

World's End Residents' Association



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Notes of the WERA Committee Meeting held on Tuesday, 28th of May 2019 at 6.30pm in the WERA Clubroom, 16 Blantyre Street

1 In Attendance:

WERA – Eryl Humphrey Jones (Chair), Margaret Grayling, Cathrin Vowinckel, Ali Ahmed, Jules Montero.

Apologies – Caroline Fairchild, Joanna McDermott, Monica Boholst, Maggie Byrne, Nazar Annayer, Julian Perlaza.

Guests – Bernadette Fry (RBK&C), Stav Kokkinou (RBK&C).

2 Summary of meeting:

The meeting had been called to discuss the possibility that the Association use some of the estate's Environmental Improvement Budget (EIB) (about £100k) to try and deal with some of the known security issues on the estate.

It was noted that there was a separate piece of work currently underway by the Council Housing Management Department's Mechanical & Electrical section (under James Rudge) to provide a new door entry system for the estate as well as related security improvements (new tower block entrance doors, new CCTV, etc). It was important that the EIB not duplicate any of this work.

It was noted that there was another piece of work currently underway directed by Mary Larbie looking at what the estate's Concierge Service might do in future. Several Committee members noted that WERA had previously been advised on several occasions that the long-term plan for the Concierge was that it would no longer be necessary once the new door entry system had been installed. Others noted that the Concierge Service was extremely expensive for what it was and that the money could be better spent on, for example, providing additional caretaking or contract monitoring staff, which residents were more likely to appreciate than the Concierge Service apparently being proposed.

It was noted that the Committee had already submitted a number of proposals for the use of the EIB on World's End including: the supply installation of new estate maps and signage, the painting of the tower landing ceilings. The Committee was currently waiting on proper specifications and estimated costs for these works.

BF and SK suggested that the Council and WERA arrange for Groundworks to attend a site meeting on the estate. They could look at the estate's communal and open areas and suggest improvements, including security improvements. Whilst there was some scepticism as to what Groundworks might be able to suggest this was agreed by those present. EHJ and JM would be in contact with BF and SK to make the necessary arrangements.

The meeting then closed.