

Minutes of a meeting of the Resident Steering Group for Alice Shepherd House & Oak House held on 27th August 2019 at the St Johns Community Centre

Residents Present:

Ashley Lowther – Alice Shepherd House
Jane McGregor – Alice Shepherd House
Nadia Mahmood – Alice Shepherd House
Darren Brown – Alice Shepherd House
Sharon Holmes – Oak House
Alia Begum – Alice Shepherd House
Sulfa Begum – Alice Shepherd House
Cynthia Owusu – Alice Shepherd House

St Johns TRA Committee Members Present:

Jill Skeels – TRA Vice Chair
Jackie Campbell – TRA Secretary

Others Present:

Lee Page – Independent Resident Adviser – TPAS
Mike Tyrrell – Residents Advocate
Mynul Islam – One Housing Group
Alison White – One Housing Group

Apologies:

Maureen Mallett – TRA Committee Member
Leila Arefani – One Housing Group
Trish Nyamunama – Alice Shepherd House
Shanaz Chowdhury – Oak House

1 Welcome & Introduction

1.1 MT welcomed everyone to the meeting. The apologies that were given are noted above.

2 Minutes of the Meeting held on 27th August 2019

2.1 The minutes of the meeting held on 27th August were noted as a true record of the meeting.

3 Matters Arising

5.3 A brief discussion was then had on the surveys being carried out by OHG and LP was asked to request updates from OHG on what had been carried out and for the final reports to be circulated to the group. He was also asked to obtain copies of any photos taken as part of the surveys for

LP explained that the surveys completed to date were not appropriate for a summary format. The topographical survey was in the form of a map of the blocks detailing the

future newsletters to show the work being undertaken.

structure, boundaries, trees etc. whilst the Revit survey was highly technical to enable the production of a 3D plan later as additional elements were added from further surveys

5.4 Residents mentioned that the noticeboards within the blocks had been cleared. It was accepted that the new management arrangements had changed but the clearance had also removed the cleaning schedules and these should be returned. It was also raised that the main doors to Alice Shepherd House had not been working for the past 2 weeks. AW reported that there had been a change in cleaning schedules and they were being updated across the stock.

AW reported that this had been followed up internally. Regeneration Team has produced an alternative schedule that is awaiting internal approval. Apologies were given for the current lack of information.

4.1 Discussed under Matters Arising. It was confirmed that LP would review the attendance and contact those who have not been attending to advise that they have been removed from the group. PH said that others may become interested as the project developed and events were held.

There was a good turnout tonight but Shanaz Chowdhury has now withdrawn from the RSG

9.2 SB raised the issue of the CCTV to the block and that it only appears to cover the car park and not those entering/leaving it. Can this be checked?

AW confirmed that the cameras within the lifts were no-longer compatible with the new system. Quotes have been received to upgrade the lift shaft, camera mounting and accessible connection box but it will also require a quote from the CCTV company for the cameras to be connected. Overall cost is likely to be high and need authorisation. Queried if this might be held pending a decision on the future of the block? **MT to draft a letter for the RSG/TRA on this.**

- 9.3 There was a discussion about the cleaning standards to the block. There was a feeling that these had deteriorated following a recent deep clean and the removal of the cleaning schedules. It was acknowledged that there were residents not disposing of their rubbish correctly and leaving it on the balconies. There was a query as to why no action appears to be taken against these residents?
- See also 5.4 above.
As a follow on there was a discussion on the bike shed. A response had been sent to NM but had not been received. NM agreed that AW could circulate both her original emails and the response sent by OHG
AW**

4 Attendance

- 4.1 There was a brief discussion on putting the start time of the meeting back to 7.15 or 7.30. Agreed to remain at 7.00.

5 Update on Surveys

- 5.1 MI gave an update that OHG are currently developing briefs for the appointment of
- Cost consultants
 - Planning consultants

It was noted that on another scheme there were approximately 64 surveys that had been requested.

6 Update on appointment of architects

- 6.1 LP presented a short paper outlining the six architectural practices which are to be interviewed by the RSG on 30th September.
- 6.2 It was agreed that AL would attend the interviews to observe. LP was asked to forward details of the timetable for the day.

LP

7 Open Exhibition Following the Appointment of Architects

- 7.1 There was a discussion about the next step following the appointment of architects regarding an open exhibition for all residents. It was agreed that this should be held in mid-November (a weekday and a Saturday) with the successful architects invited to the October meeting of the RSG. In terms of venues St. John's Community Centre will not be available as it is fully booked. AW to investigate the availability of alternative local venues. Suggestions included
- 55 Club
 - Island House Community Centre

AW/MI

- Cubitt Town Youth Project (Samuda Community Centre)

8 Draft Newsletter

- 8.1 LP presented a draft newsletter for approval. No comments were made on the draft. LP will arrange for it to be printed and delivered **LP**

9 Date of next meeting

- 9.1 28th October 2019

10.0 Any Other Business with OHG Officers present

- 10.1 None

10.0 Any Other Business without OHG Officers present

- 10.1 A query was raised as to whether the RSG could dismiss the appointed architect before the end of the Options Appraisal process if they were failing to consider the views of the RSG and/or failing to look at all the options in sufficient detail. LP agreed to check with OHG on the terms of the appointment. **LP**

Meeting closed at 8.50 pm