



World's End Residents' Association

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Minutes of the WERA Committee Meeting held on Tuesday, 16th of January 2007 at 7pm in the WERA Clubroom, 16 Blantyre Street

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| Present: | Margaret Grayling (Chair) John Rendall (Treasurer) Eryl Humphrey Jones Maggie Byrne Caroline Fairchild Robert Taylor | Jules Montero (Secretary) Joy Laven Marye Kenton Nigel Palmer Monica Boholst Flora Levy |
| In Attendance: | Gary Riley (Area Housing Manager, RBK&C TMO) Sheena Neil-Smith (RBK&C – Recycling) Jackie McKeay (RWR / Wastewatch) Ian Buckingham (RBK&C) (pre-meeting only) Jenny ?? (Chelsea Theatre (pre-meeting only) | |
| Apologies: | Cllr. Maighread Simmonds Cllr. Mark Daley | |

A brief informal meeting was held prior to the meeting proper at 6.30pm with Ian Buckingham from RBK&C. Ian provided the Committee members present with an update on the Piazza works and noted any issues and concerns that members brought to his attention. It was noted that the works were currently two weeks behind schedule but still expected to be completed by the end of February.

1. Apologies

The above apologies were accepted.

2. Recycling

- 2.1 Sheena Neil-Smith introduced herself to the meeting as the RBK&C recycling manager for the area. Jackie McKeay introduced herself to the meeting as the representative of "Wastewatch".

Sheena gave the meeting a brief review of the recycling facilities available to the residents of the World's End Estate, in particular noting which items of waste could be recycled and which could not. Sheena and Jackie then distributed a number of sample multi-lingual information leaflets as well as some other material. It was noted that the Council and Wastewatch intended to target the World's End to try and increase the level of recycling on the estate. A campaign was being planned for the Spring/Summer. Committee members made a number of suggestions as to how the informational leaflets could be improved and how they might be able to encourage greater recycling amongst the estate's residents.

The following items were noted with regards to the current facilities:

- That many of the recycling bins on the estate were not emptied often enough, and were as a result often overflowing. Sheena said she would check the collection schedule and check whether it might be possible to have more frequent collections where appropriate.
- That some of the recycling bins were inappropriately sited (a bin on Alexander Passage and a bin on the embankment were given as examples). Sheena agreed to investigate and relocate the bins as necessary. It was suggested that the bin in Alexander Passage needed to be

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secured (e.g. chained to a wall) as it was often moved from its intended location. It was also suggested that the removal of a temporary railing on the embankment that had fitted during the window replacement works would ease the emptying of the recycling bin on the embankment. GR said he would investigate.

GR

- Whether it might be possible to provide larger bins for the collection of large pieces of cardboard. Sheena stated that the Council did not use larger recycling bins than those already in use on the estate but would investigate whether a special weekly collection could be used to collect any large amounts of cardboard.
- Whether the “old fashioned” recycling centres (discrete bins for glass, paper, cans etc.) on the estate might be replaced with mixed recycling bins. Sheena stated that she did not believe they were planned to be replaced but would check.
- Whether a door-to-door collection service was planned. Sheena stated that it was not.

It was noted that the collection schedule for recycling was not the same as for ordinary rubbish.

The Committee offered the use of the WERA clubroom for any events planned to raise awareness of recycling and the recycling facilities available amongst residents. They also suggested contacting Ashburnham Primary School and Flashpoint as a means to raise awareness of recycling amongst the estate’s children and their parents. Sheena and Jackie would liaise with GR.

The two ladies were then thanked for attending and then left the meeting.

- 2.2 EHJ noted that as the soil stacks were partially blocked and their reduced diameter restricted the flow of water that the use of water savers was perhaps not advisable. EHJ noted that the TMO was not carrying out any regular maintenance of the soil stacks due to a lack of funding and had not done so for some years; they only dealt with “incidents” on a reactive basis. GR was asked to check with Technical Services with regards the use of water savers on the estate.

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3. **Minutes of the Previous Meeting**

The minutes of the previous meeting of the 21st of November 2006 were approved as correct.

4. **Matters Arising**

Item 6 – JM had passed on the Committee’s opinions on the Decent Homes works to Ayo Sobowale at the TMO. A written response had been received in return and it had been distributed to all Committee members.

Item 7 – JM stated that he had contacted Gordon Perry with regards to the meeting of the Property Management Committee on the 18th of December. JM had also drafted and sent a written response to Gordon Perry’s letter to WERA. And JM had also responded to the planning application notice for the security works. It was noted that Leaseholder Services had now written to all leaseholders informing them that the security proposals were to be reviewed. It was also noted that planning permission for the works had yet to be granted.

Item 8 – JM had informed the Over 50s that they could use the room for their Christmas party under the conditions specified. JM had also advised K&C PCT that they could use the room for their nutritional advice courses on the dates requested.

Item 13 – A meeting had not been felt necessary.

NP asked whether WERA had received a letter from Peter Tozer with regards the security proposals. JM stated that a copy of the response sent to Donald Ferguson following the submission of the residents’ petition had been copied to WERA, but that it had not been addressed to WERA. It was noted that a similar letter had now been sent to the estate’s leaseholders. NP suggested WERA respond to the letter and comment on the options outlined therein. It was agreed that a separate meeting would be held to discuss the issue further.

5. **Area Housing Manager’s Update**

- 5.1 GR stated that a meeting had recently been held to discuss the security proposals. This meeting had produced a number of recommendations that were to be investigated further as part of the

forthcoming review of the security proposals.

- 5.2 GR stated that the contract with Sight & Sound for the dog patrols had been wound up as Sight & Sound were not able to find suitable staff to work on World's End. In addition, the funding for the dog patrol had come from the income from the underground car park and this was no longer available.
- 5.3 GR stated that the letter concerning dogs on the estate would be sent out to all residents shortly. GR stated that the TMO did not currently have a policy of barring residents from keeping a dog. GR asked Committee members to supply the names and addresses of any dog owner who allowed their animals to behave anti-socially on the estate and that the new housing officer, Faye Williams, would investigate. GR was unaware of the status of the dog policy that had been presented at the last Neighbourhood Conference.
- 5.4 GR stated that a new housing officer, Faye Williams, had been appointed. She would attend the next WERA Committee meeting.
- 5.5 MB noted that the door to the security hut outside the car park had been broken into. It was noted that the hut would not be removed as part of the Piazza works as had been previously suggested.
- 5.6 CF asked GR whether he was aware of any decision on the issue of water meters. GR said he was not but would investigate. GR
- 5.7 MG noted that the footpath along Blantyre Street had been repaired and the new bins installed. She asked GR to provide a financial update for the ARB. GR stated that he did not have the relevant information to hand but would provide it as soon as possible. GR noted that it was proving difficult to obtain the new "open" notice-boards for the ground floor lift lobbies. GR
- 5.8 MK asked GR to check whether the ARB funds that had previously been set aside to paint the floors of the landings in the tower blocks were still available. GR said he would check. GR
- 5.9 GR noted that the mastic works to the new doorframes should now be complete. MB noted that some of the mastic had been damaged by the recent electrical works. GR said he would investigate. GR
- 5.10 GR stated that the works to the clubroom (removal of the radiator covers and making good) would be completed by the following day.
- 5.11 MB noted that the gates from Edith Grove to the Children's Home were still being left open; they should be kept closed.

6. **Cleaning Review**

Abraham Ahmed (TMO) had sent a number of Committee members invitations to an on-site cleaning review scheduled to take place some time in late January. It was agreed that MK would arrange a suitable date and time with Abraham and that she and JM would attend on behalf of the Committee.

7. **Use of WERA Clubroom**

JM had received a request from the Sunday night Al-Anon Group for the use of the Clubroom on the afternoon of Saturday 3rd of February from 1pm to 4pm. This was agreed. JM would notify the group. JM

8. **Purchases**

An invoice for £25 was tabled for the purchase of the Xmas gifts for the estate staff. This was approved.

MG told the meeting that she would be purchasing cleaning supplies for the clubroom. This was agreed.

9. **Meetings Attended**

MG, JM, JR and MK had attended a Contract Coordination meeting earlier that day. It was noted that the new lights were expected to be installed in the first floor gardens within the next two weeks. There was some discussion as to whether WERA should lodge a formal complaint about the time taken for the lights to be installed. It was agreed that any complaints should be made once the works were complete, not before.

EHJ had attended the Chelsea West Sector meeting. EHJ noted that Cllr. Simmonds had expressed extreme dissatisfaction with the dog situation on the estate and stated that she had held a meeting with Gordon Perry to discuss the issue. EHJ told the meeting that a new Police Sergeant for the Cremorne Ward had now been appointed – P.Sgt. Tim Otway. EHJ noted that several of those attending the meeting had commented on the apparent lack of PCSOs patrolling the area. It had been noted that this was partly due to the redeployment of Police resources to guard Kate Middleton’s home. NP noted that whilst RBK&C only funded PCSO patrols until 10pm, other boroughs funded PCSO patrols until 3am. Other Committee members noted the complete lack of visible PCSO patrols on the estate. It was hoped the situation would improve once the Police office on the Piazza became operational (planned for some time in March).

10. **Upcoming Meetings**

See back of agenda.

11. **Any Other Business**

EHJ asked that the Committee consider using ARB funds to fence off of the fire-path below Blantyre Walk between Blantyre Tower and Chelsea Reach Tower. EHJ felt that this appeared to be the only way to stop anti-social dog owners from using the grass area adjacent to the fire-path as a dog toilet.

12. **Date of Next Meeting**

The next scheduled Committee meeting will take place on Tuesday, 20th of February at 7pm in the WERA Clubroom. JM would arrange for a Special Committee Meeting to discuss the security proposals prior to that date.

JM

The meeting then closed

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