

HLRA COMMITTEE MEETING ON 11TH NOVEMBER 2019

Clockwise Attendance

Grace
Roger
Tamatha
Josh (arrived late)
Lisa
Alison (arrived late)
Hertha
Jessica
Sabrina
Louise
Danny
Lorna
Jane (left early for Birthday)
Judith
Grazyna
Shannon
Yvonne

Apologies-

Kim
Lana (Treasurer)
David
Jay
Stefi
Isobel Rogers

Notes from meeting

Election of the HLRA Offices

Shannon, Grace - Co-Chair, Lisa - Vice Chair
Roger - Secretary (emails, website), Jess - Meeting Minutes
Lana Lewin - Treasurer
Roger, Josh with Danny and Tamatha as substitutes - DMC (District Management Committee) Representative. Role includes meetings every 3 months with TRAs from Highgate, Dartmouth Park, Kentish Town and Canteowes and Camden officers and Councillors. DMC bids for Grants. For example, we are putting in for a grant to repair the pond on the estate.

Fire Exits

Petition launched and AGM was well attended - 90 residents.
Walk about done with offices, Gavin Haynes from Property Management Services, John Brett from Housing Safety, and Camden Fire Safety Officers.
Lots of info on risks, for example-

- Can't use roof because no ultimate place of safety
- Dangerous for fire fighters to come onto roof
- Sides of walls with windows, so poisonous fumes can go out of the windows towards bridges.

They also described the measures they were going to put in place to make it safe -- Compartmentation, fire doors and alarms.

Finding how various the blocks are, Camden will group them into Archetypes and do consultations according to these categories.

Discussion about the Council's duty to maintain the roof space.

- Camden has not renewed their lease as Head Leaseholder managing the estate (95 years to run).

- Surveyor said all the bridges had been surveyed and are structurally safe. Emergency lighting and raising some railings seem to be only works required to make roofs safe.
- The spiral stairs do not meet the current safety regulations. Need to discuss with lawyer (or architect?) about the egress. **Action:** Shannon to speak with Lana about help with legal advice.
- Hackitt Review has some details in it of a possible expert to speak with. **Action:** Louise to speak with her sister.
- Question: who is in charge of inspecting the building structure 1x each year? Especially the roof?

Grace circulated a sheet on the council's proposed categorising of the blocks.

Grazyna reported on training for Block (29-39 Makepeace Mansions) on controlling the cold water equipment.

Youth Projects

Will build on the Football project last summer with more funding. Want to submit for 1 year funding, at 1.5 nights a week, in the football pitch near White Flats, 38 weeks. So young kids can get trained 1.5 hours each week. Sasha will run it. £4560 to pay for equipment and coaches. Shannon and Sasha working on grant.

Holly Lodge Youth TRA: Young Group in Highgate Area. Older kids want to do a documentary. Money was left over from the football project, £900, could be used. Camden has agreed. Cllr Sian Berry supported idea of Hugh Boatswain (Senior Tenant Participation Officer) and estate kids putting a business plan together to get the new group up and running; this has already started. Apply for additional money to buy Camera Equipment (to be owned by the Charity they set up). Shoot own documentary and then make an event happen; could include a launch with three course meal provided by 16+ trained by hotel. Documentary open to 7yr+. Subject of the film is *Knife Crime. What can Camden do to make changes for young people?* Getting a few celebrities on board. Another set of young people to do the Photography.

Tamatha offered to help with Mindfulness session.
ACTION: Shannon to contact her.

Heating and Hot Water

Meeting 13th November (Wednesday) with Camden. Initial agenda was presentation of Options followed by a decision but now it will be presentation only; options to be considered in our own time. Judith is expecting details any minute from Camden. Langbourne not included as use individual boilers. Makepeace and Holly Lodge are included, but have various systems and do not necessarily want to join the communal one. Will they include the new refurbished flats at Makepeace?

Camden wants the temporary boiler to go.

Idea of pumping from Whittington is no longer on the table.

There is a need for more tenants in the Heating and Hot Water group. It will be a hefty document to read followed by meetings to discuss with the HHW group and Camden. Martin Narraway on the estate, an engineer, has offered to help.. Judith, Grannia, and Andrea coming to meeting.

Tamatha, a tenant, says she can help, but has limited time.

Judith to ask about grants for Green Energy (Net Zero) to reduce cost.

Christmas Party / Christmas Film

Martin organising a Christmas Film on a 6 December, 7pm, and open to everyone. Movie selection: *'It's a Wonderful Life'*. Could include mulled wine and mince pies or?

Party is on 14th December (Saturday) 3-5pm, helpers 2-6pm. Volunteers are Shannon (has left overs from the summer party), Danny, Roger, Josh, Alison (help with shopping), Lisa, Jane, and Lorna (maybe?). Any other volunteers let Shannon know. Hugh from Camden is donating £750.

ACTION:

- Shannon to organise a magician from Magic Circle, £200 fee, and seek a Father Christmas
- Josh to make a poster for both film and party
- Roger to send out email.

The Community Centre Christmas lunch is on 16th December. Volunteers welcome: help from 10am, Lunch starts 12.30pm, ends 4pm.

Food Bank

Hugh has connected Kids on estate with another food bank in Camden. Next year, estate might work alongside another food bank using the estate as a drop off places. Dorothea Hackman running the food bank by church in Euston. **ACTION:** Danny to share phone number with Shannon.

Decision is required whether the Community Centre is a suitable location for a food bank. Concern about the hill and public transport being inconvenient. Does the Foodbank in Highgate Newtown still exist? A better location.

ACTION: Shannon to help the Kids gather data on need and where other local food banks are to present to Committee in January.

AOB

Concerns raised about collapsing drains on the estate.

ACTION: Shannon to supply details to Roger who will find out who to contact at Camden.

Concern over the misuse of the Food Waste Bins being used for Cat Litter. Plastic bag constantly contaminate bins.

ACTION: Sabrina to create stickers to put on bins; Danny has a laminator. Shannon to speak to Veolia.

Positive news, Veolia/Camden have provided three new recycling bins and have been clearing up the fly typing outside Jane's bedroom window on HLM!.

Yvonne wrote to Chris Slater after AGM to ask about another recycling bin for Makepeace and for the quote for the new bin shed by the Sheltered accommodation. No reply. There is apparently confusion about what needs planning permission and everything seems to have come to a standstill. The Estate is a conservation area but the proposed bin shed would only alter the 1970s sheltered accommodation flower beds. Camden put in mobility scooter sheds on the flower beds without planning permission or any consultation. They are useless as too far from the accommodation and will probably be removed.

ACTION: Roger to invite Chris Slater to the January meeting to clarify issues.

Proposal to change the boundaries of the ward by the Local Government Boundary Commission would divide our current three-councillor ward into two parts: a one-councillor Highgate ward and a two-councillor Dartmouth Park ward. Roger has drawn up a submission to the Boundary Commission stating the HLRA's complete rejection of this proposal on the grounds of

severing our established community links and creating drastically reduced democratic representation. This submission was approved.

ACTION: Roger to send submission to Boundary Commission this evening to meet deadline. Submission to be put on website.

AGM on 9 December for HLLA. There are difficulties with the fire safety project. Estimates are wrong. Hasn't looked at blocks individually. The notices the leaseholders have received are wrong. Project for core fire safety work and fire exits should be dealt with together holistically. Consultation meeting was on 30th October with short notice and confusion as to its nature. Another is needed.

Freedom of Information Request for Communal Internal Refurbishments. Jessica to try this out for the first time. There is a sense that leaseholders are being recharged on Fire Safety works.

Emergency meeting for DMC being held this Thursday 14th November 2019. Shannon can come this week. Please advise Josh if you are keen to join. This meeting will discuss how to reformat the DMC meetings to make them useful instead of a Camden rubber stamp exercise.

Grace to get Jay to pass along the bicycle parking issues to Jess who is keen to look into cycle parking.

The meeting ended at 9pm with a delicious Caribbean feast kindly provided by Shannon to thank everyone for their hard work over the year.

The next Committee meeting will be in January 2020 (provisionally Monday 13th at 7pm).