

LUXBOROUGH TOWER

Luxborough Tower Residents Association

Minutes of committee meeting held on 10 07 13 at 18.45

Present; Alex Reid, Andrew Hughes, Michael King, Andre Robert, Nick Vinson, Jennifer Grimshaw, Judie Slack & Sara Mackay. Apologies; Judy Wardell & Denise Hines

1 Approval of minutes from 23 05 2013

The minutes were approved

2 It was noted the resignation from the LTRA committee had been received by the chairman from Elizabeth Young on 23rd May. Subsequently Elizabeth Young was, on her own request, co-opted back with a vote from the committee

3 Kick-about area non resident use

Due to recent anti social behavior by non-residents, as well as confusion as to whether it's a private or public space, the committee decided that from immediate effect the area should be for the sole use of residents and their accompanied guests, with keys made available to any resident who wishes to have one. The decision to be informed to residents via CWH Estate office and to the local police via the committee

4 Draft Constitution

Jennifer Grimshaw prepared the draft constitution based on comments received since the last meeting from committee members. Of note were Proxy voting shall not be allowed and all stakeholders (residents council tenants, resident leaseholders, non resident leaseholders and private tenants) should be able to join the LTRA. Other points were agreed by the committee and noted by Jennifer Grimshaw and will be laid out into a document by Andrew Hughes. Standing orders to be discussed at the next meeting.

5 A role on the committee for Denise Hines

Upon her request for a task and role, it was proposed that Committee member Denise Hines assist Judy Wardell with membership of the LTRA. The committee is keen to have a membership drive, including a newsletter for residents to keep them informed of what the committee is doing as well as a new membership form to get as many residents as possible from the block to join the LTRA. NV to meet with DH during JW absence and to write the newsletter.

6 Short feedback from task groups including:

Lighting problems NV & JG to follow up with tour of lighting plant with CWH M&E people and Nick Richards

Window cleaning NV informed that the two monthly cycle will begin this month. A Robert requested residents to be informed.

Luxborough Tower Logo on doors, NV reported this will be installed on 19 July

Heating refunds JG chasing an extra 20K from CWH

Damage caused by University JG reported waiting on CWH for more information. The drop of the road needs investigating. JG says the University is sitting on retention money and was keen to get the money ring fenced.

Gardens, SM updated committee and committee agreed to keep lawn shorter at the front and slightly longer at the back. Beds are to be left as is for resident comments before extending.

Garages/carparks and sheds. NV reported back on latest news re rationalising unused sheds. As a result the waiting lists are down to 11 (sheds) 12 (garages) and 6 (car parking bays) from 13, 13 and 7.

Major Works. Alex Reid reported back further on his meetings with CWH staffers regarding major works. A new survey of the block is currently underway looking mainly at paint, windows and roof but will also include general condition and drains. Once the survey is ready its suggested that AReid organises a special meeting with the committee and the major works team and their surveyors for an update. It was also suggested that Alex Reid contacts Avanti Architects for a possible consultancy role in selecting suitable windows. As mast climbers are a modern alternative to scaffolding JG provided some costs for the committee to study.

7 Lobby rededs. Redecorating the lobby was requested by residents on the last Quarterly Estate Inspection.

8 Re-landscaping works. NV reported that further to the two resident consultations on July 9 and 11, the steering group would meet J&LGibbons and Avanti Architects again in July to go through resident feedback and that a further two resident consultations would take place on August 7 and 8.

9 Film on windows. It was agreed that NV could trial applying an opaque film on the north-side corridor windows of the 7th floor and the committee could come and view. NV offered to pay for the trial himself.

10 AOB

JS requested that Abdul Adamu attend the next meeting as an observer and this was agreed.

Use of gardens/grounds for parties and barbecue. It was agreed the committee would try to understand the official status regarding resident use for parties/barbecue although it was not agreed who would follow this up

Date of next meeting 11 September 2013 at 18.45

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