

# HLRA Committee Meeting, Monday 18<sup>th</sup> June 2018

**Present:** Andrea Westall, Roger Elliott, Josh Cedar, Grace Livingstone, Hertha Koettner-Smith, Shannon Francis, Lana Lewin, Alan Matthews, Kim Sutherland

**Apologies:** Deb Froome, Grainne Ennis

## 1. HLRA deputation to DMC

Following the last meeting's discussion about ongoing maintenance and major works problems, Josh Cedar, Andrea Westall and Roger Elliott met with the Chair of the District Management Committee for Housing. It was agreed that we have a deputation at the next meeting on 16<sup>th</sup> June. We have been given 5 minutes to set out some of the problems with the current approach. We will use 9-16 Langbourne's ongoing issues with roof leakage/damp etc as an example. The goal is to set up a meeting with all relevant Camden officials and elected officers. We will be asking for a better process of ongoing inspection and maintenance, as well as the need to discuss liability for costs (particularly for leaseholders if having to pay rectifying a situation that has developed over years), and how the whole process could be rethought and current problems resolved.

## 2. Update on fire safety

The fire executive are in the process of discussing the new reports/surveys and recommendations.

**Action:** Grace to ask for the timeframe of these discussions.

## 3. Makepeace Street Party

This will be on 7<sup>th</sup> July. Alison is finishing off a poster for the event which will be printed by Camden. The committee agreed to help with distribution. The event will start at 1pm with a request for volunteers to be there from 11am. There was an idea to do some planting with the kids behind the sheltered housing block. The fire engine visit was a great success last year and there was agreement that it should happen again if possible. Traffic will be cleared from the whole road, not part. We need to get volunteers on the day. All present said they would be prepared to help. Leaflets/posters will be printed. A suggestion was made of encouraging Camden New Journal to come and report. It was decided not to use the Community Centre for the event, or for toilet access, unless it is raining.

**Action:** Alison to make a list of what is needed and allocate jobs

**Action:** Shannon to check what might be possible re: planting with the Gardening team and to cc Deb Froome

**Action:** Alison/Grace to ask Gemma about the potential for the fire engine visit

**Action:** Andrea to email committee and wider email list to ask for volunteers for the street party, as well as for delivering leaflets

**Action:** Alison to contact the CNJ to see if anyone might come to report

#### **4. HLE Summer Party**

There were some volunteers already from the committee for the Community Centre stall at the Party on 24<sup>th</sup> June.

**Action:** Andrea to provide some material to get interest in the HLRA.

**Action:** Josh to email round committee to get more volunteers

#### **5. Use of Glyphosate on the Estate's gardens**

Roger was attending a meeting on 19<sup>th</sup> June with representation from PAN the Pesticide Action Network and would report back with information on the state of knowledge of impacts as well as the Green Party's petition against usage.

**Action:** Andrea to send an email to Camden to try to extend the temporary ban on usage whilst these activities are happening and until a clear informed decision is possible.

#### **6. Heating and hot water**

Grainne had sent an email to the meeting informing everyone that she was trying to arrange a meeting with Camden officials/elected representatives for a Monday in July. There was also a discussion about how compensation for periods of lack of heating and hot water could be made.

#### **7. Bike storage provision**

Grace reported that Ivan Christmas had told her that it was likely that our ideas for bike shed provision had been possibly rejected and she is waiting for confirmation in writing.

**Action:** It was agreed that we may need to escalate this issue and draw on our local councillors to support our ideas for adequate and safe bike storage.

#### **8. First Aid Training**

First aid training is compulsory for TRAs that are responsible for a hall ie the Community Centre. It is also useful for people to be trained and for some people to be additionally trained to use a defibrillator and have access to one.

**Action:** Andrea to speak to Camden about arranging for first aid training at the Committee Centre perhaps in July and again in September given that most of the committee was keen to take part and there would likely also be further expressions of interest from residents, as well as a need for the Community Centre Committee and volunteers to include first aid trained people.

**Action:** Roger/Hertha to check with Barbara and the Community Centre committee about levels of first aid training and the need to ensure this happens.

#### **9. Finances**

Lana and Grace are organising to finalise signatories. We had finally received a bank statement of the amount we currently have - £3447.47 as of 4th June. It was agreed that it would be useful to have a cash float of about £100 to deal with one-off expenditures such as website renewal etc...

**10. Next meeting** – 16<sup>th</sup> July, Community Centre, 7pm