

Haringey Leaseholders' Association Committee Meeting

Meeting held on Thursday 13th of June 2013 at the Civic Centre, Wood Green

In attendance

Committee:

Sue Brown (Chair) (SB)
Rita Batzias (RB)
Anne Gibson (Treasurer) (AG)
Nick Martin-Clark (Secretary) (NMC)
Lukie Hewat (LH)
Philip Hettiarachi (PH)
Tome Moniz (TM)
Molly Ejon (ME)

Apologies:

Kate Worley

The meeting was opened by Sue Brown at 19:10

1) Minutes of 4th May

The minutes of the meeting of 4th May were amended to show that AG had not been present but sent apologies. The spelling of TM's surname was corrected. The minutes were approved for accuracy.

2) Matters arising

a) *Legal case*

b) *Service charge subgroup*

SB said this had been very good. The minutes had been done. NMC thanked LH for hosting. PH said he had been doing outreach and help for major works bills on Ferry Lane. There were arithmetical errors in the bills. The discount for the windows was not big enough. LH said her dyscalculia would prevent her from noticing that. PH said that is how a group can help.

It was agreed that writing letters would be one function of the office.

c) *Website emails*

These were now working. SB had had emails from leaseholders. One was about going to the LVT because of a big difference between the estimate and the final bills. An increase of 57% (£3,700 - £5,000). PH said he was willing to talk to the leaseholder. SB to give PH's number to the leaseholder.

d) *Legal help*

SB mentioned Tyrer-Roxburghe (Luigi Santini) as a possible law firm. NMC said maybe the Association could get a deal from a lawyer.

e) *Database*

PH has worked hard. A format had been agreed in a meeting with NMC and AG.

f) *Astrid Kjellberg-Obst*

A K-O had appeared to rule out the levy. It was important to check the HLA's notes of the meeting. The levy possibility needed to be kept alive but it would be better to pursue it once the office was up and running.

g) *Removal of leaseholder board member*

SB said that she had sent a letter to UK-Engage the previous week. PH said payment options depended on being an owner-occupier. LH said she had received a letter concerning the difference between leaseholders and tenants.

h) *LVT win*

SB to chase issue of repaying the CAB charge.

i) *Appeal*

The hope is to get the court case with Lynne out of the way first so for now it is wait and see.

3) A) Future work - Office

SB said this was on the agenda for the meeting with A K-O. KW offered to man it Thursday or Friday pm. SB wants more than just weekdays, one Saturday a month. More than one person would be required at a time. ME said Friday pm 1 to 6 would be possible. LH said she was happy to be a reserve. It was agreed to propose every other Saturday from 11am to 2pm to A K-O.

NMC asked if we were going to get anything in writing. A written agreement was important. He also wondered what the insurance position would be. What about a filing cabinet? Internet access? A waiting area? A desk and two chairs would be needed. What about a printer and a scanner?

B) Future work - Outreach

PH has requested to be on the FLAG committee. It was agreed that the website should ask for help with languages, particularly Turkish. This should be included in the item about the office. NMC said he could do Polish, PH French, LH has a friend for Italian. We are still waiting for major works list and list of RAs before contacting them.

C) Future work - Panels

SB sent round a list of all the panels. SB couldn't attend the last repairs panel because the time had now been changed to have a 6pm start. This means SB can't attend. She wants the vote on the change of time to be declared null and void. AG said she would be interested in attending the Finance Panel. AG to contact RIT. The next LP was 24th of July. NMC said he couldn't make that. TEMP was good for cleaning, environment and maintenance issues. LH asked for the list of panels to be resent to her.

4) Meeting with A K-O

SB said an email had been sent re the agenda. NMC asked that the HLA request an updated d/b and emails. PH said it was important to keep the levy alive. SB said the main things for the agenda for that meeting were repairs and the office.

SB said HfH laid too much emphasis on threats and too little on helpful problem-solving. SB asked people to bring details of examples of repairs problems. SB said there was a problem between Martin Hctor and Nesan Thevanesan because the bills were wrong. SB said one hour would be insufficient.

PH asked how progress on repairs could be tracked and volunteered to be the central person for monitoring. PH asked ME to email him.

5) Recognition application

This had to be in by 20/6. AG asked when the grant is paid. SB said it should be immediate.

6) Upcoming election for leaseholder member of the HfH Board and HfH definition of a leaseholder

NMC asked when the election was to be. SB to ask Peter Gilbert. NMC asked whether the ban on subletting had been mentioned in the interviews and training for the last election.

7) CAB charge

SB to draft a letter. AG said Alena Breckova had made a fuss about the CAB charge not being on the lease, saying that it was not therefore legal for HfH to charge for it. NMC asked why everyone had to pay for debt-advice. AG asked if this was part of the management charge.

8) Future meetings

AGM in April, GM in October, committee meetings in March and September. Other than that flexible as usual. A meeting for the first week in August to follow up on the meeting with A K-O was proposed. Thursday 8th August was the agreed date.

9) AOB

AG presented a Treasurer's report. As of 1/4 funds stood at £790. As of 2/6 they were £2,997 including £547 grant. About £1,700 of subscriptions had come in. NMC said some amounts were owing to him and SB for the post office and phone calls. Dotmailer was also to be paid. AG wants to reclaim money for stamps on letters with s/os.

The HLA needs to put AG on as a signatory.

Meeting closed by SB at 21:00