

**Minutes from the committee meeting on Friday, 2 November 2007**  
**7:00 pm**  
**at the Civic Centre, High Road, Wood Green, N22**

In attendance: Sue Brown (Chair); Nick Martin Clark; Selim Buyukdogan; Chris Graham; Emeka Ekeowa

Apologies: Russell Chater, Anne Crellin; Sarah Rooney; Olive Johnson; Delsie Grandson

**1. Introduction and minutes of last meeting.**

Sue welcomed everyone to the meeting. Sue highlights inaccuracies in the minutes as follows:

- Typo on constitution bullet points, should read, ~~We~~ do not want to close off the HLA to leaseholders
- Section 8 . should be 2 action points . Sue to write to the Almo board & highlight the action point for Sue to advise Selim on the Finance Panel.

Matters Arising:

- SB unable to send out information on sub groups as the information has still not been forthcoming from HfH.
- Terms of reference . need to be discussed at the next Leaseholders Panel.

**2. Finances**

- (a) **Current financial situation** – situation has remained unchanged since last committee meeting.
- (b) **Signatories** – Sue is currently a signatory; we need to add Nick and Selim. Nick suggests providing the bank with their identification and then transfer the money in the existing account to the new account. Chris recommends asking Malvinder to sign the cheque with Sue to move the money to the new account. Selim will go to an Abbey branch to become a signatory in order to transfer the money.

**ACTION:** Selim to go to the Abbey with identification to be added as a signatory.

- c) **Innovation into Action report and grant** – Chris has received an email saying that they expected changes to be actioned which Chris has now done and advised them. Chris was told that the money has been released but as yet we haven't received it. Sue advises that we need to find out if they have sent it to us then where have they sent it.

**ACTION:** Sue to check with Post Office that the post is still being forwarded from the PO Box.

**ACTION:** Chris is to check with Innovation into Action what address they have.

### **3. Constitution**

NMC references the changes that he suggests to the committee with the aim of getting HfH to acknowledge us as representative to leaseholders. Nick reports from his meeting with Simon Godfrey, the main issue again being the representative issue of the HLA. Simon wants the HLA to have affirmative action by Leaseholders to become members. HfH want a list of our paid members but the HLA are concerned what HfH will use the names and addresses for. We do not want members hassled or contacted directly by HfH for being paid up members of HLA. After discussion the decision was made to remove the category of associate members. Further amendments were made to the policy for excluding members, policy making, chair's action and notification of general meetings. When the constitution is redrafted Emeka will post it on the website for all to see before the next general meeting.

### **4. Meeting with Home Ownership Team**

We can arrange the meeting when the constitution is redrafted and agreed . Sue suggests arranging a meeting for the end of November. Emeka volunteers to attend the meeting with Sue if it is held on a convenient date. We would like three people to attend the meeting to show our strength .

**ACTION:** Sue to get a selection of possible dates for meeting with the HoT.

### **5. Advert in Homezone**

Has been finalised and will appear in Homezone.

### **6. Website**

Chris reports that as it is now launched it can be changed quickly. Nick's version of events from the LVT has now been posted on the website. Nick suggests that each set of minutes is posted on the website which Emeka and Chris have confirmed can be done quite easily if a word document is emailed to them. Emeka suggests that only the most recent minutes are displayed with links to the past meeting minutes.

### **7. FOI request on schedule of rates**

Nick requested more information on the model blocks that the DH costs were based on and has brought in the response he received. It advises that only the contractors can provide this, Nick wants a more definite response from them so they tell us either way if they have the information or not. Chris feels the information provided is more definite in advising that they can not provide the information as it was a commission between Mace and John Rowan & Partners and therefore we would need to apply to Mace for the information.

### **8. Update on outreach**

Selim & Nick have met and the current position is that Selim will sort out the database to group people by area and then the HLA will contact Sue Hunter to obtain a map of the LH properties in the borough. They will then try to contact key people who have already expressed an interest and also people who are included in the 1<sup>st</sup> year programme. Work is proceeding on this so more developments expected soon. Nick advises that there are already 50 residents association in existence which we need to get in touch with.

#### **9. Letter to the Chair of the Homes for Haringey Board re daytime meetings**

Letter has been sent and we await a reply. Nick advised that Simon Godfrey is backing us in this.

#### **10. Communications, finance and procurement panels**

Nothing to add.

#### **11. London Leaseholders' Network – general meeting Tuesday 6 November**

Meeting is scheduled to be next Tuesday at Camden town hall and Sue urges everyone who can to attend. Chris also raises that there is a C.A.R.L AGM coming up soon which would be beneficial to attend, possibly taking place on the 24<sup>th</sup> of November . Chris will add the information to the LLN website.

#### **12. Any other business**

An issue of solicitors working on cases involving the LVT, Emeka will investigate the possibility for block discounts for leaseholders using a particular law firm.