

World's End Residents' Association



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Notes of the WERA Committee Meeting held on Tuesday, 13th of September 2016 at 7pm in the WERA Clubroom, 16 Blantyre Street

1 In Attendance:

WERA – Margaret Grayling (Chair), Margaret Byrne, Patricia Fordyce, Barry McQueen, Ali Ahmed, Jules Montero.

Others – Aslam Ashraf (resident).

Apologies:

WERA – Joanna McDermott, Caroline Fairchild, Paul Miller, Nigel Palmer, Eryl Humphrey Jones, Monica Boholst, Kai Choudhry.

2 Issues/actions from previous meetings:

1. MG and JM to apply for grant funding for the long-term funding of the music club (and other such social clubs). **Completed.** See update below.
2. JM to refresh the draft newsletter prior to printing. **Pending.** See Update below.
3. JM to notify the TMO's Resident Engagement Team of the approved Equality and Diversity Policy. **Completed.** The approved Policy had been emailed to the TMO's Resident Engagement team after the meeting.
4. JM to prepare the notices and forms for the two Resident Drop-In events. **Completed.** See update below.
5. JM to draw up a draft schedule of meetings and circulate to the Committee. **Completed.** See update below.

3 Key points of discussion:

1. The above apologies were noted.
2. The minutes of the Committee meeting of the 24th of May 2016 were approved as correct.
3. The minutes of the special meeting of the 1st of June were approved as correct.
4. New ESA – It was noted that Darren Hanson, the ESA who had joined the estate team on temporary basis, had been replaced. The new (still temporary) ESA is Rahman Famuditimi.
5. National Grid – Nicola Rees (NR) had provided the details of a National Grid representative who could be contacted about the ongoing works on the estate. It was noted that it was still unclear who at the TMO was responsible for monitoring the works, although NR had offered to keep an eye on the works and act as a liaison.
6. Big Local / Grant Application Update – WERA's application for funding for the music club had been unsuccessful. Unfortunately the organisation running the scheme did not provide any feedback so it was not possible to know exactly why it had not been successful. The Big Local was currently trying to identify and secure alternative funding for the music club.
7. WERA Newsletter – The WERA newsletter was currently on hold. The original draft was now out of date and would require an update. It was agreed that the newsletter be revisited after the AGM.
8. WERA Clubroom – A lengthy discussion was held with regards to the manner in which the WERA Clubroom was being managed by the TMO. Aslam Ashraf described his experience of booking and using the WERA Clubroom on behalf of his group, a charitable organisation

trying to provide a food-bank and health/therapy sessions to the estate's residents. MG noted that she had previously brought the Committee's concerns with the current management regime to the attention of Councillor Hargreaves and was awaiting an update. It was agreed that the issues would once again be brought to the TMO's attention at the upcoming TMO Residents Conference/AGM and continue to be pursued with local Ward Councillors.

9. Resident Drop-Ins – Two resident drop-ins had taken place, one on the 18th of June and one on the 5th of July. Two residents had attended each of the drop-ins. None had reported any serious issues but they had made suggestions for a number of environmental improvements on the estate, all of which had been noted and would be considered for ARB funding in future. JM suggested that a new schedule of drop-ins be drawn up after the AGM and that the Committee should try to hold a drop-in before Christmas. This was agreed.
10. Meeting Schedule – The agreed meeting schedule had been circulated to all Committee members after the last meeting.
11. Annual General Meeting – The date of the AGM was agreed. The AGM would take place on the evening of Tuesday 18th of October 2016 at 7.30pm in the WERA Clubroom. JM was asked to extend an invitation to TMO staff and Ward Councillors.
12. Parking – It was noted that the TMO's new parking regime had finally come into force. It was agreed that Committee members would keep an eye out for any issues that might arise.
13. Soil stacks – BMq asked whether the works to cleanse the soil stacks was still ongoing or on hold. JM agreed to contact Alex Bosman to find out.
14. Walkabout with John Gaffney – MG had attended a walkabout with John Gaffney to review the condition of the estate's gardens. MG noted that a number of issues had been identified which JG had promised to address.
15. Lift lobby windows – BMq asked when the snagging of the works to install the new windows in the large lift lobbies would take place. JM agreed to contact Dominic Davies to find out.
16. Disabled Access – It was noted that the current design of the block entrance doors at both Ashburnham Tower and Whistler Tower impeded disabled access as a disabled person would find it very difficult to negotiate the second set of doors into the actual ground floor lift lobby. JM was asked to raise the issue with Peter Maddison/Alex Bosman.

4 Actions arising (in addition to pending items from section 2):

1. JM to notify TMO staff and Ward Councillors of the date of the WERA AGM.
2. JM to contact Alex Bosman to find out whether works to cleanse the soil stacks were still ongoing or on hold.
3. JM to contact Dominic Davies to find out when the snagging of the works to install the new windows in the large lift lobbies was taking place.
4. JM to bring the disabled access issue at Ashburnham Tower and Whistler Tower to the attention of Peter Maddison/Alex Bosman.

5 Date of Next Meeting

The next meeting is the WERA Annual General meeting, scheduled to take place on Tuesday 18th of October 2016 at 7.30pm in the WERA Clubroom.