



World's End Residents' Association

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Minutes of the WERA Committee Meeting held on Tuesday, 20th of October 2009 at 7pm in the WERA Clubroom, 16 Blantyre Street

Present:	Margaret Grayling (Chair) Marye Kenton Eryl Humphrey Jones Nigel Palmer	Jules Montero (Secretary) Maggie Byrne Jose Rioseco Barbara Ofori-Boateng
In Attendance:	Police Sgt. Tim Otway Amalita Bariente (Resident) Daniel Bariente (Resident)	
Apologies:	Joy Laven (Treasurer) John Rendall Monica Boholst Katy Jones-Parry Cllr. Maighread Simmonds	Joanna McDermott Caroline Fairchild Robert Taylor Adelola Dairo (RBK&C TMO) Cllr. Mark Daley

1. Apologies

The above apologies were accepted.

2. Safer Neighbourhoods

Sgt. Otway (TO) provided the meeting with an update from his team. The following items were noted:

Team Size

TO noted that the size of his team had decrease to 5 full-time persons and 1 part-time person. TO noted that the team was budgeted for 6 full-time persons.

Incidents in the Local Area

TO provided a meeting with an update on recent incidents in the local area. These included:

- The arrest of a person on the Cremorne Estate found to be growing and supplying cannabis.
- An arrest on the World's End estate where a significant amount of stolen property (8 bicycles and related items) were recovered.
- A number of drugs-related arrests, including one on the Sir Thomas Moore Estate.

TO noted that a significant amount of his team's time was being taken up trying to deal with a number of neighbour disputes. It was noted that in some cases the residents were vulnerable due to possible mental health issues. There was a discussion as to whether these residents were receiving adequate levels of care whilst residing in the community.

Dogs

TO provided the meeting with an update on the TMO's dog register. TO noted that all dogs from cooperative owners had now been registered and that all known dog owners have been written to. His team would now shortly be visiting those known dog owners who had not yet registered their dogs. All

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the dogs that had been registered had been photographed to aid in their future identification and issued with dog tags. TO agreed that a significant number of the dog owners living on the estate had clearly not registered their dogs. TO also noted that his team would only be registering the dogs, they would not be making a decision as to whether the dogs of a kind that was suitable to be kept on the estate. That decision could only be made by the TMO. It was noted that whilst the TMO had a dog policy for the estate, that the policy did not specify the dog breeds that could be kept on the estate and which breeds were clearly unacceptable. It was noted that housing officers had rarely if ever enforced any dog ownership rules on World's End in any case.

There was a general discussion as to what powers his team had to deal with dangerous breeds, potentially dangerous dogs and/or anti-social dogs and dog owners. It was noted that the law often made dealing with potentially dangerous dogs very problematic.

TO stated that his team were also keeping an eye out for dogs being brought onto the estate. Committee members asked that TO's team simply ask such dog owners to vacate the estate if they had no business being there.

Youths

TO noted ongoing problems with youths loitering in specific parts of the estate, and particularly next to the Sheltered Housing along Middle Dartrey Walk. TO stated that his team had identified many of these youths and noted that some were actually adults in their early 20s. Many did not reside on the estate. TO stated that he needed a reasonable number of reports to secure the resources he needed to deal with the problem and noted that residents could report youths loitering in communal areas to the Police anonymously. A question was asked as to whether the TMO could take any action against the residents these youths were likely to be visiting.

Children's Home

TO noted a number of issues in relation to the Children's Home on the estate. TO noted that the Children's Home manager was keen to deal with the issues and helping the Police and that a number of investigations were ongoing. It was noted that the Council was also currently looking into the future viability of the home following an inspection by Councillors.

Drinking Ban

TO noted that the Council's drinking ban had recently come into force and that this might be used to deal with some of the problems relating to youths drinking in public areas. It was noted that there had been recent incidents involving a number of female residents drinking out on the Piazza and that these has not been dealt with. TO noted that the Council had not installed any signage indicating the presence of the drinking ban, and that this might make enforcement difficult.

Other Updates

A person who had previously been arrested following a drugs raid on the estate earlier in the year had subsequently been arrested and found to be in possession of a gun. He had been sentenced for 5 years for possession of the weapon and subsequently sentenced for 6 years for drug dealing.

A drugs "test purchasing" exercise (where the Police attempt to purchase illegal drugs from those dealing) had recently taken place in the local area. A number of addresses had been identified. None of these were on World's End.

TO noted that Halloween and Guy Fawkes night were coming up. This usually resulted in a variety of issues including the misuse of fireworks that were likely to keep his team quite busy during the coming weeks.

TO then left the meeting.

3. Actions from Previous Meeting

Updates from AD are noted under item 5. Updates on other actions are as follows:

Item 3 – Clamping in car park – JM is to arrange for those managing the car park to attend a meeting.

Item 6 – Painting of the tower landings - JM had emailed Terry Guppey to confirm the preferred colour for the tower landings (a shade of gray to match the stair).

JM

Item 6 – Walkabout – JM had suggested a date for the walkabout of the 8th of October. The date had not been confirmed, but MG had attended a short walkabout on that day in any case. JM had subsequently discussed the issue with Alasdair Manson, who agreed that the issues identified during Robert Black’s visit to the estate (on the 24th of September) would be dealt with first.

4. **Matters Arising**

See below.

5. **Estate Management**

This item was deferred in AD’s absence. AD had sent the following updates to actions from the previous meeting by email:

“Communal lighting maintenance: *The order for the cleaning of the communal lighting in the tower landings is due to be raised this week, after which a work schedule/plan for the estate will be drawn up by the contractors for approval. I will keep you updated.*

Letters regarding the sewage problems: *The letters were delivered to all households on the estate. I can arrange for copies of the letter to be delivered to those who did not receive it. Please send me the details of anyone who did not receive the letter.*

Sewer Stacks in tower blocks and Walkways: *I am awaiting an update from Donal (?).*

Cleaning schedule of Edith Yard car park: *The car park is to be swept once a month. Bins are to be emptied and the car park litter picked on a weekly basis.*

New procedure to deal with [lift] trappings: *Letters were delivered to all households last Friday.*

Dog Fouling on Upper Blantyre Walk: *This is an ongoing issue that we are working on. PC Paul Delany, the PCSOs and I are due to carryout a door knocking exercise early next month to follow up actions with regards the dog register, as well as address dog nuisance issues.*

The heating and hot water situation: *This is was due to a 5 inch pipe bursting and creating a major leak. The damaged section had had to be cut out and replaced. The system had to be shut down and drained to carry out the repair work. The engineers have been on site all day, have replaced the burst pipe and are currently working to refill system, vent it and then re-fire the boilers. We hope to restore the communal heating tonight, although it may not be for the whole estate. We apologise for the inconvenience this has created to residents and thank them for their co-operation.*

OCS staff gaining access to the tunnel after office hours: *We have carried out an investigation. The staff member concerned has been identified and they have been issued with a verbal warning confirmed in writing.”*

6. **WERA AGM**

The date of the WERA AGM was pencilled in for the evening of the 1st of December. JM asked all Committee members to help distribute the notices for the meeting, which he expected to be ready for distribution by the 7th of November (as members require 28 days notice of the AGM).

JM/All

Update: the date of the AGM has had to be rescheduled to the evening of the 8th of December so as not to clash with other events. The AGM notices will be ready for distribution by the 14th of November.

7. **Use of WERA Clubroom**

JM told the meeting that he was currently dealing with the outstanding requests to use the room from the PCT and the two “healthy eating” groups.

JM

8. **Meeting Attended**

TMO AGM

A number of Committee members had attended the TMO AGM held on the evening of the 29th of September.

Visit by Robert Black

Robert Black, the recently appointed TMO CEO, and Keith Holloway, the TMO's Director of Service Improvement, had visited the estate on the 24th of September and had met with MG and JM. They had discussed a number of issues in the WERA Clubroom before proceeding on a brief walkabout of the estate, during which a number of issues were identified and noted.

Meeting with Youth Club

BOB and NP had attended a meeting with David Williams from the Youth Club. They had discussed the possibility of holding a 1-day "festival" sometime before Xmas. It was suggested that the Piazza would make a suitable venue and that it would be good idea to try and involve other Community groups in the area. A follow-up meeting was planned to take place the week of the 26th of October.

Meeting with Trust

JM had attended a meeting with Kat Osbourne from the Trust to discuss a number of incidents that had taken place in or around the Regenerate bus whilst is parked in Alexander Passage. JM had advised Kat that the incidents, one of which was quite serious, indicated that Alexander Passage was not a suitable location for the bus to park and had then asked the TMO to withdraw the bus's permission. The bus was currently no longer visiting the estate.

9. Upcoming Meetings

Upcoming meetings are listed on the back of the agenda. The TMO's Neighbourhood Conference, scheduled to take place on evening of the 27th of October, was noted.

10. Any Other Business

The following items were noted:

1. That there was an ongoing leak in the OCS storage area next to Ashburnham Tower.
2. That a large number of lights were out of service in communal areas.
3. Why all of the lights on the tower landings were on all day, when previously only the "middle" light had been on during the day. It was suggested that this had changed following the communal redecoration works in 2006.
4. Why the large hole dug by National Grid outside the Trust had yet to be filled in.
5. That the amount of rubbish being dumped in communal areas, particularly on the walkways, appeared to be on the increase.
6. That someone was leaving the gate at the top of Alexander Passage open. This had allowed parents to drive into Alexander Passage to drop off their children at Ashburnham Primary School, which was clearly potentially dangerous. It was noted that both World's End Nursery and the Chelsea Theatre had the key to the gate and that they should be advised to ensure that it was locked at all times.
7. That JM had reported the four lamp-posts in Blantyre Street that out of service. Daniel noted that he had also reported them and given a reference number (200926886).
8. Whether (temporary?) CCTV should be installed by the TMO to deal with problems in communal areas of the estate (e.g. the youths loitering in Dartrey Walk/Middle Dartrey Walk).
9. That the bathroom extractor fans appeared to be out of action in several blocks.

JM said he would bring these issues to the attention of the relevant TMO staff.

JM

11. Date of Next Meeting

The next Committee meeting was scheduled to take place on Tuesday, 17th of November, at 7pm in the WERA Clubroom.

The meeting then closed

..... Chair