

## Haringey Leaseholders' Association

### Committee Meeting

**Meeting held on Wednesday 6 July 2016 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)

Joya Roy (JR)

Michael Blasebalk (MB) from Matters arising – Bank Account Signatory until the end of the meeting

Regina Aide Arionget (RA) from Matters arising – Bank Account Signatory until the end of the meeting

The meeting was opened at 7.08pm

**Welcome**

The Chair welcomed JR, who was attending her first meeting of the Committee

**Apologies**

Apologies were received from Yvonne Campbell, Shiovaun Cullen and Michael Olulode.

**Minutes**

The minutes of the Committee meeting held on Wednesday 18 May 2016, which had been circulated to Committee members, were read at the meeting and were approved subject to the following points of accuracy:

Reports by Tracie Evans, Chief Operating Officer of Haringey Council:

para 1 **replace** 18 April **by** 19 April

para 2 **replace** when the detailed procedures of the Resident Involvement Agreement had been in force **by** whether the Resident Involvement Agreement had been superseded

Possible Legal Action against XXXX:

PG agreed to provide NMC with an amended copy to redact before posting it on the HLA website.

**Matters arising**

- **Homes for Haringey Company Secretary**

PG reported that Dawn Kent-Payne had been appointed as HfH Company Secretary. It was noted that HfH had not yet appointed a replacement for Joe Boake as the head of the Resident Involvement Team.

- **Bank Account Signatory**

NMC said that he had forgotten to pass the signatory form to LG. This was now more urgent as the branch of HSBC where HLA's account was held had closed.

- **Facebook Account**

It was agreed that this would be deferred to the next meeting which Clare Richards, HLA Press Officer, was available to attend.

- **Leasehold Panel Matters**

PG advised that he had not received a reply to his email asking for the agenda of the next meeting of the Leasehold Panel to include an item on the adoption by the HfH Board of the new Resident Engagement Strategy. NMC outlined the background to the Panel, as an advisory and consultative group chaired by a leaseholder but run by officers of HfH. SB was the current vice-chair. NMC outlined the history of the most recent meetings of the Panel, including the latest one held on 13 December 2015 when there had been a disagreement between the officers and HLA Committee members over whether to allow substantive discussion in relation to the status of the Resident Involvement Agreement.

#### **Treasurer's Report**

NMC handed out copies of the HLA's Income and Expenditure account for the year ended 31 March 2016. He reported that as at 1 June the HLA's bank account had been in credit by £3,235. This did not include the following expenditure:

£100 microphones for the AGM  
£ 40 room hire for the AGM  
£ 30 room hire for 2 Committee meetings  
£309.60 for 1500 leaflets and A4 letters to landlord leaseholders  
£834 for 4 days telephone calls prior to the AGM (80 calls a day)  
£894.30 for letters to landlord leaseholders

He added that by talking to leaseholders over the telephone Committee members could direct them to HLA's website and Facebook account, and ask them for their email addresses so that the Committee could circulate them direct. It was also important to ask them to check their spam filters to make sure that they did not trap emails from HLA.

NMC said that he had had a questionnaire from HLA's bank, HSBC, asking whether the Association did business with a number of specified countries and organisations.

#### **Freedom of Information Act Requests**

PG outlined replies that he had received since the last Committee meeting to outstanding FoI requests and gave details of recent requests that he had made on behalf of HLA.

LG suggested that it might be helpful if other Committee members were to make FoI requests and proposed that NMC should set out on the website how to make a FoI request.

#### **Mediation with Homes for Haringey**

## **Citizens against arrogance standing up to high-handedness in Haringey (CAASHH)**

### **HfH Board Meeting held on 28 June 2016**

NMC reported that six leaseholders had taken part in a demo outside the location of the HfH Board meeting held on Tuesday 28 June. They had been admitted to the public part of the meeting. The next Board meeting would be held in September and HLA would consider in the light of mediation whether any action would be appropriate.

### **Other matters arising from AGM**

The Committee agreed that NMC would submit an application for recognition following a successful AGM asking whether, if the HfH Board decided to change its mind and restore recognition arrangements for umbrella groups, HLA would then be eligible for re-recognition on the basis of the application. This might be helpful in the mediation process.

### **Resident Scrutiny Panel**

PG was asked to write to ask the RSP whether it would be following up its report to HfH about HLA in the light of the report from the forensic accountants which had cleared HLA of any impropriety.

### **Date, time and place of next Meeting**

It was agreed that the next Committee meeting should be arranged when appropriate in the light of the result of mediation.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 9.50pm