

## MINUTES OF THE HLRA MEETING ON 10th June 2019

**PRESENT:** Grace (Chair), Shannon (Co-chair), Danny, Deborah, Josh, Judith, Lana, Roger (Secretary)

**OFFICERS PRESENT:** Chris Slater (Estate Services Manager), Arthur Waters and Ricky (Restorative Justice)

**APOLOGIES:** Alison, Jane, Judith, Kim, Saira, Yvonne.

**Minutes of the Meeting of 15th May 2019 were approved.**

### 1. Heating and Hot Water

Grace announced that Judith had been told by Cllr Anna Wright that Camden has dropped the idea of linking Holly Lodge to the Whittington Estate's HHW system.

### 2. Fire Safety

Camden is going to check the wiring in all flats as part of fire safety work. If any wiring is found dangerous, they will do remediable work immediately. Leaseholders are liable to the costs but Camden has found a source of grants that will be available for those who qualify.

(NOTE: the day after this meeting, Camden said it is ready to announce its fire safety plans for the flats. Therefore, the next HLRA meeting scheduled for July 8th at 6pm in the Community Centre will be a General Meeting to which all residents will be invited to hear the Council's fire safety plans).

### 3. Bins and Recycling

Lana has been unable to get quotes for converting the raised flower bed by the sheltered housing into bin sheds because of a lack of information on what is required, including planning permission and approved building materials. It also needs to be cleared with Sheltered Housing.

**ACTION: Lana and Chris** liaise to work out exactly what is needed to create the bin sheds and get quotes. The next DMC meeting where we can apply for funds is September 17th. The deadline for application is two weeks before the meeting, i.e. deadline Tuesday 3rd September.

### 4. Restorative Justice

Arthur and Ricky introduced Camden Youth Offending Services which has been working with the Community Centre for over a month on their Youth Reparation Scheme, involving up to four 10-18 year olds doing useful work in and around the Centre under the supervision of two Officers, Ricky and Rod, for three hours on a Saturday, 11am to 2pm. They would like to extend this scheme to wider areas of the Estate - mending the pond, re-pointing crazy paving, putting up bird and bat boxes, insect hotels, mending and varnishing benches etc.

Deborah said that residents should be consulted before this wider use of the scheme is approved by the committee as there are vulnerable people on the estate who might have concerns.

**ACTION:** The committee was strongly in favour of widening the scheme on the Estate and it was felt that the best way to inform residents fully without raising unnecessary concerns was for Arthur to write an explanation of the scheme for our website and also to introduce the scheme at our next AGM when questions could be asked.

In fact, the scheme still has a lot of work to do in the Community Centre and its immediate environs - putting up trellises, painting planters, planting and tending plants etc. The committee was keen for them also to investigate repairing the pond and give us quotes on costs. Again, the deadline for the next DMC funding is 3rd September.

#### **5. Asbestos**

Shannon reported that while scaffolding was being raised on a block in Langbourne, a white box on the side of the building, part of a redundant heating unit, was broken and asbestos was discovered. Many buildings on the Estate have these redundant boxes and they need investigating.

**ACTION: Chris** will inform the Camden Asbestos Officer and will report back to the Committee.

#### **6. Concrete on Terrace**

Hertha reported that the concrete on the Community Centre terrace is in poor condition.

**ACTION: Chris** will liaise with the Youth Offending Services to see if they can repair it.

#### **7. Street Party**

The Street Party is on Saturday 6th July, before the next meeting on the 8th. Therefore, the sub-committee (Alison, Josh, Lana, Shannon, Roger) will meet on Thursday 20th June at 8pm in Alison's flat (64 HLM) to plan the event, including getting posters out to all blocks and leafletting every flat in Langbourne.

(NOTE: immediately after this meeting, Johanna emailed to say the Langbourne houses only want three of the CC's tables so we can have three for our event).

**ACTION: Roger** to send emails to everyone on our list about the street party two weeks before the event and one week before the event.

#### **8. Willow Tree**

A meeting was instigated by Dermot Alexander with Riccardo Arnone, Camden's tree officer, about the position of the newly planted twisted willow just to the north of the pond. He was concerned it was planted too close to the path which it would overhang. Riccardo met Roger on 30th May. Dermot was away and although Deborah was invited to this meeting she missed it.

Riccardo agreed the willow could be moved several metres from the path in the autumn when he comes to plant the birch tree on Oakeshott which was left out during this spring's planting. Camden's tree budget will absorb the cost of relocation of the willow.

The Committee unanimously agreed to this.

**The next meeting will be held in the Community Centre on July 8th at 6pm. This will be a general meeting to which all residents will be invited to hear Camden officers present their fire safety proposals.**