

## **Haringey Leaseholders' Association Committee Meeting**

**Meeting held on Wednesday 24 September 2014 at the Civic Centre**

In attendance

### **Committee:**

Sue Brown (Chair) (SB)  
Nick Martin-Clark (Treasurer) (NMC)  
Peter Gilbert (Secretary) (PG)  
Lloyd Grandson (LG)  
Grace Lungu (GL)  
Stephanie Rice (SR)

The meeting was opened by the Chair at 7.08pm

### **Welcome**

The Chair welcomed members, particularly LG, who was attending his first Committee meeting.

### **Apologies**

There were no apologies.

### **Draft Committee Meeting Minutes**

The draft minutes of the Committee Meeting held on Wednesday 28 May 2014 were circulated and read at the meeting and, subject to an amendment to the spelling of GLø's surname, were unanimously approved.

### **Matters arising**

- **Draft AGM Minutes**

NMC advised that he had not placed the draft AGM minutes on the website, as he was still anonymising them. SB explained that, although Charlie Howard (CH) had resigned from the Committee, she hoped that he would return in due course. NMC explained that he was seeking to transfer from the current website before renewal of the subscription became due on 18 October, and CH was prepared to host HLA free of charge on a website that he owned. LG agreed to advise NMC if he became able to administer the new website.

- **Settlement of Court Case and Statement for Website**

The Chair reported that the agreed joint public statement had been posted on HLAø and HLCGø websites. Since then, after HfH had agreed to circulate the notice of HLAø forthcoming GM with the mailout of the actual service charge for 2013-14, the Head of Home Ownership had told her that, unless she agreed to sign a statement drafted by HLAø former Treasurer for inclusion also, the GM notice would not be circulated. She had successfully made representations to HfHø Head of the

Managing Director's Service and Company Secretary as to why the HLA had not agreed with the statement and why it should not be enclosed with the mailout.

- **Resident Scrutiny Panel Audit of the HLA**

The Chair said that, at the Board meeting of HfH on 22 October, the Panel's report would be made to the Board in the confidential part of the meeting. She understood that the report was still to be finalised and she would ask HfH's Company Secretary whether HLA could be issued with a summary of the report (to which HLA might be able to respond) prior to the HLA GM on Saturday 25 October. NMC commented that he thought that the Panel's report might include a favourable recommendation about the funding for HLA. SB commented later in the meeting that she hoped that the report would vindicate HLA completely and clear up concerns that Phil Hettiarachi had raised concerning HLA's financial affairs, including the accounts of the limited company that had been set up to administer HLA's old office in the years from 2006 to 2010.

**Action:** SR asked the Chair to obtain for her a copy of the Scrutiny Panel's report on HfH's Repairs Service.

- **Website**

NMC said that he hoped to be able to post the details of the GM on HLA's current website, as well as to have a new website ready to receive postings by the time of the GM.

- **Office**

NMC said that it was important that the office remained open for at least one morning a week. He was hopeful that it might develop further in future. Details would be posted on the website. Some enquiries were being dealt with over the telephone and there was also the opportunity to look at correspondence that leaseholders brought with them. In reply to GL, he confirmed that any leaseholder was welcome to attend the office and that any other Committee member could join him there. GL said that she might be able to do so from time to time and could help NMC to record the outcome of the enquiries from leaseholders who had brought their concerns, in person and by telephone, on a database, eg as a spreadsheet.

## **Committee Membership**

PG suggested that leaseholders attending the GM could be invited to join the Committee.

## **Treasurer's Report**

It was agreed that NMC should present a report at the next Committee meeting.

## **General Meeting – Saturday 25 October**

The Chair agreed to approach informally the Head of the HfH Managing Director's Service to ask whether either the new Chair of the Board or the new Managing Director would be able to address the GM and answer questions from leaseholders.

It was agreed that the agenda should also include an introduction and welcome from the Chair, together with an update on the legal matter and an update, as far as possible, on the report from the Resident Scrutiny Panel to the Board regarding HLA and the Board's decision whether or not to re-recognise HLA. The Chair noted that the GM held in 2013 had not been quorate and that therefore that GM had been unable to approve the minutes of the GM that had taken place on Saturday 15 December 2012.

Committee members also agreed that the GM should consider whether to comment on the High Road West master plan, for which 25 October was the final date for comment in the consultative process, in view of the implications for individual leaseholders and the Love Lane Estate as a whole, including, for example, additional costs for residents who were decanted from their homes. The HLA's comments could be handed to any HfH officer who attended the GM. (LG provided Committee members with a link to Haringey Council's High Road West document.) The Chair agreed to ask Kate Worley whether she would be able to attend a possible Committee meeting on Wednesday 15 October to discuss what the current situation was, and also whether she had a contact name for a representative of Love Lane Residents' Association.

### **Data Protection Act Declaration**

NMC agreed to let LG have a copy of the Data Protection Act declaration for LG to sign and return as a pdf document to NMC.

### **Bank Account Signatory**

The Committee agreed to appoint PG as a signatory to HLA's bank account. NMC would obtain a mandate form and a signature form from the bank.

### **Next Committee Meeting**

Provisionally, Wednesday 15 October at 7pm (time and place to be finalised).