

## **Haringey Leaseholders' Association**

### **Committee Meeting**

**Meeting held on Wednesday 24 May 2017 at Wood Green Social Club, Stuart Crescent, N22**

In attendance

#### **Committee:**

Lloyd Grandson, Chair (LG)  
Sue Brown, Vice-Chair (SB)  
Nick Martin-Clark, Treasurer (NMC)  
Peter Gilbert, Secretary (PG)  
Innocent Okoli (IO) (to end of Leasehold Panel)

The meeting was opened at 7.22pm

#### **Welcome**

The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting.

#### **Apologies**

Apologies were received from Michael Blasebalk and Clare Richards. Innocent Okoli gave apologies for lateness.

#### **Minutes**

The minutes of the Committee meeting held on Wednesday 22 March 2017, which had been circulated to Committee members, were read at the meeting and were approved.

#### **Matters Arising on the Minutes**

- **Bank Account Signatory**

LG apologised for not having brought bank signatory forms for PG. SB said that the account-holding branch was in Palmers Green.

#### **Treasurer's Report**

No up-dated report was available. NMC agreed to provide an update to PG.

#### **Legal Action**

#### **Leasehold Panel**

PG and NMC reported on the meeting of the Leasehold Panel held on Wednesday 26 April. Astrid Kjellberg-Obst, HfH Executive Director of Operations, had initially been prepared to agree that an election should be held to appoint a Chair of the Panel, but, when leaseholders had voted by 19 to 1 in favour of the proposal that someone other than her stand as chair for such an election, she had ordered that the meeting be closed and that all leaseholders attending go home.

In reply to SB, LG said that Anne Goodhew, the Chair of the Panel for the past few years, had not been present.

#### **Update on Leaseholder Meetings**

LG said that another meeting of Love Lane leaseholders was due to be held on Thursday 25 May.

#### **Freedom of Information Act Requests**

PG reported on the reply by HfH on 5 April to the following requests under the Freedom of Information Act:

- The number of residents who had signed up to HfH's list of involved residents between 1 July 2015 and 4 March 2016
- The number of leaseholders who had signed up to the list between 16 November 2015 and 4 March 2016
- Sight of the improvement plan referred to in HfH's response dated 21 June 2016 to FoI request LBH/5330016
- Whether any groups of residents had been consulted between 1 July 2015 and 4 March 2016 about matters that were either clearly not or possibly not included in the draft Resident Engagement Strategy, apart from the consultation of involved residents concerning the abolition of borough-wide recognition arrangements.

He added that HfH had refused requests under the FoI Act made on 12 April for inter-officer correspondence relating to the Leasehold Panel meeting and for the dates of Ms Kjellberg-Obst's recent holiday, and that LBH had refused a request, also made on 12 April, for the name of LBH's instructing officer in the case which was the subject of the current judicial review.

#### **Arrangements for HLA AGM**

NMC advised that Daniel Knowles, a chartered surveyor who was experienced in helping leaseholders to obtain improved valuations of their homes which were being purchased by local authorities in connection with regeneration proposals, had agreed to attend the AGM as a guest speaker. He would copy PG into his correspondence with Mr Knowles.

PG said that he would ask Michael Blasebalk what response MB had had to his email asking other Committee members to make calls to leaseholders in order to touch base with them and to ask them to attend the AGM.

PG said that in accordance with the constitution any proposals from leaseholders for amendments to the constitution should be submitted in writing to him by Saturday 24 June. Notice of the AGM should be posted to all members via the website by Saturday 1 July. Nominations for officers and committee members could be made at any time up to and including the meeting.

#### **PO Box**

SB said that while she had been away she had received an invoice asking for payment for renewal of HLA's PO Box, which had fallen due in April. She would pass this to NMC for payment.

**Next Committee Meeting**

It was agreed that the arrangements for the next meeting of the HLA Committee would be made after the election of the new committee at the AGM on 15 July.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 9.15pm