

# World's End Residents' Association



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## **Notes of the WERA Committee Meeting held on Thursday, 14th of September at 7pm in the WERA Clubroom, 16 Blantyre Street**

### **1 In Attendance:**

WERA – Margaret Grayling (Chair), Maggie Byrne, Monica Boholst, Ali Ahmed, Eryl Humphrey Jones, Patti Fordyce, Jules Montero.

Others – Robert Taylor (resident).

### **2 Key points of discussion:**

The meeting of borough wide RAs that had taken place on the 28th of July was discussed. It was noted that the open letter to the Council from many of the borough's RAs that had been agreed was eventually sent in mid-August and had received some press coverage but had not, as yet, produced any kind of formal response from the Council.

There was some discussion about the proposal for the formal formation of a borough wide association of resident associations. The Committee remained sceptical that such an association was actually necessary.

It was noted that some residents in the north of the borough were proposing to call an EGM to force the TMO to end its management agreement with the Council and wind down. It was unclear whether they would be able to secure the number of member's signatures required to do so.

It was noted that the Council had taken direct control of the management of the Lancaster West estate and there was a discussion in relation to the possibility that the Council might wish to transfer the whole housing management function back in house. Those present supported the idea – some stated a preference for the estate to be managed by the Council in the longer term, others indicated that it would be an appropriate stepping stone towards any new long-term management arrangement. It was generally agreed that the Council should be encouraged to take housing management back in house, even if only temporarily.

There was a discussion in relation to whether the Council might be supportive of any other proposals for the management of the estate, for example a right-to-manage bid. It was agreed that should there be no other development the RA should try to enter into discussions with the Council – with Cllr. Taylor-Smith and relevant officers at the housing department – to look into this possibility.

There was a discussion about whether and when to hold a Public Meeting or drop-in. It was noted that Cllr. Hargreaves had not yet been able to secure a copy of the Fire Risk Assessment of the estate and that fire safety could not be discussed in any meaningful way as a result. It was eventually agreed that a meeting would be called once the Fire Risk Assessment had been made available and/or there had been some development in relation to the TMO or the management of the estate.

MG tabled expenses for the sum of £110.21 – a combination of office and Christmas expenses and the donation to the Grenfell Tower fire relief fund. These were approved.