

Battersea Fields Resident Management Organisation
Minutes of the General Meeting 20.01.20 (Reconvened from 13.01.20)

Present:

Val Boxall (VB:) Chairperson

Vicky Dickson (VD:) Treasurer

Ayodele Oyelami (AO)

Peter Paviour (PT)

Sara Taylor (ST)

Councillor Kate Stock (KS)

Chris Clutterbuck (CC:) Housing Manager

Sue Devine (SD:) BFRMO - Minute Taker

No residents attended

Absent: Garry Sealy (GS) and Marie Collins (MC) **Jo Baxter (JB:)-WBC (nothing on my notes re Jo's apologies)**

1. Welcome/Apologies:

The Chair welcomed all to the meeting; there were no Declarations of Interest. Apologies: Peter Turnball (PT): Board Member.

2. Minutes from the last Meeting/Matters Arising

The Minutes of the previous General Meeting were read, approved and signed by VD and AO.

3. Finance Report:

3.1 No finance report was presented as Ali the new accountant had only just started. CC advised that Godfrey Agaba (GA) the former accounts manager contract had ended on 17.01.20 **is that right Chis as my notes say 'last Friday' which is 17.01.20** and needed to be treated with care. GA had not worked at the office since September 2019. Ali is doing well and is up to speed with matters, and will be providing reports next week. VB commented that GA had disappeared and failed to attend work when he said he would and that Ali is very good and working well.

ACTION: Ali to provide finance reports next week.

4. Housing Manager's Report:

4.1 Gas Riser Upgrades – Macdonald House:

These are now complete.

4.2 Door Entry:

Tenders for the contract to complete the works have been returned to WBC, and s. 20 Consultation Notices were to be delivered on 16.01.20. Leasehold Consultation in the community hall to be held on 4.02.20 from 4.30pm to 7.00pm.

4.3 Fly-Tipping:

This is an issue on the estate: the north end of Berry House a particular concern. CC will be liaising with Waste Management at WBC to assist with enforcement.

There were several bags of clothes dumped outside blocks last week. ST commented that 2 paladins at the end of Berry house were overflowing and questioned why paladins were not put in the bin chambers. ST said there is room for 3 paladins at 50-70 and putting the paladins in the bin chambers will help prevent fly-tipping, and for the cleaners to put them in the bin chambers.

ACTION: Cleaners to put paladins in the bin chambers.

4.3.1: AO said the chutes were blocked on her floor (69 Walden)-maybe omit this sentence

KS suggested getting extra enclosures for the paladins, and requesting the Housing Department to install CCTV for fly-tipping. CC is seeking assistance from WBC with temporary signage.

KS said residents are receiving mixed messages from WBC: ie putting out bulk items to be collected – a service by Waste Management -and also dumping rubbish for the bulk waste collections every Monday Wednesday and Friday.

ST suggested putting the cost of collections in the newsletter.

4.4 Recycling and Bin Enclosures:

CC and the Board are looking at the options as to the possible location of these. Quotes to be obtained.

5 Report from Sub-Committees:

VB reported that the Christmas 2019 event was quieter than usual and that Santa performed well!

The Panto event on 2.1.20 was very good and well -received by all.

The next event will be the Easter Event.

6 Comments from the Chair:

No comments.

7 AOB

CC advised that the Constitution will be amended to allow a reduction from 6 to 4 members in order for Board Meetings to be quorate. ST said that the meetings are rarely quorate so a reduction will mean the meetings can go ahead and will not need to be postponed.

The board all agreed to vote for Rule 28, line 2 of the Constitution to reduce the numbers from 6 to 4.

Rule 4.1 line 1 of the Constitution also needs to be changed to delete 6 elected and substitute 4 elected.

There was no further business and the meeting ended at 7.47pm.