

Acton Gardens Community Board Minutes
Monday 13th December 2021 (6pm-8pm)
Microsoft Teams

Attendees:

Present	Apologies
Resident Board Members Natasha Esson (NE) – Chair Sally Carlton (SC) – Vice Chair Slobodan Vuckovic (SV) Raymond Moll (RM) Matthew Hemes (MH) Janet Coker (JC) Cathyann Thomas (CT) Ali Abdullahi (AAb) Marta Nunes (MN) Natalie Russell-Wall (NRW) Untza Sale (US)	Resident Board Members Maria Ashcroft (MA) Ian Gallosi (IG)
Non- Board Members Eve Mouser Smith (EMS) – L&Q Emily Macpherson Smith (EMA)– L&Q Rudy Danso (RD) – L&Q Ryan Gardener (RG) – L&Q Karen Lennon (KL) – L&Q Nadine Ofosu- Adjei (NO) – L&Q Frank Baker – (FB)-L&Q Jamie Wilding (JW) – Countryside David Colley (DC) – Ealing Council Chris McConnachie (CM) – PEP TARA (TA) – Bollo Brook Youth Centre Sergeant Matthew Buckland (MB) -Safer Neighbourhood Team	Non-Board Members Percy Mullany (PM)- Countryside Sabina Jereczek (SJ) – Countryside Guy Balmford – Countryside Christina Coe (CC) – Countryside Leon Joseph (LJ)-Ealing Council Emmanuel Wachukwu (EW) – AGCC Colin Brent (CB) – Bollo Brook Youth Centre Tom Devine (TD) – L&Q Audrey Chambers (AC) – L&Q Oladapo Omokan (OO) – L&Q Simon Donovan (SD) -AGCC Olu Akande (OA) – Catalyst Cllr Yvonne Johnson (YJ) Cllr Mik Sabiers (MS)

1.0 Introductions and apologies (all)

1.1 CM opened the meeting and attendees introduced themselves.

2.0 Review minutes from the last meeting (all)

2.1 The minutes of the last meeting were reviewed and approved.

3.0 Updating the Constitution

3.1 CM advised that the current constitution doesn't state a time limit for the Chair and Vice Chair to stand in position. CM advised that Board members could revise the

Constitution to change the length of time. This is to be confirmed by the regeneration team.

Action: NO

4.0 Election of the Chair results (CM)

4.1 Please see the attached presentations slides.

4.2 NE was re-elected as Chair and SC was re-elected as Vice Chair.

4.3 NE thanked members for voting and welcomed the newly elected board members to the Board. RC and CM congratulated NE. CM congratulated SC on remaining as Vice Chair.

4.4 NE started chairing the meeting and referred to CM to discuss agenda item 4

5.0 Setting the Community Board Aims and Objectives (CM)

5.1 Please see the attached presentations slides.

5.2 CM noted that L&Q Regeneration team are planning to take photographs with the new Community Board.

5.3 CM and NE suggested resident board members should have further discussions to determine the 2022 aims and objectives. NOA agreed to follow up with resident board members and confirm the new aims and objectives in the new year. **Action NOA**

5.4 RC suggested a separate subgroup to focus on leaseholders' concerns. CM advised that this was a possibility if the board felt it was appropriate. SC noted that the Board has been working on uniting the community and stated that a separate subgroup may encourage segregation. NE, AA, ES and MH agreed with this. MH agreed that individual issues could be addressed through surgeries and further avenues could be explored.

6.0 Comments from the Community Board pack (all)

6.1 Please see the Community Board pack.

6.2 MH asked how the Central Plaza Art bid was being advertised. EMA advised it was on the Your South Acton website and other art related avenues. SC suggested using social media. ES and EMS agreed to investigate other promotional methods. MH offered support if required. **Action EMA & EMS**

6.3 NE noted it was hard to locate Cybertots and additional signage would be useful. EMS & JW agreed to raise the matter with the LLP. **Action EMS & JW**

6.4 NOA noted the Community Chest approved the bike marking project from the Safer Neighbourhood Police, after the Board papers were sent out.

7.0 Action tracker updates (all)

7.1 See action tracker.

7.2 NE advised Housing Management tracker items 22 would be covered under agenda item 8.

7.3 Board members noted that cars were often speeding near Berrymead school, Bollo Bridge Road, and Corbet Gardens. MB discussed implementing a 'Community Road Watch

Program' at Acton Gardens, but it would require the support of volunteers. MH agreed to volunteer. L&Q will let other residents know about this opportunity to obtain more volunteers. MB to contact NOA with more information. **Action NOA & MB**

7.4 Members noted a zebra crossing was installed on Bollo Bridge road due to previous concerns raised. Board members were happy with the improvement. DC advised the comments would be passed back to LBE Highways team. RC asked if there was a plan to resurface the Bollo Bridge Road, DC advised the Highways team would usually investigate these works once all the major building works have been completed.

7.5 NE asked for an update on the fit-out for the new café. JW advised that it was an independent café operator. Although the operator had some issues with the fit-out costs, Countryside is trying to support them by obtaining more affordable prices. MH asked about the time frame to set up a unit once the lease had been signed. JW advised a couple of months. JW also reported a newsagent was being targeted for phase 6.2, but the LLP are open to other suggestions.

7.6 Attendees had conversations about the initial idea of having a community-run café as part of the Acton Gardens. NC suggested a questionnaire be sent to residents to see what they would like to see in the area. CM suggested incorporating this in the Community Board aims and objectives. SC reported the Board of trustees for the Community center will hopefully be moving to a charitable status. If so, they could potentially apply for funding to create a community café.

7.7 JW provided information on the Ground rents announcement. RC raised concerns about whether this was in line with the law and suggested having US liaise with the LLP. A formal response from the LLP will be added to the Action Tracker to avoid confusion. **Action JW & FB**

7.7 Board members agreed to remove tracker items 25.0 regarding access to online research as it has been added in error.

7.8 NE advised Bollo Brook Park had limited access for wheelchair users due to high the curb. SC noted wheelchair user had raised this as a concern. Board members would ideally like the curb to be dropped. JW agreed to raise this with LBE parks department. **Action JW**

7.9 Cladding update from JW and RG. All private blocks have an EWS1 form apart from phase 1 and Tolkien house, phase 7.1. The rented blocks are being processed and although an ESW1 is not a required for Tolkien house, an inspection has been arranged. FB advised EWS1 forms are now part of the L&Q handover requirements for all new buildings.

8.0 Youth Centre update

8.1 TA, one of the young people that regularly attends Bollo Youth Center, provided an update on behalf of CB.

8.2 Food distribution project is still being run every Friday. 35 families that live in south Acton are fed per day and food is also donated to the Acton Homeless Concern.

8.3 There has been an opening of new art exhibition at the Pitzhanger Gallery called 'who are we', which includes films, sculptures, mosaic, audios, and photography. There is free entry for Ealing residents on Wednesday and Sunday mornings until 13th February 2022. Part of the exhibition includes a film called 'Bando', written, directed, and starring some young people who regularly attend the Youth Center.

8.4 The Youth Centre has seen over 300 new young people attending the center over recent months, to attend new projects including computer coding and a young women's film group.

8.5 NE noted it was good to have a young person attend the Community Board meeting, which attendees echoed. TA and RC discussed the possibility of the Youth center applying for funding from The Community Chest Board. EMA agreed to reach out to CB to see if he would like to apply for funding and advised information on Bando can be found on www.yoursouthaction.co.uk/news. **Action EMA**

8.6 NE suggested developing social media channels and potentially taking on an apprentice from the Youth center to promote similar projects. EMA agreed to investigate ways to promote the Your South Acton Website in the future.

9.0 Housing management updates (RG)

9.1 RG introduced himself and advised that KL has technical difficulties and has been forced to leave the meeting.

9.2 Please see update Acton Tracker for the housing management updates discussed.

9.3 RC asked if each Property Managers were responsible for specific blocks. RG advised that each property is linked to a Property Manager. NOA agreed to send a written confirmation of their Property Manager to resident board members. **Action NOA**

9.4 RC referred to an earlier meeting that RG had with some Resident board members on 01/12 and proposed site inspections with each Property Manager. RG advise that joint inspections are welcome, but due to developments with the new COVID-19 strain since their last meeting, L&Q are in the process of adjusting their work arrangements. RG suggested remote inspection online with Property Managers and SC agreed that other Resident Board members would like to participate.

9.5 NE suggested a map or signage showing the location of different blocks in Acton Gardens. SC noted delivery companies have issues finding the correct property. This will be taken away for review. **Action JW**

10.0 AOB

10.1 MB advised that the police had inspected the cycle rooms and some suggestions were sent to L&Q. MB agreed to send the information to NOA, to forward to RG AND KL.

End of meeting

Meeting ended at 20.10