

Minutes HLA Meeting – 30 October 2021

Present:

Nick Martin Clark, Committee Member (NMC)	Margaret Clapson, Treasurer (MC)
Barbara Fenning, Committee (BF)	Sue Brown, Committee Member & stand-in chair for this meeting (SB)
Barbara Tierney, Committee (BT)	Peter Gilbert, Observer (PG)

Meeting started at 11:10

AGENDA

New Chair and reaching out to Reda to help with new members

AGM

General discussion on Wednesday's meeting (27 October), the report Nick sent and where we go from here.

SB – Was concerned that we'd be seen dwelling on the past however we are looking forward too and to do this, HfH need to learn from their past mistakes.

Mark Baigent to give the report to John Bevan, Perry Ahmet and Robbie Erdman.

SB – In one of Tracy Downie's presentations, it mentions that they (HfF) must stop trying to avoid blame for everything and to avoid a 'them and us' attitude.

NMC – Says that this is something we can try to work with.

SB – attended a recent Customer Core group meeting as HLA rep in that it was acknowledged that a lot of the old members (HfH) have gone. There are some new people. This is positive.

NMC – back to the report. There is still the ongoing RSP issue (Information tribunal to get hold of the report). He says he's willing to withdraw the whole thing if there'll be an investigation into what went wrong. Also, the RSP needs to be looked at.

SB – RSP will not carry on being the flagship. This will be the customer care group.

PG – Asks if Yvonne Denny has stepped down as chair of RSP.

SB – Yes and Anne Gibson chaired it for a while but is gone now. Sue says that now we've got the report in we need to strongly back it.

New Chair

NMC – We have a personnel problem now that Melanie has resigned as chair and also in general.

PG – Asks if we could appoint an acting chair at least until the AGM.

SB – Offers to do chair for another year

NMC – Suggests it's time for him and Sue to step back, pass on the torch to someone else. He suggests reaching out to get someone else. Suggests we write to Reda asking for us to reach out to everybody, including members of the HLGC (Haringey Leaseholders Campaign Group).

SB – Has issue working with these people again after everything that has happened and how she was treated.

NMC – Doesn't want to carry on with the same 'Nick and Sue' show.

BF – agrees with Nick. Understands Sue and Nick have been holding the HLA together yet at the same time, we should be reaching out. Would like to do more and feels bad for not having the time. Suggests Michael Hardy, Tina Buckingham.

SB – Says that if HfH revert and ask questions on the report (sent by Nick before Wednesday's meeting), that she and Nick would need to be there as only they'd be able to address these questions.

Sue says she is not working with these people (HLCG) again.

BF – Acknowledges difficulties SB has had with HLCG in the past but we should consider giving people a second chance as we need to get new people in.

PG – Suggests checking with people like Tina Buckingham and Arthur-Nottingham as these were involved with discussions over the last years.

NMC – Regarding the information tribunal (*trying to get hold of the RSP report*), which is still ongoing, Nick suggests by way of compromise to stop it in return for it being released to Reda instead of him.

MC – agrees and acknowledges how much time and money Nick has spent on this. He should probably stop it.

SB – wants to see what's in the report.

NMC – feels he can trust people like Reda and if the RSP gets put back a bit that would be a good step. Nick also suggests having Dawn Barnes getting a look at the report.

SB – no objection in going to Reda and asking for help as we need people in but is totally against having any dealings with the HLCG.

NMC – This was all a decade ago.

PG – We have the chance of getting a new core membership who weren't involved in the hassles of 2010. That's what we need to focus on.

NMC – It's important for somebody else to reach out to Reda, not just Nick and Sue.

SB – says she'll leave if any of the HLCG people come to join or even if we offer.

BT – Acknowledges the difficulties and problems Sue has had to deal with in the past, but would it be possible to put that to the side in the interests of moving the HLA forward?

SB – would like to be in a position to push for the HLA for next year.

BF – Asks if we still have a list of leaseholders. She's happy to go door-to-door.

NMC – current list is out of date.

BT – asks if Melanie has spoken to Reda about getting an up-to-date leaseholder list.

NMC – we can ask her.

NMC – reiterates again that it would be the best gesture to speak to Reda asking for someone else to come forward, including HLCG members.

PG – says Nick's offer makes most sense.

SB – decided to step down as temporary chair for the meeting. NMC takes over.

AGM - (10AM 20 November, Community Centre, Commerce Road)

NMC – In preparation we need to get all the meeting minutes together.

SB – someone has to do a chair report.

PG – asks if Melanie, as outgoing chair could do this. Nick to ask her.

NMC – we need to get in touch with Reda asking him to email people on our behalf. We need to phone people.

BF – offers to phone people.

NMC – asks if it would be good to have the Zoom option at the AGM for those who can't physically attend?

SB – says this won't work as those on Zoom are unable to hear as was the case with the last meeting.

NMC – suggests asking Reda for technical assistance / solutions.

NMC – will draft the letter to Reda. BT, MC, PG agreed to have their names on it. He'll also ask Lloyd and Melanie.

Treasurer

MC – balance in HLA account £9541.62

12:57– Meeting ends.