

# **LUXBOROUGH TOWER RESIDENT'S ASSOCIATION**

**Minutes of the AGM Monday 14<sup>th</sup> January 2010**

**Held in the Community Meeting Room, Luxborough Tower .**

**Present.**

**City West Homes**

Maria Gillies, Area Housing Manager City West Direct Leon Williams Village Manager City West Direct

Simon Girling City West Homes. Project Surveyor for corridor refurbishment Henry Lawrence City West Homes

**Luxborough Tower Residents Association**

Andre Robert, Judy Wardell, Philip Lancashire, Elizabeth Young, Enrico Galliani, Clive Hirschorn, Jennifer Grimshaw, Graham Lawson. Barry Finnegan, Ian Thomson, Douglas Cordeaux,

Philip Lancashire welcomed all and explained that in view of the difficulties in completing the agenda for the AGM on previous occasions, CWH had kindly agreed to wait until the proceedings were complete. They would then report on the progress of the consultation process for the refurbishment of the corridors and entrance hall.

## **1.0 Chairmans Report**

1.1 The Chairman explained that to save time and allow for more consideration of issues he had circulated his report with the minutes of the last AGM to all flats in the block .

He asked if there were any questions None raised .**2.0 Minutes of previous AGM 4<sup>th</sup> June 2008**

2.1 Ms Grimshaw raised the issue of her letter of complaint to Holly Lynn about what she felt were the unsatisfactorily, rushed proceedings resulting in items which she claimed were inaccurate .In particular she was not happy that accounts were audited by the partner of a accountancy firm who was a member of the Residents Association PL said that he had discussed the matter with Residents Involvement, who said that they had no objection and were happy to release the LTRA Grant. It was agreed that M Gillies would check the situation again.

**Action M Gillies will check whether this is appropriate**

2.2 Ms Grimshaw asked CWH when the rental outstanding for the police hut will be obtained . M Gillies replied that WCC still were waiting for this issue to be resolved

2.3 Ms Grimshaw asked that a photocopy of the RA passbook entries be posted on the noticeboard .

**Action PL agreed that this will be done .**

2.4 Ms Grimshaw asked that there be more "general meetings" where residents were invited to give "feedback on the Associations performance". PL pointed out that all meetings were general meetings in the sense that all residents were invited and welcome to attend .

**The minutes and accounts were accepted with this proviso "that the question of eligibility of a member who is a professional accountant and a senior partner in his firm can sign accounts of an association of which he is a member "**

**Proposed C Hirschorn .Seconded E Galliano**

### **3.0 Secretary's report The following meetings were held and the following issues discussed 7 Oct 2008**

Present 11 residents 3 CWH

Preliminary meeting to discuss Committee appointments and consider the following priorities for action for the year Redecoration of common parts Police Cabin

Lifts. Vandalised doors still not replaced. Lift reliability still appalling.

Vandalism .Vagrancy and Drug Abuse New doors to tenanted flats . Legal action being taken against residents for non payment of costs of defective window repairs

Items requested by CWH Major works Community Build Use of new meeting room **14<sup>th</sup> January 2009** Present 10 residents 4 CWH Corridor refurb

Compensation for damage caused by University works Digital TV

Lessees building works Bicycle Racks Vandalism and ASB **16<sup>th</sup> Feb Emergency meeting** 11 members Met Police officer

Defined roles and responsibilities of police, Westminster guardians and Local Safer neighbourhood teams and gave contact nos

Stressed that visual evidence (photos ,CCTV images required for prosecution or ASBOs) **25<sup>th</sup> March**

11 Residents 2 CW direct Corridor refurbishment Communal TV Aerial Vandalism Action re Windwv-

Unauthorised use of Community Room Community Build **15<sup>h</sup> June**

8 members 2 CW direct .1 CWH Corridor refurb

Communal TV aerial Removal of police cabin Vandalism Block Security Block Heating **11<sup>th</sup> August**

9 members 2 CW direct +Linda Fendt.(TV expert 0 Communal TV aerial

Corridors Consultation Repairs to university damage

Removal of police cabin Failures of Entry system Current decorative state of block New bench **October 19<sup>h</sup>** 7 members 4 CWH

Unable to hold adveryised AGM as resident numbers insufficient.

## **Membership List**

The Secretary reported that she had temporarily undertaken the task of Membership Secretary as Adrian Williams had resigned due to other commitments .As the 3 years allowed for membership lists to stand had elapsed, a new membership drive had resulted in current applications from 98 residents for membership of the association . All applications had been signed and dated

### **4.0 Election of New Committee Members**

4.1 The Secretary reported that the following applications for Committee membership had been correctly proposed and seconded .

Sandra Romito .

Philip Lancashire Andre Roberts Judy Wardell Nick Vinson Clive Hirschorn Paul Foster Elizabeth Young

4.2 Unfortunately Nick Vinson and Sandra Romito has subsequently withdrawn their applications so the numbers are reduced to 6 .

4.3 PL suggested that as the maximum membership of the Committee is 15 that the proposed 6 be confirmed en bloc. Additional new members of Committee could be co-opted in the course of the year. J Grimshaw asked that votes be taken individually for each committee member. Since this would take more time and not alter the outcome, the chairman proceeded to ask for the election of committee members to go ahead en bloc.

**Election proposed AR seconded E G voting 7 for 1 against**

**The meeting closed and members proceeded to discuss the proposed consultation documents for refurbishment of corridors.**

Elizabeth Young January 2010