

World's End Residents' Association



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Minutes of the WERA Meeting held on Tuesday, 11th of October 2005 at 7pm in the WERA Clubroom, 16 Blantyre Street

Present:	Margaret Grayling (Chair) Monica Boholst Maggie Byrne	Jules Montero (Secretary) Caroline Fairchild Joy Laven
In Attendance:	Gary Riley (Estate Manager) Lee Kirwan (Childrens Home)	
Apologies:	Marye Kenton John Rendall Eryl Humphrey Jones	

1. Apologies

The above apologies were accepted.

2. Lee Kirwan, Childrens Home

The committee introduced themselves to Lee Kirwan and welcomed him to the meeting. Lee introduced himself in return.

Lee gave the meeting a brief description of the work of the Childrens Home at 28 Whistler Walk. The home was one of only two in the borough and housed a small number of children aged 12 to 19, most of which were existing residents of the borough. Lee's work involved providing family support as well as residential care. Lee noted that residential care was only considered and provided in cases where the provision of foster care had proved difficult or was simply impossible. Lee told the meeting that of the children currently housed in the home all were either in college or working and that many of them were also involved in local community groups and/or youth clubs. Lee stated that many of the children were subject to an "agreement" with regards to acceptable behaviour and that most did abide by the agreement, as they would otherwise be put into a "tougher" residential care regime elsewhere. Lee explained that he and his staff aimed to prepare the children for adult life as best as possible. Lee stated that the home was inspected twice a year and that recent inspections had been very positive.

Lee told the meeting that he was well aware of the problems regarding "unwelcome visitors" to the home that then loitered outside. These visitors often frightened the children and staff as well as the neighbouring residents. His staff worked closely with the Police and contacted them whenever there were any of these "unwelcome visitors" loitering outside the home. Lee noted that the response from the Police was often "mixed". Committee members suggested that he and his staff consider contacting the estate's dog patrol via in the concierge office; it might prove effective in moving on unwanted visitors. JL told Lee about the proposed security system, and in particular the proposed zoning of the estate, which would obviously affect the home. Lee told the meeting that he had not been consulted and did not know whether previous the managers of the home had been consulted in the past.

Lee provided the Committee with his contact details, was thanked for attending and then left the meeting.

Actions

3. **Minutes of Previous Meeting**

The minutes of the previous meeting of the 13th of September were accepted as correct.

4. **Matters Arising**

Item 4.3 – GR told the meeting that he was still waiting to hear from OCS with regards to the (re)painting of the stairwell floors.

Item 4.5 – GR told the meeting that the barbecue had been held in the school instead.

Item 4.6 – The meeting with Lee Kirwan had been arranged.

Item 4.8 – GR told the meeting that a cupboard had been removed from the walkway roof.

Item 4.9 – A letter to residents with regards to the incident with the mirror in Blantyre Tower had yet to be written and dispatched.

Item 4.10 – GR said he hoped to have a draft version of the “code of conduct for contractors” ready by the following committee meeting.

Item 4.15 – GR told the meeting that a test to remove tyre marks from Upper Whistler Walk had been carried out and proved successful. A programme to remove tyre marks from the other walkways was now been prepared. The new cleaning product would be used in all future cleaning.

Item 4.16 – A meeting with the Police at which MG, JM and JR had been present, had been held. The bin had now been moved to the other side of the World’s End Pub, next to the cycle rank.

Item 5.1 – JM had sent the Committee’s views to Ayo Sobowale and Chris Lloyd.

Item 6.2 – JM had contacted the Bengali Group and arranged their use of the clubroom for Arabic classes on Saturday and Sunday mornings from 10am to 12pm (midday).

Item 6.3 – MG had contacted the Asian Women’s Group. They wished to use the clubroom on Sunday afternoons from 12.30pm until 2.30pm. This was approved.

Item 8 – JM had spoken with TMO Tenant Participation and agreed the date of the AGM.

5. **Estate Manager’s Update**

5.1 *Walkways*

See Matters Arising above. MG asked whether steam cleaning the walkways had been considered. GR said that he felt the new cleaning product was probably a better solution.

5.2 *Sight and Sound*

GR told the meeting that he was in the process of preparing a report on the performance of Sight and Sound (dog patrol) and welcomed any input from the committee. A number of committee members had already sent through their views individually. GR told the meeting that the TMO intended to tender a single contract for both the security guard (in the concierge) and the dog/security patrol and that he was currently waiting to receive the relevant quotes from the various contractors/firms. GR told the meeting that the log kept by the dog/security patrol was quite detailed and provided the TMO with sufficient information to act. The log was emailed to Catherine Rock every morning. GR also noted that the patrolman had contacted the Police on a number of occasions when it had proved necessary.

5.3 *Dogs*

GR told the meeting that the TMO was still progressing the dog problems.

5.4 *Other*

JM asked GR whether he had received any complaints with regards to a late-night party that had

apparently been held in the World's End Nursery on the night of Saturday, the 8th of October. GR stated that he had not.

JM described a recent incident in which the barrier on the entry gate to the car park had been damaged/vandalised. The barrier had then remained inoperative for over a week, during which time the car park gate was often wide open for hours on end and the security of the car park clearly compromised. It was suspected that the damage to the barrier had been caused by a vehicle whose height exceeded the gate's height limit. The suspect vehicle was still parked in the car park and had been reported to the TMO.

GR then left the meeting.

6. **AGM**

6.1 *Notices*

JM told the meeting that the notices for the AGM had been distributed and that the final day for the receipt of nominations was the following Wednesday, the 19th of October. JM told the meeting that a second notice would be delivered to all flats the weekend before to the AGM as a reminder.

6.2 *Constitution*

JM asked Committee members to send through any final minute comments and/or amendment to him prior to the AGM.

All

6.3 *Annual Reports*

MG and JM would prepare the final reports for the AGM.

MG, JM

7. **Decent Homes**

MG said that the WERA reps who had attended the recent Neighbourhood Conference had been told that there were no "Decent Homes" works planned for the World's End Estate. There was some question as to whether the recent front-door replacement works to tenanted properties were for "Decent Homes" or not; Floyd white had suggested that they were but they were never listed as such by the TMO in relevant reports. CF told the meeting that a TMO surveyor had told her that Decent Homes works were planned on World's End and had used this as an excuse not to carry out essential repairs.

8. **West London Citizens**

MG described the work of the organisation "West London Citizens" and what they hoped to achieve. MG said that they were looking for projects, programmes or issues to promote and take forward. One such programme was the "Ethical Olympic Bid", which hoped to ensure a decent wage for all those working on the Olympics. MG asked committee members to consider whether there might be any projects and/or issues in the area that the organisation might be able to take up.

9. **Meetings Attended**

9.1 *Cremorne Ward Panel*

A meeting of the Cremorne Ward Panel had been held on Tuesday, the 4th of October in Dacre House. JL, MK and JM had attended. Issues discussed included the ongoing problems with dogs across the ward, the knife bin and the recent Environmental Audit. Police Sgt. John Higgs, Sgt. Murray's replacement, had also introduced himself to the panel.

9.2 *Neighbourhood Conference*

A Neighbourhood Conference had been held the previous night in the Sheltered Clubroom on the Cremorne Estate. MG, JM, JL, MK and HM had attended. A presentation had been given on the TMO's proposed organisational restructuring which was about to get underway. A number of other papers/proposals had also been discussed. These included a paper on (communal) digital TV systems, a paper on the TMO's "reward scheme" for members/residents and the proposal for a new TMO office in the Blantyre Centre to serve the local area.

10. **Upcoming Meetings**

A meeting of the World's End ARB was scheduled for the following Wednesday, the 19th of October, at 6.30pm in the WERA Clubroom. Committee members were asked to attend and/or suggest ideas for works that might be funded by the ARB.

11. **Any Other Business**

MG asked the meeting to approve the purchase of tea, coffee and biscuits for the AGM as well as cleaning supplies for the clubroom. This was approved.

The meeting then closed

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