Minutes of the 251st regular meeting of South Greenwich Forum held on
Monday September 16 2019 at St Mary's Community Centre, Eltham, London SE9 1BJ

Present: Representing:
Milena Powley (Chair) Eltham Park Residents Association
Kellyanne Kelly London Fire Brigade (Eltham)
John Killick CANE (Community Association of New Eltham)
Evelyn Green Individual member
Francis Lee The Eltham Society
Jim Basford (Vice Chair) Normanhurst Residents Association
Judy Smith (Secretary) Old Page Estate Residents Association
Wayne Greenslade Riefield Road Residents Association
Sharon Staples Thomas Philipot’s Almshouses

1. **Introductions** Kelly was welcomed to the meeting and there were round the table introductions.

2. **Apologies for absence**
   - Sacha Clement (London Fire Brigade)
   - John Lawton (Treasurer) Riefield Road Residents Association
   - Margaret Johnson (Progress Residents Association)
   - Lynne Evans (Individual member)

3. **Minutes** of the meeting held on June 17 2019 were agreed.

4. **Eltham Fire Service**
   Kelly described the work of the Fire Service, explaining that an increasing percentage of their work was preventative. The website [www.london-fire.gov.uk](http://www.london-fire.gov.uk) gives a great deal of information on fire safety, including advice on when a home fire safety visit is recommended. The Fire Service has a range of fire safety leaflets, all available from Eltham Fire Station, can advise on a range of safety products, some of which are available free of charge from the Fire Station, and can advise on where to place alarms around the home (an example is ‘not in the kitchen’). Kelly explained that most fires in the home start accidentally; the top causes are smoking, cooking, candles and electrics, and that older people are often more at risk because of health problems or reduced mobility – sadly more than half those killed by fires in the home are over 60. Anyone wishing to discuss a home fire safety visit can contact Eltham Fire Station by ‘phoning the London Fire Brigade number 020 8555 1200 and asking for Eltham Fire Station, or by contacting Kellyanne direct on 07568 713 060. Kelly was thanked for a most worthwhile presentation and discussion.

5. **Eltham Town Centre**
   a) **Eltham Stakeholder Forum**: Michelle Rankin had contacted Judy to say that for the moment she is our RBG regeneration and town centre contact; in email and telephone discussion she had given answers on footfall and other points raised with Marlon Dwyer. Judy explained Marlon has been most supportive to SGF, and she hoped this level of support would continue.
   b) **Eltham High Street**: ‘Courtesy crossing’ will change to lighted one; when not yet known. Agreed to recommend to October Traffic meeting that the traffic island below the Eltham Church junction is moved, as vehicles continue to drive round it to access the right turn lane and it seems no amount of ‘enforcement’ will stop that. Also agreed Milena should suggest to the Town Centre Partnership that Passey Place should be alcohol free.
c) **Eltham Town Centre Partnership**: Milena reported on July 9 meeting. Passey Place/High Street subject to considerable amount of pick-pocketing; cars in Passey Place continue to be a problem; more CCTV should be considered; new drinking fountain in Passey Place welcomed. Await reply on suggestion that Eltham West councillors are represented on the Partnership.
d) **Eltham Masterplan & Social Housing**: Social housing is being considered but it is not clear which site. There has been a public consultation on new proposal for 10 Orangery Lane; the electronic presentation is attached.
e) **Accommodation over shops & old Tesco site for housing**: Concern that the proposals for the old Tesco building appear to have stalled; Forum also interested in the site beside the old Tesco building.

6. **Eltham Community Hospital**
No news on re-establishing The Source. More publicity is essential for the out-of-hours GP and wound dressing services, as well as the X-ray and blood services. Greenwich Clinical Commissioning Group AGM is on September 25. Agreed to circulate The Future of Health In Greenwich presentation to GAVS members that Milena had attended on June 26. **Secretary’s note: Circulated on September 25.**

7. **Adult Social Care/Support for the digitally frail**
There was no time to discuss the need for better support for the digitally frail.

8. **Greenwich Archive Users Forum (GAUF)**
Judy reported she has just circulated GAUF Newsletter No. 4, which explains that the Regeneration, Transport and Culture Scrutiny Panel meeting on September 26 will have an agenda item on the Greenwich archives. She will attend that meeting and raise the future of the Millennium Embroideries, plus limited access unacceptable.

9. **Avery Hill Winter Gardens**
The Council stall at the Avery Hill Fun Day on July 11 had achieved somewhat limited consultation. Nothing else to report.

10. **Royal Greenwich Partnership**
Quite apart from the lack of transparency about this Partnership, there is nothing to indicate that it continues to meet.

11. **Planning process & community involvement in regeneration and social housing**
The final report on this project, and the recommendations made, will be considered by the Regeneration, Transport and Culture Scrutiny Panel on September 26. Judy will attend the meeting.

12. **Heritage & Other Sites**
   a) Eltham Park South:
   b) Well Hall Pleasaunce:
   c) Avery Hill:
   d) New Eltham: September 14 event had been very successful, with good weather to help.
e) Progress RA: Book-The Origins and Evolution of the Progress Estate available from keith.billinghurst@btinternet.com or 07962 877 389.
f) Eltham Society: For reprint of R.R.C.Gregory’s 1909 ‘The Story of Royal Eltham’ see www.famloc.co.uk
13. **Report back:**
   a) Kidbrooke Station Square: The Mayor of London has taken over the role of planning authority for this site, and it is expected the application will be re-considered in October. Whenever it is, Judy will attend to make OPERA’s objection.
   b) Kidbrooke Station lifts: Requires continued lobbying as the Kidbrooke Station Square application does not deal with all requirements. Both the Blackheath Society and St James Church (Kidbrooke Park Road) are lobbying.
   c) Kidbrooke public transport & vehicle access to station: New 335 bus route will not be sufficient if Kidbrooke Station Square development proceeds.
   d) Anti-fraud Operation Mercury project: Regret still no details available.

14. **Information**
   a) Greenwich Community Directory ([www.greenwichcommunitydirectory.org.uk](http://www.greenwichcommunitydirectory.org.uk))
      Contact number for new free Live Well Greenwich helpline 0800 470 4831
   b) Greenwich Info: Delivery seems reduced; complaints to distributor on 8940 0666; any other comments/complaints to Gaynor Granger (8921 5033) or Nicola McGuire (8921 5572)
   c) Greenwich Weekender: contains some RBG planning applications & all traffic orders.
   d) Greenwich Learns: Adult learning prospectus for the whole of the borough.

15. Dates of next meetings
   **General:** November 18 (AGM)  **No December meeting**
   2020  January 20  February 17  March 16
   **Traffic:** October 28 2020  January 27  April 27  July 27
   All at 8.00pm at St Mary’s Community Centre, 180 Eltham High Street, SE9 1BJ