

**Haringey Leaseholders' Association  
Committee Meeting  
Meeting held on Thursday 13 March 2014 at the Civic Centre**

In attendance

**Committee:**

Sue Brown (Chair) (SB)  
Rita Batzias (RB)  
Nick Martin-Clark (Secretary) (NMC)  
Peter Gilbert (PG)  
Charlie Howard (CH)  
Anne Gibson (Treasurer) (AG) (arrived 19:30)

There were no apologies

The meeting was opened by Sue Brown at 19:10

The Chair took item 3 first as the meeting had been informed that AG was on her way.

*Minutes of 20/7/13*

These were agreed for accuracy nem con. Under matters arising CH asked what a key leaseholder was and it was explained.

*Minutes of 2/12/13*

On accuracy AG wished to expand on her comments to do with sub-letting (p.4) and make a correction to the effect that she had already provided detailed spreadsheet costs (p.3). **Action point:** PG to make corrections. Otherwise agreed nem con.

Actions points from the meeting:

**NMC to give SB a list of Vincent Square leaseholders**

SB has sent A K-O the minutes

SB believes there is still some funding for CABx so no need to write a letter

**NMC to get 2012 bank statements**

AG had checked for the anonymous £150 in the accounts but there was no contact information

Under matters arising NMC said that the complaints the HLA had made about HfH officers' behaviour had not gone anywhere because HfH did not even give them a complaint number. The complaints route was exhausted. SB said that the reply from Sue Hunter was effectively that the HLA had been promised an office and that that should be enough.

*Minutes of 5/12/13*

There was a discussion about the phrase 'lots of social housing' on p.1. Some housing associations were leaseholders and some leaseholders let their flats back to the Council. Additionally resident leaseholders who had bought under RTB were considered to be part of social housing by many. Still it was felt that 'some social housing' would be more appropriate. However NMC believed the minutes were accurate.

AG said it was SB who had made the comment about tax relief on p.2. Anne's comment was that the increase in payment terms for tenants only related to a small number of cases where bills were in excess of £30,000 and that the real issue was why those bills were so high.

**Action point:** PG to correct

On matters arising SB asked whether there should be a record of the discussion that took place after Alan Strickland left. PG was not sure if he had minuted that or not but would check. PG said the discussion had been about the office. NMC said it had been inconclusive and concerned a response to the proposed terms in the agreement for hire of the office.

**Action point:** PG to check if he has any minutes of this discussion.

#### *Minutes of 9/1/14*

On accuracy 12/12/13 should be 9/12/13 on p.1. Consistency with names should be maintained. EGM should be SGM

On p2 AG made a correction to and that before she said anything she wanted to take advice on the matter

On p3 Nobody was willing was changed to Nobody indicated that he or she was willing  
AG wanted to amend to separate questions, one whether her resignation stood and two, whether someone else was willing to take over He believed was changed to He ruled

Otherwise agreed for accuracy.

#### *Minutes of 30/1/14*

A start was made on agreeing these but as time was short it was agreed to defer this matter to the next meeting.

#### 2 Co-option of Chair

SB explained the problems with HfH. A copy of her resignation email had been sent to them, probably by Phil. SB had written to Nesan to protest about HfH's approach. The email was confidential and HfH were ignoring a committee decision on 9<sup>th</sup> Jan. Micromanagement was not acceptable but to stop the arguments SB was suggesting that, while she regarded herself as legitimately confirmed as Chair, because of the fuss being made by HfH and others, she resign and that the committee then co-opt her back into the position of Chair. There would then be no question about her being Chair.

CH said the HLA should say [redacted] you to HfH.

SB said HfH had taken legal advice without consulting properly with the HLA and therefore in ignorance of the full facts. This was a waste of money. The AGM notice had not been able to go out under the Chair's name and HfH were not recognising SB as Chair.

There was a vote over whether to adopt this approach (4 in favour, 1 against).

NMC took the Chair as Secretary. SB resigned and confirmed her resignation. The committee also voted to accept the resignation (2 in favour, 2 abstentions). PG proposed SB as Chair and RB seconded her. SB was unanimously co-opted back as Chair.

The committee wanted it to be minuted that this was felt to be silly, a farcical process imposed upon on the HLA by HfH.

#### 4 Financial report

AG handed out copies of the financial report.

#### 5 HfH

It was felt this had been largely covered by the update at 2. SB handed out an email from Joe Boake. His proposed constitutional amendment would be raised at the AGM. SB said she had a meeting with A K-O on Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> of March.

#### 6 Office

SB to discuss this with A K-O at the meeting.

#### 7 AGM

SB has been in contact with Alan Strickland to ask if he would speak but had not heard back.

#### 8 Website

NMC and CH to get together. 2 days work needed. SB said PH should delete his copy of the d/b. CH said a contract with his company would be needed. CH said this could be discussed at the next meeting.

SB closed the meeting at 9:00 pm.