

HARINGEY LEASEHOLDERS' ASSOCIATION

MINUTES OF THE COMMITTEE MEETING HELD AT HARINGEY CIVIC CENTRE, HIGH ROAD, N22 ON TUESDAY 27 NOVEMBER 2012

Present

Sue Brown (Chair) (SB), Nick Martin-Clark (Treasurer) (NMC), Peter Gilbert (Secretary) (PG), Rita Batzias (Committee Member) (RB) and Anne Gibson (Committee Member) (AG).

Apologies

Apologies for absence were received from Delsie Grandson and Kate Worley, and apologies for lateness were received from Anne Gibson.

Minutes

The minutes of the Committee meetings held on Monday 2 July, Monday 16 July, Friday 24 August, Friday 7 September, Wednesday 26 September, Monday 8 October and Thursday 25 October, which were circulated at the meeting, were all approved, subject to minor amendments. The Committee also agreed the redactions to be made in regard to confidential business before the minutes were posted on to the HLA website.

Proposed new Regulations under the Lease

SB asked PG and NMC to check what had been agreed in relation to the new regulations under the lease agreement that HfH had proposed, which would impose obligations on leaseholders to obtain gas safety certificates and forward copies annually to the ALMO, as well as not only to fit a smoke alarm and have it checked annually but to notify HfH each year.

Arrangements for General Meeting

NMC reported that the GM would be taking place from 11am to 1pm on Saturday 15 December in the Council Chamber at the Civic Centre. He had emailed the papers, including the notice of meeting, Standing Order form and survey, to Nesan Thevanesan at HfH on Monday 19 November. Eamon McGoldrick would be able to attend early in the meeting to give a short talk and to answer questions.

It was noted that HLA would need to print spare copies of the agenda, questionnaire and Standing Order form, as well as signing-in sheets and copies of the minutes of the General Meeting held on Saturday 5 November 2011, for members attending the GM.

Despatch of Notices for General Meeting

NMC reported that he had been contacted independently that afternoon by HfH's Communications Team and had been advised that there would be a delay in the delivery of the papers to the mailing house which would result in the notices failing to meet the deadline set out in HLA's constitution. He had then spoken to the officer at Haringey Council who was dealing with the matter and to the mailing house to try to resolve the issue.

Mr Thevanesan had since sent him a critical text and email, which also had advised that the notice of the meeting and other inserts would be emailed to leaseholders on the HOT's email system by noon on Thursday 29 November. Mr Thevanesan had asked NMC to advise him before 10am on Wednesday 28 November if HLA wanted to make alternative arrangements for the despatch of the notices.

After discussion, it was agreed that, as SB would not be able to respond to Mr Thevanesan by his deadline, NMC should simply notify him before 10am on 28 November with a holding reply that HfH should send the non-emailed notices by Friday 30 November at the latest. SB should reply in detail to Mr Thevanesan, copying Mr McGoldrick into the correspondence.

It was also agreed that KW, AG and NMC would telephone leaseholders, beginning during the following week, to encourage them to attend the meeting.

Complaint to HfH against Alena Breckova

The Committee considered and, with minor amendments to a draft by NMC, approved a letter of complaint to HfH about the conduct of the leaseholder member of the HfH Board, Alena Breckova. It was agreed that a copy should be sent to the HfH governance team and that NMC should post a brief summary on the website.

Legal Action

Letter to HfH following receipt of redacted emails between HLCG Committee members and HfH officers

The Committee noted that no reply had yet been received to the Chair's letter of 11 October to Mr McGoldrick. It was agreed that, if no reply had been received by the date of the General Meeting, the Committee would be unable to recommend to the GM that the appeal against the de-recognition of HLA by the HfH Board on 1 December 2010 should be withdrawn.

Website

RB asked whether a message could be posted on the website to explain that there was old material about HLA on the internet that was now out of date.

AG suggested that a sense of conflict might deter leaseholders from attending the GM, and that, to encourage people to come to meetings and become actively involved in the Association, the website should be as positive as possible. SB agreed and added that the website also had to make leaseholders aware of what the Committee had had to deal with.