

**Minutes of a meeting of the residents of
Kedge House, Starboard Way and Winch House
held on 27th November 2018 at the Barkantine Hall at 7pm**

Residents Present:

C Abdullah – Kedge House	G Finch – Kedge House
T Rae – Kedge House	E Hill – Winch House
K Vincent – Kedge House	R Cooper – Starboard Way
T Rowlands – Kedge House	M Canaway – Starboard Way
M St Hill – Starboard Way	A Mirza – Kedge House
A Le – Starboard Way	H Choudhury – Kedge House
L Ward – Kedge House	J Micallef – Starboard Way
T Morgan – Kedge House	L Quatromini – Kedge House
M Batchelor – Kedge House	R Williams – Kedge House
T Catania – Kedge House	S Thomas – Kedge House
R Blake – Kedge House	L Kostadinov – Starboard Way
M Rahman – Kedge House	N Costello

Others Present:

Mike Tyrrell – Independent Resident Adviser – 4 Estates Forum

Apologies:

None

1 Introduction

- 1.1 MT introduced himself and all those present introduced themselves.
- 1.2 MT explained that the purpose of the meeting was to discuss setting up a Resident Steering Group and the responses from One Housing Group on how the process could be speeded up.

2 Resident Steering Group

- 2.1 MT outlined what the role of the Resident Steering Group would be in this process. He advised that they would be directly involved with and receive information and comment on with the support of architects and consultants on the following key issues related to any works that residents may agree:
 - Maximising resident engagement
 - Communications with all residents affected by the works
 - Balloting arrangements
 - Consultation on the works
 - Appointing consultants
 - Options for the works
 - Contents of a Resident Charter
 - Specification of the works

- Progress in carrying out the works
- Quality of the works
- Resident feedback on the works.

- 2.2** There was some discussion involving many of the residents who were present on the benefits of electing a Resident Steering Group or of having an open Resident Steering Group that all residents could attend.
- 2.3** Following on from this discussion it was unanimously agreed that for the first six months the Resident Steering Group would be open to all residents of the three blocks and that MT should draft the terms of reference to reflect that. The residents would then review that arrangement in June 2019. **MT**
- 2.4** It was further agreed that the best nights for the Resident Steering Group would be a Tuesday and that MT should liaise with OHG on a suggested timetable for the 2019 meetings. **MT**
- 2.5** Following on from a discussion about whether the three blocks should be deciding their futures separately, it was agreed to ask that MT add the method of resident's ballot into the terms of reference for the Resident Steering Group for consideration at the January 2019 meeting. **MT**
- 3 Next Steps**
- 3.1** MT updated the meeting on the framework agreement that One Housing Group were using for the appointment of architects. Therefore, if this is utilised, it could mean that the process would be speeded up. MT will arrange for OHG staff to explain this at the January 2019 meeting. **MT**
- 3.2** It was suggested that a questionnaire should be issued to all Kedge House, Starboard Way and Winch House residents to gather some initial feedback for consideration at the January 2019 meeting. Some questions were suggested. It was agreed that MT draft this in behalf of the group and that he would email it around the residents he has email addresses for feedback before it is issued. To encourage a good response, it was agreed that residents could return the questionnaires to:
- 24 Kedge House
 - 2 Starboard Way
 - 3 Winch House

4 Any Other Business

- 4.1** A number of those present took the opportunity to ask MT a number of the questions in relation to their rights should a decision be made to refurbish or demolish the blocks. The questions included:
- What are the options for leaseholders in the case of demolition?
 - How will tenants who are under occupiers be treated?
 - Would tenants be allowed to move to properties outside Tower Hamlets or to properties owned by other landlords?
 - What compensation would tenants and leaseholders receive in the case of demolition?
- 4.2** MT advised that he has drafted a paper setting out these and other questions for Resident Steering Groups to ask at the appropriate time during the consultation. MT agreed to circulate the questions with the draft minutes of this meeting. **MT**
- 4.3** MT was asked to leave the room. Whilst he was out of the room the meeting agreed to ask whether he would be willing to act as the Independent Resident Adviser. MT agreed to think about the request. **MT**
- 4.4** There was no further business and the meeting closed at 8.15pm.
- 5** **Date of the Next Meeting**
- 5.1** The next meeting will be on a Tuesday at 7pm at the Barkantine Hall, subject to availability, Tuesday 15th January 2019 would be the preferable date.