

LEASEHOLDERS ACTION GROUP

Minutes of Committee Meeting 24th April 2017

Hampshire Lodge, 7pm

Present: Dave Croydon (chair), Rosemary Johnson (minutes), Dave Spafford, Tony Worsfold, Keith Marston, Jane (observer)

Apologies: Richard Ellis, Muriel Briault, Simon Rogers, Violeta Belogaska.

Noted that BHCC had not supplied contact details for elected member Susan Evasdaughter, so that no-one on the committee had been able to contact her to tell her of the meeting. Not known if BHCC had done this.

Noted also that elected member Michelle Alford believed herself to have become a co-leaseholder with her mother, but BHCC apparently had not received this information and had said she was not eligible for election. Michelle had been advised to contact BHCC with copies of relevant paperwork asap; not known whether this had been resolved and ergo whether she or Keith were actually elected member. Committee were happy for both to attend, whichever was officially member/observer.

ACTION: RFJ to enquire about both these.

1. Review of previous year:

- conducted our own survey about repairs, works etc and collated findings

- had article in Homing In about LAG and introducing survey; possibility of regular slots in future

ACTION: RFJ to oversee arrangements and copy for future slots

- held AGM and had interactive session with Larissa Reed

- set up facebook group for BHCC leaseholders

ACTION: Dave S to send Dave C copy of email from Keely about contacting LAG through council's online address

- also held various meetings with various BHCC staff; discussions held but no tangible results.

2. Plans for coming year

2.1 Larissa Reed at the AGM had spoken of her desire to work with leaseholders to make matters work better in future. AGREED to invite her to next meeting to progress this.

ACTION: Dave C to send invitation

Rosemary had produced a list of our main problem areas and how these should be addressed. AGREED it would be useful to have an agreed list as basis for discussions with Larissa.

ACTIONS: Rosemary to edit list and collate in other comments already circulated on email, circulate list for comments, and re-edit/collate.

EVERYONE: consider and comment on list

Dave C: send resulting version to Larissa ready for meeting.

2.2 Discussion about the best way to interact with Area Panels/Residents Associations to get ourselves known. We all - leaseholders, council tenants, private tenants, house owners - have very similar aims and interests in life, and we want to work together in our common interests.

AGREED to send future meeting info to all Councillors and RAs, ask RAs to publicise; all would be invited to come as observers.

ACTION: Dave C to organise this.

2.3 STAR survey (the legally-required periodic survey of housing "customers"), and getting leaseholder input into this process - to be carried over to a future meeting.

ACTION: chairperson (Dave C) to ensure this on future agenda.

3. LAG representatives to other bodies.

3.1 Area Panels: these are held in working hours and reps must live in the area concerned. They are part of the council's resident involvement structure, itself currently under review.

Central: Tony Worsfold, deputy Dave Spafford.

East: Rosemary Johnson.

North and West: no member present lived in these areas.

Not known where Richard Ellis and Susan Evasdaughter lived; Violeta lives in West area.

3.2 Service Improvement Groups: these are part of a council consultation structure and also meet during working hours.

Business and Value for Money - Dave Croydon (elected at AGM?)

Home - Muriel Briault

Tenancy and Neighbourhood & Community - Dave Spafford

Involvement & Empowerment - no offers

ACTION: Dave C to notify BHCC of positions filled, and to email other committee members to ask for expressions of interest/eligibility for unfilled positions ready for next meeting.

4. Future meetings.

Agreed to meet roughly every 6-7 weeks, and keep to Monday evenings at Hampshire Lodge at present.

ACTION: Dave C to circulate possible meeting dates by email

EVERYONE: respond with which they can make