# Haringey Leaseholders' Association Committee Meeting

## Meeting held on Monday 9<sup>th</sup> November 2020 online by Zoom (hosted by LG)

In attendance

Sue Brown, Chair (SB) Michael Hardy, Committee Member(MH) Gaby Vandenberg, Observer (GV) Barbara Fenning, Committee Member (BF) Sujata Haria, Observer (SH) Oxanna Melnikova, Observer (OM) Kevin Mann, Observer (KM) Odeshea Gordon, Observer (OG) (19:46) Nick Martin-Clark, Committee Member (NMC) Poonam Shah, Observer (PS) Lloyd Grandson, Secretary (LG) Margaret Clapson, Treasurer (MC) Hristo Ivanov, Committee Member (HI) Kirsten Lowe, Committee Member (KL) Tina Buckingham, Vice Treasurer (TB) Barbara Tierney, Committee Member (BT)

**Apologies** 

Peter Gilbert, Melanie Scagliarini, Sarah Klymkiw

Minutes of 5.10.20

Agreed for accuracy 7-0

Matters arising

None.

#### Treasurer's report

MC has the form for DD for PO Box. HfH had confirmed recognition funding. Chris Bell was asking for a photocopy of a bank statement. NMC asked about funding for 2019 - had the HLA received it? According to the latest bank statement to 2.11.20 the balance stood at £7,846.61. £720 had been used to pay Dipak for three years' of accounts. £193 was due to MC for 6 months of PO Box. NMC mentioned some outstanding dotmailer bills from the newsletter mailing for the AGM. The cards had been fully paid for.

KM mentioned the possibility of a Community Interest Company. These were for organisations that provided a service to the community so the HLA should qualify. A bit like a plc. It might mean eligibility for lottery money. NMC to look into this.

#### Review of AGM

NMC said it had gone well. 41 people were down in the minutes as having attended and in fact it was more than that because the sign-in procedure using the chat was not 100%. No-one came from HfH but that doesn't seem to be a problem. Voting was also not 100% in that not everyone used the 'yes/ no' option from the menu. But enough had voted. SH said that a Zoom meeting was good as attending had been difficult previously. She appreciated the convenience and the support. SB said maybe the HLA should continue to use Zoom after Covid. NMC said some people didn't have internet.

[Odeshea Gordon joined the meeting.]

SB said there had been a good response to the campaign to send emails to Cllrs. NMC said the committee was full up. Marina Hershmann had resigned from the committee. Gaby Vandenberg joined the committee 8-0.

### Cabinet meeting

NMC had downloaded the report but SB had not had time to read it. NMC said HLA should have seen the report or a draft during consultation. LG said Grenfell was only the excuse used. Para 1.1 may be misleading as 'current legislation' is vague. Only regulations mentioned are from 2005. SB said we were asking for more consultation. HLA need to look into the report in more detail and deal with the misrepresentation of leaseholder views.

SH had had a response from Dr James Chiriyankandath of Bounds Green ward. Seema had responded to say she was conflicted on the issue as she is a leaseholder. SB said she'd written to Cllr Ibrahim but had had no response.

According to the Enfield Independent Cllrs Tucker, Berryman, Carlin, Carroll and Tobias have been suspended by Labour in Haringey over antisemitism. Joe Ejiofoar had only responded to Noel Park l'holders after the Guardian article. BT asked what the process was for challenging the decision. NMC said we should contact Dawn Barnes.

SB said we got 25 signatures in less than 24 hours which was very good. Can we have 2 people on the delegation? How much time do we have? SB said that Gaby could be one of the two representatives. NMC asked if MH wanted to be the other for 6:30 pm the next day. There would be a test run tomorrow afternoon. MH said he was looking after his children until 7pm but would like to do it if possilbe. Gaby said that HfH were mixing up fire safety and general safety. She would be available from midday on for a practice run. Can others listen in? NMC to contact Ayshe Simsek Tuesday am.

BT suggested setting up a WhatsApp group.

Data protection forms need to be returned by the new committee to NMC. Also Gaby.

Gaby will send an email to Cllrs. LG will also try. SB had received about 10 emails to 'chair@' in connection with this and forwarded them to NMC. NMC thanked BF, BT & KL for making phone calls. NMC had phoned a number of leaseholders but only one had been in favour of the change. BT asked if the Council would go ahead anyway. NMC said he would explore a possible JR with Riz. Crowd-funding and Facebook could be useful. NMC to get in touch with Clare Richards.

SB said it would be a good idea to make a table of all the problems leaseholders contacted the HLA about. BT said she would be willing to help.

#### Update on Noel Park

NP leaseholders were submitting tomorrow a deputation for full Council meeting on 16<sup>th</sup> November. They were working with Haringey Labour. 2 NP Cllrs were hostile but one in favour, Peray Ahmet. There had been no s20 responses and no breakdowns of costs. The engagement team was not responsive on the question of a local leaseholder group. NMC said affiliation to HLA was independent of HfH. SB suggested talking to Reda Khelladi.

There was no other business and the meeting closed at 21:11