
				David Plumb	DP		
				Gbenga Olajugbagbe	GO		
Kim Towlson	KT	Chair TAF					
John Rowles	JR	VC of TAF					
Trevor Hutchinson	TH	DP World					
Lynn Gittins	LG	TBC					

### Sub-committees:

T	Thurrock Road User Group	CL	Christmas lights
P	Policing	F	Flowers
PI	Planning	Fu	Fundraising

		Action
1	<b>Apologies for absence</b> Tony Sharp	
2	<b>Notice of any other business</b> Christmas lights	
3	<b>Minutes (to approve the minutes of previous meeting)</b> The minutes of the previous meeting were approved.	
4	<b>Matters arising</b> DP asked if the questions in item 5a could be followed up (allotments) and item 5b - has a representative from Thames Enterprise Park been invited to attend a meeting?	PP
5	<b>DP World – Trevor Hutchinson</b> TH reported that 8 buildings have been completed, 7 of which are occupied. A 9 <sup>th</sup> is starting construction and a 10 <sup>th</sup> will be shortly for DHL. The local development order is now 7 years and DPW will be approaching the council regarding the next 10 year period. During the pandemic, the port suffered a downturn initially but this was followed by an upturn and throughput has been above what was expected. 1 additional shipping line has been signed.	

	<p>A bid has been submitted regarding a freeport proposal, jointly with Tilbury and Fords. Outcome will be known in the spring when TH will report to the forum. DPW are working with South Essex College on a bid for an Institute of Technology at the Grays campus.</p> <p>TH continues to engage with Highways England regarding the lower Thames crossing and still has concerns about the Manorway interchange.</p> <p>Castle Point local authority have submitted a local plan with a proposed link from Canvey to the Manorway. DPW have challenged this and some amendments made.</p> <p>TH has concerns over plans for the London Resort in Swanscombe. Plans for a park and ride at the ferry terminal in Tilbury will increase traffic and put more pressure on the Manorway if LTC goes ahead.</p> <p>The Manorway road surface needs an upgrade (noise) but the road has defects under the surface. TH is trying to persuade TBC to complete a survey.</p> <p><u>Questions and comments</u></p> <p>RJ – The abandoned link road from Tilbury will devastate the area. TH advised that Highways England need to define and secure the mitigation, which must be a legally binding obligation.</p> <p>KT – Early LTC drawings included the Tilbury link road but it was subsequently removed. There are now discussions about returning it at a later date, but it should be built at the same time.</p> <p>JF – Potential big problem with four different groups of traffic coming into the Manorway roundabout. All parties need to work together.</p> <p>DP – Are Thurrock doing their own modelling, with everything added in?</p>	
6	<p><b>Forum matters during lockdown</b></p> <p>Notification of actions during lockdown has been emailed out, but to recap: A new planter has been purchased and planters have been repositioned. Thanks to BS and her husband.</p> <p>Members of the General Committee met with Enso Energy re a proposed solar panel farm at Fobbing.</p> <p>The General Committee facilitated the change of supplier for the Christmas lights. Fundraising from local businesses and traders raised £1405 for the Christmas trees.</p> <p>Members attended meetings with TBC highways and Port Watch.</p> <p>Funding was received to purchase a laptop for forum business. This will be purchased when the new committee has been established at the AGM.</p> <p>London Gateway/DPW have agreed on principle to return to funding the Christmas lights next year. TH will confirm in the summer.</p> <p><u>Questions and comments</u></p> <p>DP confirmed that he attended 4 AIG meetings where he raised motor bike and speeding issues. DP has challenged the police stats which say the majority of need</p>	

	<p>was in Stanford. There was a miscalculation on the stats and they are being reviewed.</p> <p>DP has also been working with Matt Forde and has a highways tracker sheet, which is followed up monthly.</p> <p>JR – who is your new Christmas lighting supplier? Now Aylesford Electrical.</p> <p>RJ – Is anyone monitoring the S106 money from DPW? DP confirmed he is, it's also on TBC website. DP has also received the funding approval route from TBC.</p> <p>TH – DPW may fund the new bus terminal at the railway station, but there will be conditions agreed. The original offer has expired. There is a project team at TBC and they seem to be pushing it forward.</p>	
7	<p><b>Treasurer's report</b></p> <p>Bank statements have been submitted to the chair and secretary.</p> <p>Christmas trees were fully funded with donations this year.</p> <p>The music licence for Corringham town centre has been processed after much intervention.</p> <p>The Christmas lights have been paid for and the deposit from TBC refunded.</p> <p>Money for a forum laptop has been received. JR confirmed the forum does not need to contribute 10%.</p> <p>A full financial summary will be submitted in April for the last two years.</p>	
8	<p><b>Constitution</b></p> <p>A proposed addition to the constitution was distributed before the meeting, on advice from TAF. It was noted that the statement was open to interpretation and advice should be sought from TAF on the wording, ready for the AGM in April.</p>	PP
9	<p><b>Notice of AGM – Monday 12<sup>th</sup> April 2021</b></p> <p>The AGM will be held on Monday 12<sup>th</sup> April 2021 at 7.30pm.</p> <p>JM announced that she will be standing down from the Chair and nominations are welcome from anyone that is interested in taking the office of Chair and/or joining the general committee.</p>	
9	<p><b>Ward Councillors' Reports</b></p> <p>Clr GB confirmed funding of £250,000 to improve Branksome Avenue.</p> <p>Council voting takes place on Wednesday re the railway station.</p>	
10	<p><b>Any other business</b></p> <p>JF – did the committee follow Thurrock Council's own procedure when changing Christmas lights supplier? The general committee requested 4 tenders. They were not happy with the previous suppliers and made their best effort during lockdown to get quotes. No decision has been made about the future supplier of the Christmas trees, but attention would need to be paid to ensuring safe processes are followed.</p> <p>JF – should the decision to change supplier have come back to the forum? Lessons have been learnt but we need to move forward. The committee did the best they could under the circumstances.</p> <p>DP – why did the request for quotes go out in early December? Much of the focus in July-November was on ensuring the correct paperwork was in place for</p>	

<p>December 2020. Quotes were requested from suppliers who could see the lights in situ. The forum account has enough funds for the next two years and plans are developing for fundraising, including tentative support from DPW.</p> <p>GB – can Councillors take an office on the general committee? JR explained it would be a conflict of interest and they wouldn't be able to use their casting vote. They would be ex-officio and it's not recommended.</p> <p>DP – how many additional people do we need for the committee? We will accept all nominations.</p> <p>RJ – will JM continue to stand on the committee? Yes, if it's needed.</p> <p>AR – what will happen if we can't get a chair? We would ask KT at TAF to intervene.</p> <p>DP – how will voting work on Zoom? JM will look into this; we will either set up a poll or have a show of hands.</p> <p>Meeting closed at 9.10pm</p>	
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**Next meeting (AGM) is on Monday 12th April 2021 at 7.30pm.  
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