



# World's End Residents' Association

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## Minutes of the WERA Committee Meeting held on Tuesday, 19<sup>th</sup> of April March 2011 at 7pm in the WERA Clubroom, 16 Blantyre Street

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<b>Present:</b>	Margaret Grayling (Chair) Maggie Byrne Caroline Fairchild Eryl Humphrey Jones John Park Nigel Palmer	Jules Montero (Secretary) Marye Kenton Joanna McDermott John Rendall Paul Miller
<b>Apologies:</b>	Patricia Fordyce Kathrin Vowinckel	Monica Boholst

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### 1. Apologies

The above apologies were accepted.

### 2. Flashpoint

The Committee agreed to formally request that Alasdair Manson and Dominic Davies proceed to obtain detailed pricing/cost estimates for each "segment" of the proposed fencing around Flashpoint and the surrounding play area with a view to proceeding with whatever works could then be funded.

JM would inform Alasdair Manson and Dominic Davies of the Committee's decision.

**Actions**

JM

### 3. Neighbourhood Charter

The Committee decided NOT to proceed with the charter as proposed. It was noted that that the document that had been tabled (the informational leaflet for a neighbourhood charter from a housing estate in the north of England) did not describe the material benefits of a charter; it was therefore difficult to see what benefits establishing such a charter would provide to the estate.

JM would notify Alasdair Manson of the Committee's decision.

JM

### 4. Recruitment of Senior Neighbourhood Officer

A number of Committee members expressed an interest in participating in the recruitment process for the next Senior Neighbourhood Officer. JM noted the names of the volunteers.

JM would advise Alasdair Manson accordingly.

JM

### 5. Open House / Open London @ World's End

The Committee decided that the estate should form part of the Open House / Open London event in September.

JM would formally respond to the invitation from Open House/Open London.

JM

### 6. Parking in Blantyre Street

NP agreed to draft a proposal for a parking scheme for Blantyre Street based on the suggestions he had made at previous Committee meetings. NP would distribute his written proposal to the rest of the

Committee for their consideration and approval before it was sent on to David Ward.

NP

JM would notify David Ward that the Committee would be submitting a proposal shortly.

JM

**7. Any Other Business**

*Door Entry System*

A letter to residents with regards the proposed trial of disabling the door entry system during the caretaker’s working hours had been distributed across the estate and was tabled. JM noted that he had only received a copy of the letter the day before the TMO had begun delivering copies to the estate’s residents; providing insufficient time for its content to be reviewed by Committee members.

There was general dissatisfaction with the letter. Committee members noted that the letter did not appear to be written with a view to consult – it did not ask residents for their views and opinions – and did not clearly explain that this was to be a three-month trial; there was some concern that residents might believe that the system was to be switched off permanently without any further consultation. Some Committee members also expressed concern that the letter stated that the proposal had been WERA’s idea when in fact Alasdair Manson had presented it to the Committee as a suggestion from a resident at the Committee meeting in January.

*The Trust*

JP noted that Victoria Wickins from the Trust was now on maternity leave and had been replaced by Ian Dyble. JP also noted that the Trust was renaming itself “The William Wilberforce Trust”.

*Digital TV*

CF described the recent works to install the digital TV “faceplate” in her flat. There was some concern that the installer had removed the Virgin TV faceplate, as the TMO had previously advised that the Virgin media faceplates would NOT be removed.

*Bicycles*

It was noted that some residents were chaining their bicycles to the railings on the estate’s walkways; several bicycles were chained to the railings on Upper Blantyre Walk on a daily basis.

*Kitchen Gardens*

It was noted that several brick-walled compost bins had been constructed in the immediate vicinity of the kitchen garden plots. There was concern that these had been built without the knowledge or consent of the WERA Committee or any attempt to consult the residents whose homes overlooked the site. There was some concern that WERA may have previously assured residents that compost bins and other similar “facilities” would not be installed. There was some discussion as to whether or not the bins would be odorous. JM was instructed to ask the community gardener not to bring the compost bins into use until the WERA Committee had been consulted and had agreed how best to proceed.

JM

*Bees*

It was noted that some parts of the estate might make suitable locations on which to site beehives (for “urban honey bees”).

**8. Date of Next Meeting**

JM would inform the Committee of the date of the next meeting once arrangements had been made for those responsible for the TMO’s repair service to attend.

The meeting then closed

..... Chair