

HARINGEY LEASEHOLDERS' ASSOCIATION

MINUTES OF THE COMMITTEE MEETING HELD AT 3 TENTERDEN ROAD, N17, ON FRIDAY 24 AUGUST 2012

Present

Sue Brown (Chair), Nick Martin-Clark (Treasurer) (NMC), Peter Gilbert (Secretary) (PG) and Kate Worley (Committee Member). They were all present for the whole of the meeting.

Apologies

Apologies for absence were received from Rita Batzias, Anne Gibson and Delsie Grandson.

Notes of previous meetings

PG advised that he would let the Chair have draft copies of the minutes of the Committee meetings held on 2 and 16 July for her comments before arranging for an agreed draft to be sent to Committee members and considered at a subsequent Committee meeting.

Treasurer's Report

NMC said that he did not have a written Treasurer's report available for the meeting. Since his return from holiday a week before, he had been in correspondence and telephone conversations with the bank about a cheque that had apparently been drawn fraudulently on HLA's account. He added that the host of the HLA website wanted the Association to agree to take up a support package at a cost of £75 a year.

Legal Action

Revised Application for Recognition

Further to the notes that Sharon Morgan of HfH had provided of the meeting between the Committee and her and Eamon McGoldrick, interim Director of Housing Management, on 20 July, PG reported that the Committee would next meet them on Friday 31 August. HfH hoped that by then a revised application form for recognition might be available in draft to discuss with the Committee, with a view to completing it in time for a new application to be considered by the HfH Board at its next meeting on Tuesday 25 September.

SB commented that the HfH notes had incorrectly described the five amendments to the HLA constitution that the Committee had been unable to recommend to the AGM as being items where the HLA had been unable to comply with the recognition criteria. The Committee agreed that PG should write urgently to Sharon Morgan to

set out the correct position about those proposed constitutional amendments and the reasons why they had been opposed by the Committee.

NMC and SB noted that HfH was now discussing constitutional and governance issues with HLA, in contrast to the position taken by Jackie Thomas shortly before she had left HfH that the ALMO would not spend further officer time on such matters.

Appeal against Derecognition

PG said that David Sherrington of HfH had now advised that HfH would be establishing a panel of members after the summer break to hear the HLA's appeal against the de-recognition that had taken place in December 2010 and that he would be in touch again to answer the specific questions that PG had raised on behalf of the Committee in his letter of 11 July. These had included a request for the Committee to meet the panel members hearing the appeal beforehand in order to hear the arguments that would be presented by HfH for dismissing the appeal and to answer their concerns.

General Meeting

The Committee recognised that HLA would need help from HfH with a mail-out advertising the next HLA General Meeting, which would be held as soon as practicable after the HfH Board had decided whether or not to re-recognise the Association.

Outreach

NMC suggested that at the next GM the Association might want to consider an outreach programme among local leasehold groups, to try to offer them an affiliation agreement to the HLA. KW thought that it might be useful to take soundings in the estates that would be affected by the Tottenham Action Plan. It would be useful to obtain a list of Tenant and Leaseholder Associations in Haringey from HfH once HLA was re-recognised.

Next Committee Meeting

This would probably need to be shortly after the meeting with Eamon McGoldrick and Sharon Morgan on Friday 31 August, whether to follow up action on an application for recognition or to consider the next steps in the legal action. It was noted that KW would be away on holiday from 10 September until the end of that month.

The meeting closed at 9.45 pm with a vote of thanks to KW for her hospitality.