

## Haringey Leaseholders' Association Committee Meeting

Meeting held on Monday 24<sup>th</sup> June 2019 at Commerce Rd Community Centre, N22

In attendance

### Committee:

Sue Brown, Chair (SB)

Margaret Clapson, Treasurer (MC)

Lloyd Grandson, Committee Member (LG)

Nick Martin-Clark, Secretary (NMC) [by phone]

Kevin Mann, Committee Member (KM)

Michael Hardy, Committee Member (MH)

The meeting was opened at 7:15pm

Apologies: Barbara Fenning, Michael Blasebalk, Jen Kerrison

Minutes of 7.5.19: Agreed for accuracy

### Matters arising

MH said best approach was to get own quotes for doors. He had started drafting a document on this. Would finish the coming week.

### Treasurer's report

£5,8991.61 in bank as of 2.6.19. Couple of £20 cheques had been paid in and expenses had gone out. Money-laundering questionnaire had been done. Letter had been received saying that some changes will come in on 1.9.19. No changes seemed significant for HLA. PO Box has been paid for for next 6 months. MC will apply online for a card to pick up mail. This would be a saving for HLA.

### Meeting with HfH

SB said it had been good to introduce Derek Martinas founder Chair. Meetings had been changed to Mondays. 19<sup>th</sup> August is next one. No next meeting had been lined up with HfH. NMC said HfH had said this was last meeting. SB said she would phone Reda to check. This was not in the minutes. SB said we should ask for HfH's minutes. SB said last HZ received was the Winter edition

MH said we need a checklist of things to do on doors and then to meet with Asset Mgt.

NMC said follow-up points from HfH meeting were:

Room-hire – can we have the Council chamber for 14.9?

Recognition period – permission to extend this needed to be sought from GM (and HfH)  
HfH website – has this been updated to include more mention of HLA as agreed?

What's happening with HZ and newsletter?

NMC and SB to write to Puneet Rajput & Sean McLoughlin re historical issues

SB to contact Reda Khelladi about other issues.

### Doors

MH had contacted a lawyer on question of whether HfH could also do door-frames. It looked like they could. The big issue is transparency over costs. Leaseholders need to obtain the product number and then get a quote for that. KM said there were 4 choices of colour. Another important issue was the asbestos survey. Contractors do have to have an asbestos programme but normally this wasn't an issue as a simple check of the register would be enough. Normally they shouldn't need to do a whole survey for each site. NMC asked whether fire safety was a reasonable ground. MH said arguing against it would be difficult. A third area was the inflated level of fees.

MH said he would be willing to meet with Asset Mgt to take this issue further once his document was complete.

### Information Tribunal

The hearing date had been set for 12<sup>th</sup> September. SB said this was also to do with her own case. She gave background concerning her expulsion from the RSP.

### Next committee meetings

The next one was scheduled for 19<sup>th</sup> August. The idea was to give the dates well in advance. KM asked if October committee meeting should still be held in Commerce Rd despite the dark. It was agreed to give it a try.

### Costs of room-hire

This is a problem in that costs are recharged to HfH. Last time Dawn Barnes had booked the room but then she also spoke at that meeting. This couldn't be repeated automatically. HfH had said we would need to establish cost. MC said £200 would be reasonable under the circumstances. SB will follow up with RK. LG said the Civic was not on the HfH website as up for hire.

### Last meeting of Leasehold Panel / Leasehold Improvement Forum

SB had attended. Peter Gilbert had also been present. Also Anne Gibson. Only 15 people were there. Chinyere said it was 19 but that perhaps included those who had come for the drop-in. There was talk on communication. There is to be a focus group. SB said she wanted to be on it. Michael Bester had said there was no need for more than 2 meetings annually. SB had objected that previous LP had meet every two months. MH said regular meetings encourage attendance. Bester said topics had been exhausted. SB asked how topics could be suggested. Reply was just to send an email to the general address. SB asked who was responsible for running the panel but there was no clear answer. SB will also email RK about this.

### Attendance for GM

Agreed to discuss this at next committee meeting. Meeting closed at 21.:30

## Minutes of HLA / HfH meeting 8<sup>th</sup> May 2019

Meeting took place at HfH's Commerce Rd premises starting at 19:10pm

Present for HfH: Reda Khelladi (RK) [Community Engagement Manager], Chinyere Ugwu (CU) [Community & Customer Relations Director]; for HLA : Sue Brown (SB), Nick Martin-Clark (NMC), Derek Martin (DM), Barbara Fenning (BF).

SB outlined planned dates for GM and committee meetings up until AGM on 9<sup>th</sup> May 2020. GM to be on 14<sup>th</sup> September 2019. SB said it was better to hold AGM in spring to be in line with the financial year.

SB asked for the Council Chamber. Last time Dawn Barnes had booked it for HLA. NMC asked if HfH would pay. CU said HLA would have to book themselves. NMC offered to book and reimburse but said this had been difficult in the past.

CU said this was the 3<sup>rd</sup> meeting with the committee and she wanted to look forward; HfH have started to promote HLA and want to see what impact that has; HfH want to see what HLA are achieving and what their impact is; HLA to be mentioned in newsletter and HomeZone; HLA will be put on the involvement side of the website as requested as well; feedback on visibility on website had been given to Comms.

CU said piggy-backing was not done for any other group. RK said all groups needed to be treated equally. NMC said HLA had different needs. RK said there were almost 3,000 leaseholders on email.

RK said there would be a one-off piggy-back. NMC asked if that could be for AGM in May. CU said this could work. *SB said piggy-backing was important because of the poor database.* RK said the flier should be both about the AGM and getting contact details. NMC asked about putting in a reply-paid envelope.

CU said the next HomeZone deadline was Friday. A text was agreed at the meeting in the hope of meeting the deadline. The leaseholder newsletter is three times a year and the next one is in June or July.

On recognition CU said delegating to officers was a good idea that HLA had previously supported. SB explained that recognition runs from the AGM; it would be complicated to do it from the date of application; NMC said HLA would need exceptional recognition if the AGM was to be held in May 2020. CU said this could be done by an exchange of emails.

CU said HLA should write to the Managing Director about historical issues and say what we wanted the Board to reconsider. CU suggested we ask to meet with Puneet and Sean McLoughlin.

CU said HLA should be talking to Asset Management about major works. NMC asked if a meeting could be arranged re doors. NMC to write about doors issue and request a meeting. NMC said Michael Hardy might be the contact person.

NMC said the email contact address used by HfH was to be 'info@'. It was to be forwarded to [suebee689@gmail.com](mailto:suebee689@gmail.com)

NMC asked if levy could be included in May piggy-backing. CU suggested that should be put to MD. CU could not decide on that.

CU suggested HLA join Bridge Renewal Trust for funding.

The meeting ended at 20:00