



## Minutes of the Meeting

12<sup>th</sup> July 2017

### Present -

Residents: Candida, Maureen, Jill, Glenn, Tracy, Maggie, Pam, Ahmed, Eliza

Advisor: Mike

Apologies: Jackie, Arthur, Sue, Danny

### 1 Advisor's Report

1.1 MT Spoke to his written report that had been circulated earlier on in the week, covering the following issues:

- Residents Meetings
- Other Meetings
- Isle of Dogs Neighbourhood Forum
- Stock Condition Survey
- Website
- Non Resident Leaseholders
- Visit to Infill Schemes in Shadwell
- July Newsletter

1.2 MT then went on to give up an update on the Mayor's Isle of Dogs Working Group that was held today.

1.2.1 Janet Trench from the GLA was added to the membership of the Working Group.

1.2.2 There is a delay in publishing the DIF and OAPF because of the LBTH protests over the high numbers of new homes that the GLA want.

1.2.3 OHG reported that Richard Hill will be joining them at the beginning of October and meetings with stakeholders are being arranged.

1.2.4 LBTH have concerns that the Isle of Dogs Neighbourhood Plan was covering non-land issues.

1.2.5 The Stock Condition Survey should be available next week, with full publication in August and workshops in September. The Mayor queried as to whether it included additional fire safety works. OHG advised that it did not, as they had commissioned a separate survey.

- 1.2.6** Chris Hageman reported that OHG had drafted a brief on a consultation specialist that is with the 4EF for consideration.
- 1.2.7** Janet Trench confirmed that OHG had made it clear that the bid was indicative but it could not be recorded as such on their system. She also confirmed that the bid was locked in to the GLA system and it could not be amended until next Monday. Agreed that MT will send a letter next week to Janet Trench to ask for confirmation that it had been withdrawn. **MT**
- 1.3** GP read out the letter that he has drafted regarding the concern over the influence that GLA officers comments have on the decision made by TH planners. It was agreed to hold off sending the letter until September and that AC should invite Unmesh Desai to the meeting on 13<sup>th</sup> September 2017. **AC**

## **2 Response to John Gregory's Letter and Trust**

- 2.1** MT drafted a letter for the 4EF to discuss. After some discussion it was agreed that the first part of the letter should remain unchanged but the second part needs strengthening.
- 2.2** It was agreed that MT redraft the letter and circulate it for comments so that it could be sent out by the end of the week and that the redraft should include: **MT**
- Demonstrate good faith
  - Here are our ideas about how the Area Board
  - What is the Island Board
  - What is the Area Board
  - What is their place in Corporate Governance
  - Qualitative Indicators should be published
  - The Boards should be open to observers
  - What is the role of resident Scrutiny Panels

## **3 Consultation Brief**

- 3.1** CR introduced the debate about consultation by reminding members of the 4EF on what happened in 2015 when Project Stone first came to light.
- 3.2** CR concerned that we should not start with what the JV propose and that it needs to be developed by residents. In addition it did not:
- mention the Mayor's pledge on supporting the scheme only if it has resident support
  - give residents the protection that is required
  - set out that the Estates need to make a decision on the brief
  - mention the residents lack of respect for OHG.

**3.3** After some discussion it was agreed that we want to take a breath and that we wouldn't consider the consultation issue until the stock condition survey was published and residents had had time to digest the results, and that AC should invite Chris and Leila to the next meeting making it clear that the discussion will be on the Stock Condition Survey. **AC**

**3.4** It was also agreed to set up a meeting with those on the shortlist to discuss with them on what good consultation looks like. **MT**

**3.5** GP advised fellow 4EF Members to check out the Sian Berry website which sets out good practice on resident consultation.

#### **4 Newsletter**

**4.1** MT confirmed that he had only had a response from CR on the draft he had circulated in the week. MT agreed to circulate the further revisions in the light of the discussions on the letter to John Gregory. **MT**

#### **5 What's a 4EF matter and what is a matter for Each Estate**

**5.1** After some discussion it was agreed that estates need to make their own decision. However the 4EF have achieved a number of objectives that the TRAs could not have achieved on their own.

**5.2** It was agreed that:

- The 4EF should be giving advice if an estate is not taking everything into consideration.
- OHG and Argent value the group
- The power of the 4EF should not be underestimated

#### **6 AOB**

**6.1** AH drew attention to the letter that the Alpha Grove Residents Association had sent to the Mayor regarding the freehold cottages on the Barkantine Estate.

#### **7 Dates of Next Meetings**

**7.1** The dates of the next meetings will be:

- OHG/4EF – Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> July 2017
- 4EF – Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> August 2017 (provisional)
- OHG/4EF – Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> August 2017 (provisional)
- 4EF – Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> September 2017
- OHG/4EF – Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> September 2017