Present:
Milena Powley (Chair)  
Jayne Deeley  
Francis Lee  
Michael Norris  
Evelyn Green  
Jim Basford  
Judy Smith  
Rita Billinghurst  
Margaret Johnson  
John Lawton

Representing:
Eltham Park Residents Association  
RBG Economics Initiatives Manager  
The Eltham Society  
Greenacres Residents Association  
New Eltham Residents Association & CANE  
Normanhurst Residents Association  
Old Page Estate Residents Association  
Progress Residents Association  
Progress Residents Association  
Riefield Road Residents Association

1. Apologies for absence
Sharon Staples (Thomas Philipot’s Almshouses)  
Marlon Dwyer (Eltham Regeneration Manager)  
Lynne Evans (Individual member)  
Carol Gargaro (Strongbow Tenants & Residents Association)

2. Adult & Community Learning
Milena welcomed Jayne to the meeting and there were round the table introductions. Jayne described the current basis for Adult & Community Learning in the Royal Borough, using the presentation pages attached, which covered the ethos, funding, who accesses the courses, where they are delivered and examples of the range of courses on offer. She explained that courses are not directly delivered by RBG, but are sub-contracted, and for this coming year the range of providers is likely to be wider than previously, as Greenwich Community College is not being used as much as in past years (GCC is now merged with Bromley & Bexley Colleges into London South East Colleges). The programme for this Autumn has yet to be publicised so courses are starting later in the ‘Autumn term’ than usual.

Forum member groups explained that their main interest, on behalf of their members, was what had previously been regarded as ‘leisure’ courses, not accredited courses (ie those requiring an exam at the end of the course), and provided in the south of the borough. Jayne said there would be courses provided at The Eltham Centre, but she acknowledged that many of the courses Forum member groups identified were now provided at Greenwich Park, because there were no longer suitable premises in the south of the borough (an example of this is all the art/ceramic courses that had been held at Haimo).

For south of the borough residents, particularly older residents, Greenwich Park was not easily accessed, requiring 2, sometimes 3 buses and a reasonable walk. Community learning was especially important for older residents, and GPs were increasingly realising its importance to a variety of patients who required a non-medical referral. The importance of publicity was stressed, and although we had lost Greenwich Time, Greenwich Info would be a suitable medium to encourage people to find out more, either via the RBG website or at libraries and community centres.

Jayne said she welcomed ideas for both courses and venues and she can be contacted via email at jayne.deeley@royalgreenwich.gov.uk or by phone on 8921 5872. Jayne was unanimously thanked for leading a most interesting and informative discussion.
3. **Minutes of the meeting held on July 18 2016** were agreed.

4. **Eltham Town Centre**
   a) **Eltham Stakeholder Forum**: There has been no Stakeholder Forum meeting since last December.
   b) **Eltham Town Centre Partnership**: There has been no Partnership meeting since the last Forum meeting. RBG has now signed the cinema lease, demolition is about to start; completion will now be late 2018. Judy will be meeting Mark Hodgson (RBG) shortly to discuss a number of concerns raised by residents about the High Street public realm works, and will report back to the October meeting. Forum members were pleased to hear that business rates were being reduced, as there is no doubt that footfall and vehicle traffic into Eltham have reduced.
   c) **Eltham Masterplan**: Concern at proposals for a 9 storey block on the 10 Orangery Lane site, which does not match Masterplan; however no planning application to date. Planning application for a two storey extension to the block containing the Job Centre raises questions about access (4 storeys but no lift) and height (drawings unclear about whether it will be higher than its neighbour, the Iceland building).
   d) **Accommodation over shops**: await update from Marlon.
   e) **Grove development**: Nothing to report

5. **Eltham Community Hospital & future of The Source at Horn Park**
   Judy had attended one of the open sessions to discuss the future of The Source, the health facility at Horn Park. She talked with a number of local residents, who all stressed the importance of the facility, particularly as the nurses could deal with matters (eg. wound dressings) that otherwise would require constant trips into Eltham. Judy was of the opinion that the current mix of health prevention and nurse services was better than a GP outreach surgery.

6. **Elective orthopaedic surgery proposal**
   Judy recommended Forum member groups should read this proposal, along with the Sustainability & Transformation proposals, on the [www.ourhealthiersel.nhs.uk](http://www.ourhealthiersel.nhs.uk)

7. **RBG draft Statement of Community Involvement**
   Details of this consultation had previously been circulated to Forum members; agreed Judy would circulate her association’s response.

8. **Proposed Royal Greenwich Partnership**
   Details of this are included in a paper to the Cabinet meeting of 21.9.16 (Item 6). It was agreed South Greenwich Forum should put forward a case for inclusion as a Partner as there seemed to be little resident representation.

9. **Adult social care/customer journey**
   As previously agreed, Judy has raised with GAVS (who act as the conduit with Adult Services) the need for improvements in the Greenwich Community Directory, and maybe in the Adult Services information service, to ensure self-funders fully understand what is available and how they can access services.

10. **Avery Hill Winter Gardens**
    Nothing new to report; concern about dilapidation continues.

11. **Community Engagement Board**
    Still not identified exactly who can attend and whether Minutes etc are in the public domain.
12. **Future visitors**
No action at present, as if Judy is not available for the October meeting and preparation of the Annual Report, the AGM might be moved to November.

13. **South Greenwich Forum website**
John will report on the website and providers at the October or November meeting.

14. **Heritage & Other Sites**
a) Parks: Well Hall Pleasaunce/Avery Hill Park/Eltham Park South: All the Parksfest summer events are now over, and were successful. No immediate events currently planned.
   d) Eltham Society: 1st Thursday of the month talks start in October.

15. **Report back:**
a) Kidbrooke/station footbridge lifts: Len Duvall has received a reply from Network Rail suggesting they are open to discussion; passed to RBG for action.
b) Kidbrooke public transport: Important it is on the agenda for the next Kidbrooke Stakeholder meeting, and we should check when that is.

16. **Information**
a) Greenwich Community Directory ([www.greenwichcommunitydirectory.org.uk](http://www.greenwichcommunitydirectory.org.uk)) Contact number for those not able to access on line: 8921 2304
b) Greenwich Dance Agency: Autumn programme

17. **Dates of next meetings**
**General:** October 17 (AGM?) November 21 (AGM?) **No December meeting** January 16
**Traffic:** October 24 2017: January 23 April 24 July 24
All at 8.00pm at St Mary’s Community Centre, 180 Eltham High Street, SE9 1BJ