Haringey Leaseholders' Association Committee Meeting

Meeting held on Monday 18 January online by Zoom (hosted by LG)

In attendance

Margaret Clapson, Treasurer (MC)	Nick Martin-Clark, Committee Member (NMC)
Melanie Scagliarini, Chair (MS)	Barbara Tierney, Committee Member (BT)
Lloyd Grandson, Secretary (LG)	Kirstin Lowe, Committee Member (KL)
Barbara Fenning, Committee Member (BF)	Hristo Ivanov, Committee Member (HI)
KM Mann, Observer (KM)	Peter Gilbert, Observer (PG)
Tina Buckingham, Vice Treasurer, (TB)	Molly Ejon, Observer (ME)

Meeting started at 19:06

Apologies

Michael Blaesbalk.

Minutes of 21 December 2020

Agreed

Matters arising not on the agenda

- KM raised exploring the route of creating a CIC (Community Interest Company). Lloyd said he'd investigate, MS offered to help.
- KM also mentioned he had been waiting approx. 500 days for responses from HfH to questions raised. Filed complaint Monday, received response with 24 hours from Lee Whitby, Interim Director of Asset Management.

Treasurer's Report

- MC confirms that the £1000 has been credited to the HLA account. Balance now at £8933.11
- Standing Order anomaly: 'Rosie Bennet' paying £20 per month. MC rang and spoke to bank to stop it and was given ref. number. NMC, as signatory, to call bank with ref. number to have it stopped.

Co-option of Chair / Vice Chair

• SB has stepped down as chair. NMC explained what chair entails. Vote taken and MS voted in as new Chair. NMC asked who would like to be Vice Chair. This has still to be decided / voted on.

Legal action – discussion on letter re windows and doors

Update on Noel Park

• Responses to consultation/observation letters back very poor – either mostly unanswered or poorly answered, the rest they are treating as FOIs.

- They've split the work out between tenanted properties and leasehold properties. Decision on whether to go ahead/sign contract for tenanted properties goes to cabinet tomorrow (19 Jan).
- MS says they were due to start work on one of the buildings in her area next week, also with ridiculous bills. They are in a bit of a mess and FOI requests is their way of delaying responding.
- KL They're not sure what's going on. Noel Park Leaseholders have submitted about 20 FOIs. HfH responded to one, inadvertently including details of all leaseholders on Gladstone Ave who have pods. This is helpful to Noel Park Leaseholders campaign.
- MS For Turner Ave they don't want to tell them the work has been delayed because they'd have to get new contractors to do assessments.
- KM Questions if it could be that there are new contractors coming on the scene?
- KL For Noel Park they've done 2-stage design and build contract. First part tendered out to Engie through the London Construction Protocol (a pan-London system for tendering and bidding for large construction contracts meaning they don't have to go through the European tendering process. This is run by / was set up by Haringey which is an interesting COI.
- Next steps Thinks decision on their pods being bumped to Cabinet in March. Gap between two decisions (tenant and leasehold property) based on need to further consult with leaseholders. Council leader advised they would be written to and invited to meet first weeks of Jan. Nothing much further in terms of consultation. Noel Park Leaseholders need decision from Haringey to move forward and decide whether to go down Judicial Review.
- Getting legal advice on what route they have to challenge a decision that might come up.
- Acknowledgement that the work needs doing but issue being who is responsible and how it should be done.

Consultation on new payment terms

KL - Haringey say they will consult with all leaseholders about new payment terms for major works contracts. They told cabinet in January they are doing consultations. To date nobody has received anything.

MS – in same situation on her estate re consultation on payment terms.

Update from Information Tribunal

Still going ahead. LG to substitute NMC as complainant in case the territoriality decision goes against them. Territoriality hearing is 26/27 January, NMC will listen in. If goes in our favour, substitution not needed.

NMC gives outline of case: trying to get the report that was written by the residents' scrutiny panel which led to HLA being derecognised in 2014.

Love Lane update LG

- Meeting with Damien Tissier, Independent Tenant Advisor last week. For regeneration of Love Lane Estate to go ahead, funding from Mayor of London needed.
- FOI request raised last year revealed that funding was not completed / money never handed over. Damien Tissier discovered that Haringey has received approval for funding from Mayor of London office. Terms are not known (grant? loan? how much?). Having received funding, Haringey must start work on the project no later than March 2022.

<u>Database</u>

- BT unsure how to go about getting dbase of leaseholder names for the borough. Certain Haringey Council will not help.
- NMC explains how HLA got the dbase from Haringey back in 2007. Their solicitor advised them to provide it during the 20007 first-tier tribunal during which Haringey made several mistakes.
- NMC suggest that somebody else (other than Sue or Nick) ask for dbase on behalf of HLA, using honorific title, membership secretary.
- KM mentions that data protection is the biggest obstacle and they will use it.
- NMC says there's a good argument that a recognised group such as HLA should be allowed to have access to this data. In the past they gave it to a group called 'HLCG' that wasn't recognised.
- MS suggests emailing our data protection policy when requesting the dbase. Also, if HLA are subsidiary of HfH, there should be no data protection issue. Depends on what our formal relationship / MOU is with HfH.
- KM suggests recorded delivery, asks questions who to target.
- KL suggests Reda Khelladi who is the engagement person at HfH
- KL volunteers to send the email request, attaching a copy of our data protection policy.
- NMC not sure how HLA addresses (chair@ and treasury@) can be used as they're tied up with the website. For now, personal email can be used and MS as chair to be ccd.
- MS table sorting out HLA email addresses, how to access them, for the next meeting.
- KM offers to write to service charge dept to find out how many estates in the borough have not had doors or windows fitted. We can then target these places in terms of funding, advertising. KM to send FOI request for this.

Present for Sue

To be looked at next meeting.

AOB

Meeting closed at 20:38