



FRIENDS OF ARNOLD CIRCUS

Minutes of the committee meeting for January 2012 held at Leila's cafe

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Date: Tue 31st January 2012

Attendance: Leila McAlister (chair), Alice Herrick, Jalal Aziz, Farid Djebrouni, Naseem Khan (minutes), Finn Williams, Robin Hatton-Gore, Jean Locker.

Observers: Rose Pomeroy, Andrew Clark, Luke Gottelier, Greg Klerkx (Nimble Fish), Keith Jones (Tower Hamlets Wheelers)

1. **Apologies:** Sabeha Miah, Jenny Bernard, Jason Caffrey, Marine Shah.

2. **Previous minutes:**

The November 2011 minutes were accepted as an accurate record.

3. **Matters arising**

3.1 The application to Open Squares Weekend has gone in, as a joint application with LDA.

3.2 Naseem reported that there did not appear to be sufficient infrastructure right now to be able to pull the Biggest Samosa off.

3.3 But the idea of an exercise guidance to Arnold Circus has been welcomed by the large local medical centre; Barbara Brunner has offered to provide the text based on her work as a trainer.

3.4 Andrew Clark described the limitations on weddings on the Circus, but said a White Paper would be coming out that could ease them.

3.5 It was decided that people should go and see the Time for Tea bench, parked at the back of Rochelle Canteen, before the February meeting.

4. **Green Circus**

Greg described the Olympics project that he and his organisation, Nimble Fish (<http://nimble-fish.co.uk>) will be taking with Years 3 and 4 of Virginia Primary School, leading into the Olympicnic where they would share the Games they had devised. Leila recommended using the courtyards, as PATH had been doing, and Naseem added the idea of teaming children with local businesses whom they would teach the games. Leila offered to help with the linking.

5. **Olympicnic**

Alice has put a call out to artists, and will report back on the response. No concrete sum has been mentioned yet by the Council in compensation for lost parking revenue, but reassurances had been given that it would be kept as low as possible. Jean felt, and it was generally agreed, that applications for the road closure should be made soon. Alice is to talk to Martin Sola. At the same time, the issue needs to be discussed further with the Council, given both the high community function and the low amount of parking revenue involved.



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Mr Jones said that the Wheelers would repeat the same programme as previous years, though he himself might be away on the day. Their support was greatly appreciated

6. Finance and Future

The latest figures show carry forwards of £1,114.24 allocated to Carrom and £3,730.42 for Events.

It was agreed to amalgamate the Carrom with the Olympicnic, and to ask Carrom Club/Café if they would like to be involved again.

Pavilion Brass have agreed to play on Arnold Day (May 27th). It was agreed that Naseem would see if Diamond Jubilee funding could cover events taking place on a day other than June 2nd.

The admin for Arnold Day will be divided up – posters (Alice), distribution (Leila), permissions (Farid), set-up and taking down (Robin, Finn and Farid). Marine is to be contacted over volunteers in general.

Naseem brought up funding and organisation in 2013. She relayed Anna Salaman's offer to lead a Vision Day, and this was warmly welcomed. April 21st/28th were dates that Anna would be available.

7. Gardening

Andy has asked that Rob work with him till he has fully recovered. This was agreed, so long as it still remained within budget. Method of payment needs to be worked out, and it was suggested Jean be given codes to access the account to make payments.

8. Service Level Agreement (SLA)

This was signed, to much jubilation.

9. Any other business

Andrew laid out the plans for his wedding blessing on the Circus, and the usefulness of OpenOpen.

Naseem said that Jerlyn Jereunpoon and Lara have been collaborating excitingly on developing OpenOpen. It was agreed to ask them to come to the February meeting.

10. Next meeting:

The next meeting will be in February, on Tuesday 28th February at 6.50pm, Leila's Café.