Haringey Leaseholders' Association Committee Meeting

Meeting held on Wednessday 31st October 2018 at Wood Green Social Club, N22

In attendance

Committee:

Sue Brown, Chair (SB)
Margaret Clapson, Treasurer (MC)
Michael Hardy, Co-opted Committee member (MH)
Nick Martin-Clark, Secretary (NMC)
Lloyd Grandson, Committee Member (CR)
Kevin Mann, Co-opted Member (KM)

The meeting was opened at 7:20pm

Welcome and Introductions
None necessary. Michael Hardy and Kevin Mann co-opted on to the committee. NMC elected as Secretary following resignation of Linda Royles. Discussion of how to contact Molly Ejon. NMC explained that new committee members need to sign the data protection policy. Agreed that form would be sent to MH. Tina Buckingham was co-opted in her absence as she had emailed asking to be on the committee. Total committee members up to 13 after 11 came on at the AGM and then Linda left.

Apologies
Michael Blasebalk, Julie Weir, Tina Buckingham

Minutes of the meeting held on 20th August 2018
Agreed.

Matters arising not on the agenda
MC checked that there had been two meetings with Aman Dalvi. Meetings had been supposed to be quarterly but they had petered out. Last meeting had been in February. NMC had chased in August but meetings were pointless anyway.

SB asked about the website. NMC said that Charlie Howard had been hosting the website for free. Now it was supposed to be £10 a month but this month it had been down a few times so he had waived the fee. In the future mail-outs should be done through the website which would lead to savings with dotmailer. Dotmailer was more sophisticated than needed. £20 had been paid to Charlie previously.

KM asked about the workshops. The Northumberland Park experience had discouraged Susan Smith.

Treasurer's Report
Problem with Clare Richard's standing order to do with the address of the bank. There was a dotmailer invoice that had yet to be paid. Balance was £3,014.03 as of 14.10. Still to come was Dipak's fee of two years. There was also £40 given in cash of which £20 had been used to pay for room hire. NMC had also paid for the phone number. Nobody was phoning up any more though. MH said this was perhaps because people used email so much these days. SB said she was receiving emails.

There was a discussion of the Ltd Co. SB said that the money in the Ltd Co should only be distributed in accordance with the rules of the grant. Annual return had to be paid every year. NMC said he had paid it and forgotten to claim it back. SB said she would check the Articles of Association of the Ltd Co and report back. SB was the only member of the Company left.

NMC said he wasn't quite sure of how much he needed to claim back but would sort that out for the next meeting.

Update on contempt

Recognition application
SB said she had a copy of the form which needed to be signed. It listed the names of committee members. Linda's name needed to be changed. MC signed. NMC said he would fill in his part of the form after the meeting. SB said she would photocopy the form. NMC said he would forward the other documents to SB.

Any changes to the recognition regime were waiting on Kevin Young's replacement. At the meeting with Chinyere the HLA had been clear that the proposals were deficient. Carl Doogan had also been present. The notes we had been sent were basically ok. Chinyere was now asking for another meeting. It was important to keep talking to HfH as our whole function depended on being recognised. HLA was asking why HfH wanted to re-invent the wheel. No date had been yet set. SB and NMC should resume the conversation with HfH. A TPAS representative had also been present and had backed the HLA on the important point of there being someone to appeal to.

Update on Tangmere
NMC explained that this was a block on Broadwater Farm that failed fire safety tests. Instead of strengthening the block HfH had decided to move everyone out in order to demolish the building. People had had to leave in short order. There is one leaseholder well known to the HLA who is very distressed and doesn't want to leave. Ultimately she may be subject to CPO. HfH were trying to force her into sheltered housing but she didn't want to go. It was important to be very careful when dealing people of her age. Her daughter was also very concerned. HfH were not sorting things out. The daughter would like to take her mother with her but HfH were not providing a 4-bedroom property. KM said that when he was working for HfH there were 40 voids a month including 3 and 4-beds.

NMC said the gas supply was being turned off the next day. MC said Age Concern should get involved.

SB said that an ITLA had been promised for Broadwater Farm.

Update on leasehold panel
SB said the meeting with Chinyere had gone ahead but without discussing the Leasehold Panel. SB had received an email from Chinyere who is in charge of all Communications. She had been the boss of Kevin Young. He had disappeared suddenly. He had been ok.

Chinyere's email to MB concerned the independent LP Chair. Recruitment was going to begin with MB, a representative from the RSP and one other 'non-engaged' leaseholder. However MB was unwell. So SB said she would volunteer if needed.

Update on Love Lane
LG said that the consultation over Love Lane had been mishandled and now had to be re-run with the result that any demolition would be significantly delayed. Residents were concerned that the ITLA contract was being re-tendered ahead of a re-run of the ballot. Temporary accommodation residents were being consulted as well as general tenants provided they'd been there for at least a year.

Future discussions with Councillors and MPs
SB meetings needed to be arranged with Dawn Barnes, Emina Ibrahim; also the MPs as well as Chinyere and Dalvi. SB wanted HfH to write to all leaseholders and ask them if it was ok to pass on their details to the HLA as this was the only way to update the database.

AOB
NMC was to renew the phone number for £36.

Meeting was closed at 9pm