

Haringey Leaseholders' Association Committee Meeting

**Meeting held on Wednesday 30 September 2015 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)

The meeting was opened by the Chair at 8.05pm

Welcome

LG welcomed everybody to the meeting.

Apologies

Apologies were received from Michael Blasebalk, Yvonne Campbell, Yvonne Golding, Lincoln Grandson, Grace Lungu, Saida Mohamed, Barbara Moore, Ruth Ortiz and Clare Richards, Press Officer (CR).

Minutes

The minutes of the Committee meetings held on Wednesday 17 June, Friday 17 July and Wednesday 2 September 2015, which had been circulated, were read at the meeting and were agreed unanimously. NMC would redact them as appropriate and put them on the website.

Matters arising

There were no matters arising other than the items on the agenda for the meeting.

Application for Judicial Review of the HLA's Appeal against De-recognition by the Board of Homes for Haringey on 20 October 2014

Review of Recognition Criteria for Tenant and Leaseholder Representative Groups – draft letter to Chair of Leasehold Panel

The Chair said that he had not yet written to the Chair of the Leasehold Panel as had been agreed at the Committee meeting on 2 September, but that he would now do so urgently. The letter was in part about the accuracy of the minutes of the meeting of the Leasehold Panel held on 9 June 2015 relating to the exchange between NMC and the Panel Chair concerning whether the Resident Involvement Agreement was still in force.

PG advised that he had been informed by the Feedback Team for Homes for Haringey that his FoI requests relating to the Resident Engagement Strategy/Community Engagement Strategy and the Resident Involvement Agreement would receive a response by 13 October.

Possible Follow-up Review by the Resident Scrutiny Panel

PG said that he and the Chair of the Resident Scrutiny Panel had agreed that HLA would respond by 7 October to the questions that the RSP had raised further to their meeting on 15 July. NMC advised that the RSP's mentor had not followed up their earlier informal discussions about her possibly facilitating the response. It was agreed that unless NMC or PG heard from her by 7 October PG should explain to the RSP Chair that therefore HLA was not in a position to reply to the RSP.

Updated Statement on Community Involvement

NMC reported that he had attended the meeting at the Civic Centre on 14 September to discuss Haringey Council's updated statement on Community Involvement. This was not directly relevant to HLA, but addressed how people in the community could be involved in planning issues.

Consultation by HfH on a Housing Strategy for Haringey 2015-2020 and questionnaire

In view of the need to concentrate on the General Meeting on Saturday 17 October, it was agreed that Committee members should, if they so wished, answer as individual leaseholders the questionnaire that was included in the consultation by HfH on a Housing Strategy for Haringey 2015-2020, on which comment had been requested by 18 October.

HLA General Meeting - Saturday 17 October 2015

The Committee considered and agreed a draft agenda for the General Meeting on Saturday 17 October at Wood Green Social Club. Committee members noted that leaseholders were being asked to come at 9.45 so that the meeting could begin promptly at 10am.

PG agreed to send a copy of the agenda to HfH and to invite a representative from the Resident Engagement Team to the GM. NMC agreed to post the agenda on the website by the evening of Saturday 3 October.

Committee members noted that the outcome of the hearing of the application for a Judicial Review was likely to be crucial for the Association and that the Committee would need to consider how it reacted to the decision that was made on 4 November.

Future of Council Housing Service in Haringey

PG reported that at its meeting on 15 September Haringey Council Cabinet had agreed the recommendations in the report made by the independent consultant Julian Wain further to a lengthy consultation. The main recommendation was that with effect from 1 April 2016 Haringey should enter into a new contract with Homes for Haringey for the ALMO to continue to manage the Council Housing Service in the borough for the period of ten years to 31 March 2026. The Council would not need to consult residents on that decision.

Treasurer's Report

NMC reported that the current bank balance was £1,001.85. This reflected income from two leaseholder subscriptions since the last Committee meeting.

It was noted that a substantial number of subscriptions would be paid on 1 October. The Committee agreed to engage a telephone service to encourage leaseholders to attend the General Meeting on 17 October. PG handed NMC the attendance sheets from the SGM on 23 May to facilitate this.

Any other Business

- **Facebook Account**

It was agreed that the Chair should confirm to CR that she was authorised to go ahead and set up a Facebook account in accordance with the parameters that had been approved in principle at the Committee meeting on Friday 17 July.

- **Demonstration at HfH Board AGM**

It was agreed that there should be a demonstration at the AGM of the HfH Board on 12 October in support of a campaign to reinstate the Resident Involvement Agreement. CR should be asked to publicise this through the Facebook and Twitter accounts, as well as a Press release and a post on the HLA website.

Next Meeting

It was agreed that the arrangements for the next Committee meeting would need to be decided in the light of the result of the oral hearing seeking permission to proceed with a Judicial Review.

The meeting concluded at 10.10pm.