

Minutes of the Acton Gardens Community Board Meeting

22 September 2014

Berrymede Junior School

Board members - Present

Resident Board members

Cathyann Thomas (CT) - Vice Chair & S. Acton Resident
 David McKay (DMK) - S. Acton resident
 Helen Julien (HJ) - S. Acton resident
 Robert Little (RL) - S. Acton resident
 Marta Nunes (MN) - S. Acton resident
 Margaret Brown (MB) - S. Acton resident
 Jude Ogonna (JO) - S. Acton Resident

Ward Members

Cllr Mik Sabiers (MS)
 Cllr Yvonne Johnson (YJ)

Co-optees

Rev. Brandy Pearson (Rev BP) – Churches
 Billie Anne Ohene - (BO) – Berrymede Infant School

Acton Gardens

Jeremy Hutchings (JH) - L&Q
 Paul Sweeney - (PS)- Countryside

LB Ealing

David Colley (DC) - LB Ealing

Board Members – Apologies

Janet Coker (JC) - Chair & S. Acton Resident
 Cllr Josh Blacker (JB)
 Adam Simpson (AS) - L&Q
 Saeed Oluwadipe (SO) - S. Acton resident
 Dmitry Zamoryakhin (DZ) - S. Acton Resident
 Lubna Khan (LK) - Berrymead Junior School
 Mohamoud Aden - S. Acton Resident

Attendants – Present

Mark Ludlow (ML) - Countryside
 Mike Woolliscroft (MW) - Countryside
 Suzanne Keys (SK) - L&Q
 Bianca Goulden (BG) - L&Q
 Shakira Henry (SH) - L&Q
 Leon Joseph (LJ) - LB Ealing
 Keith Mann (KM) - PEP
 Matt Freidson (SF) - Acton Community Forum
 Andy Benjamin (AB) - LB Ealing
 Abdul Osman (AO) - S. Acton Resident
 Glen Miller (GM) - S. Acton Resident

Attendants - Apologies

Aisling Mylrea (AM) - L&Q
 Valarie Bruce (VB) - L&Q
 Evonne Clark (EC) - L&Q
 Alberta Martin (AB) - Countryside
 Renee Peters-Findley (RPF) - LB Ealing
 Maureen Anderson – Catalyst
 Martin Crank – LB Ealing

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1.0	Introductions and apologies	
2.0	Minutes of the Last Meeting	
2.1	Agreed & approved	
3.0	Matters Arising	
3.1	Following the on-going problems with the lifts within Phase 1: ML provided the following update. Contractors have been attending Beeching Court over the past week, identifying and addressing issues. Acton Gardens are currently	

3.2	<p>awaiting final sign off from them. An independent evaluation will then take place. Herrick Court lifts will also go through the same process. MN enquired as to the possibility of reimbursement of service charges. SH explained that, following sign off, L&Q will address and communicate with residents.</p> <p>The fencing around previously mentioned ground floor property is currently being designed; once ready, Countryside will run past Planning Officer at LBE.</p>	
4.0	Community Chest Applications & Update	
4.1	BG ran through the financial update. Monitoring forms are starting to come through which will enable Acton Gardens to provide the Board with evaluations of past/ongoing projects.	
4.2	MF provided update of the overspend allocated to ACF at the last Board meeting. All applications submitted at the Board meeting have been overseen by ACF and they are continuing to help other groups leading up to the next Community Chest deadline. ACF are also utilising the funding by looking at the best ways to promote the Chest, how people can access funding and where on-going projects can obtain funding.	
4.3	<p>CT provided update on recent applications. All applications for Community Chest funding were agreed by the Board with the following conditions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Klassic Learning to produce receipts for materials. • Klassic Learning to liaise directly with Berrymede Junior School for the referral of children. • Hatha Yoga to hold evening and weekend sessions. 	
5.0	Training and Employment	
5.1	PS explained that Countryside employed 2 residents living in the Borough of Ealing 2 weeks ago to undertake a Bricklaying apprenticeship, which will result in a level 2 college diploma. They will be on site for 7 months and will then be transferred to another site following the completion of work.	
5.2	Following on from the Bricklayers departure, Countryside are hoping to recruit Carpentry apprentices. Recruitment will target local pupils that have completed level 1 qualification.	
5.3	MN enquired about the whereabouts of last year's apprentices; PS explained that one obtained further employment with another contractor, and the other remains with Countryside as a qualified Bricklayer.	
6.0	Community Hub update	
6.1	BG updated the Board; Acton Gardens have recently met with organisations currently residing in the Hardy Court and Hanbury Road shop fronts, and users of the Oaktree Community Centre. Dialogue has begun around how the space could best be utilised; organisation were invited to complete a matrix, detailing how they would use rooms, shared space and what their priorities are. Information received from the matrix are currently being collated.	
6.2	At the recent Party For All, residents were asked to write down their 'wishes' for the Hub, and to pin onto a Wish Tree. Their responses have been collated and assigned under six subgroups; recreation, young people, education, retail,	

6.3	<p>health and outdoor space.</p> <p>Talks are currently underway with a local dentist surgery who is interested in occupying a commercial unit. YJ explained that local residents have shown interest in retail units. ML explained that there is already provision for such; talks are ongoing and an update will be provided as and when.</p>	
7.0	<p>Regeneration update</p> <p>Phase 1</p> <p>7.1 Ongoing problems with the lifts was re-discussed; an update will be provided when available.</p> <p>Phase 2</p> <p>7.2 The build has now reached the 7th floor concrete frame and brickwork has started. The project is on track with completion scheduled for summer 2015. A 2-storey maisonette show-home on Palmerstone Road is advancing with completion due in late October/early November.</p> <p>7.3 ML explained that there is currently no parking on Palmerstone Road for health and safety reasons. MN requested that available parking spaces be advertised within the blocks or by letter, rather than letter being placed on residents' cars. BG suggested using the text service.</p> <p>7.4 PS explained that all allocated residents have now completed their residents' choices for their new homes.</p> <p>Phase 3</p> <p>7.5 The 3.1 site is currently being undergoing demolition. The works are all on target with ground works to commence in November.</p> <p>7.6 The 3.2 site on the current South Park has had no works carried out as yet; Acton Gardens can start delivering a temporary recreation ground on the Caine House site once the area has been cleared. The site will also feature the temporary Bollo Youth club.</p> <p>7.7 Six artists have tendered to be commissioned to deliver the artwork on Phase 3.1. Three are currently being shortlisted for interviews. Resident board members have been invited to take part in the selection process and interviews.</p> <p>Phases 4 & 5</p> <p>7.8 Residents were provided with design boards for both phases at the recent exhibition with Party for All. Designs for Phase 4 will be imminently submitted to planning officers, with Phase 5 designs scheduled for submission in November/December.</p> <p>7.9 Redbrick Residents Association's first formal meeting will be held on 2nd October in Michael Flanders Centre. Between 6.00pm and 8.00pm. Acton Gardens will be attending and providing the group with a regeneration update, addressing concerns members have already put forward.</p> <p>7.10 Within Phase 5, there are now 10 remaining tenants, which have mostly 2</p>	

7.11	<p>bedroom needs. It is hoped these households will be allocated suitable homes within the next month. There are also 6 leaseholders remaining. Within Phase 6, there have been 2 recent completions, with a 3rd due next week. Vacant possession of Charles Hocking House is forecast for October 2015.</p> <p>Phase 4 sites are now fenced off and many floors are now completely empty and therefore vulnerable. The local Safer Neighbourhoods Team conduct regular patrols of the areas to deter anti-social behaviour, such as recent low level alcohol and drug use.</p>	
8.0	<p>Housing Services Update</p> <p>8.1 Acton Gardens are continuing to contact interested parties for a Residents Association. Discussions are ongoing and many interested residents were spoken to at the Party for All.</p> <p>8.2 Regular estate inspections are conducted, and residents/board members are welcome to attend.</p> <p>8.3 MN enquired as to the work hours of the developers on the Phase 2 site; the works are contracted until 6.00pm Monday-Friday and 1.00pm on Saturdays. If works are required after these times, advisory text messages are sent to residents.</p> <p>8.4 AB of LBE advised board that he has taken over from Denis Greene. AB will be available at the Regeneration Office on Wednesdays.</p>	
9.0	<p>ITA update</p> <p>KM had no update further to the recent report with the board papers.</p>	
10.0	<p>AOB</p> <p>10.1 CT enquired as to whether Palmerstone Road/All Saints Road area could get parking control and permits. CT explained that non-L&Q residents are parking on the road, limiting the number of spaces. DC explained that he would enquire as to the logistics of such with Highways and will relay feedback to Board.</p> <p>The next Community Board meeting will be held on Monday 24 November.</p>	