

HLRA Minutes 21st May 2018

Present: Andrea, Josh, Shannon, Roger, Lana, Danny, Kim, Alison

Apologies: Grace, Hertha, Sally, Deb, and Juliet (who has also resigned since she cannot make meetings).

Youth TRA	Action: Lana will help Paris write minutes of the first Youth TRA meeting and circulate
HLRA AGM	It was agreed to hold the AGM at the same time as the Community Centre AGM in September – possibly 2 nd week. There would also be some activities at the AGM to make it more interesting, perhaps arising out of the results of the residents' questionnaire.
Refurbishment of communal areas	<p>Roger Elliott is gathering information from Block Reps about any problems or ongoing issues, particularly continuing areas of damp, as a result of the internal regeneration works on Oakeshott and Makepeace.</p> <p>The main officer in charge of this area of work, Steve Platt, has left Camden. Results can be sent to Pat.O'Neill@camden.gov.uk and Kofi.Banahene@camden.gov.uk who are the Head of Capital Works and the Camden officer in charge of the IRD project respectively. A suggestion was made to also send the results to local councillors.</p> <p>Action: It was suggested that Alan and Karen B could pull together any issues relating to Langbourne and that both sets of issues could be considered at the same time.</p>
Rubbish and Recycling	<p>There had been a complaint from 1-16 Makepeace about rubbish and bulky items left by the bins outside the sheltered housing. This complaint had been escalated, resulting in a response from Camden senior officers.</p> <p>Christopher Slater is now getting a quote to build an appropriate covered area. He had also been asked by Andrea about a short-term solution, and replied that this would be done by writing to all residents and explaining clearly where bulk items should go.</p>
Bikes	<p>Grace had sent an email in her absence to say that she had heard that our walk-about discussions and suggestions about bike storage solutions had been rejected by the planning department in Camden.</p> <p>There have been some major issues with vandalism and theft in the current bike sheds. which is ongoing. The concensus was that there was a need to arrange a meeting with Camden Planning to make our position clear on the need to have secure and adequate amount of bike storage.</p>
Heating and Hot Water	Grainne is again trying to organise a meeting with Camden following the local elections

Gardens	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Debs report had not been read but was summarized. There was concern over lack of agreed maintenance as well as the problem with previously agreed actions, such as not using ride-on mowers, being reversed since Victoria Whaley had left. 2. On Langbourne, which wasn't covered in Debs report, it was also noted that agreed works had also not been done. 3. There is a walkabout on Fri 1st June. Action: Shannon and Lana will attend. 4. Glyphosphates – there was a long discussion about Camden's response that current official guidance supported the use of glyphosphates in certain circumstances. However, it was felt that the response did not take into account effects on wildlife. There was agreement that we did not have enough information on which to make a decision on how to proceed. Action: Find out more about this situation from eg Friends of the Earth and talk particularly to Sian Berry, and also Martin Narroway (Conservation Committee)
DMC	<p>No agenda for the next meeting has yet been sent out. When it arrives, Josh will summarise and circulate, so that we can discuss before the next meeting</p> <p>Action: Andrea and Shannon will try to attend the next meeting, particularly since we would like to raise issues regarding repairs, regeneration and general maintenance work. We agreed to meet with Roger Vessey to hear his thoughts on how there could be another approach to repairs/maintenance/regen works before the June DMC meeting.</p> <p>Action: Lana to arrange a meeting with Roger before the DMC meeting</p>
Holly Lodge Estate Summer Party 24 th June	<p>HLE Summer Party – the contributions of HLRA via Shannon to the planning were still under discussion.</p> <p>Action: It was agreed that we would have a joint or linked HLRA stall with the Community Centre. This could be an information point about the HLRA.</p> <p>Action: Grainne and others would be asked if they would be willing to contribute cakes for the stall. Budget for ingredients to be agreed beforehand.</p> <p>Action: Andrea to coordinate volunteers etc.</p> <p>FYI: Fair on the Square 16th June</p>
Makepeace Summer party	<p>Sat 7th July was the suggested date</p> <p>Action: Alison would apply for the full grant of £750 from Camden</p> <p>Action: Roger to check with the Community Centre about where best for the barbecue.</p> <p>There were ideas about having games, sandpit, fire engine. There would need to be plenty of notice given to drivers to park elsewhere on that day</p>

	We would ask to borrow the gazebo again from Barbara Wheatley
Community Centre	Changes coming in Autumn, with some Highgate Newtown Community Centre activities will be happening at the Community Centre. There is going to be discussion at the Community Centre over starting a Friday Lunch as well as the Monday lunches
Questionnaire	A questionnaire will be sent to all residents. The outline was discussed. When finalized Andrea will send to Hugh Botswain who will mail out to all residents. SAE to Community Centre (or hand deliver).
Finances	The signatories still have to be finalized. Will be finished when Grace returns.
Trees on Langbourne	There is a preservation order on the huge evergreens on Langbourne but concern from residents about their impact on cars as well as problems with providing places for people to hide, and hence decreasing feelings of safety. This last issue might be a consideration in discussions about how to have some of these trees removed. Action: Lana to contact Sarah from Langbourne to consult with Barbara Wheatley, perhaps also Martin Narraway (Conservation Committee)