

**Acton Gardens Community Board Minutes
Monday 14th March 2023 (6pm-8pm)
Microsoft Teams**

Attendees:

Present	Apologies
<p>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) Ian Gallosi (IG)</p>	<p>Resident Board Members</p>
<p>Non- Board Members Eve Mouser Smith (EMS) – L&Q Emily Macpherson Smith (EMA)– L&Q Nadine Ofosu- Adjei (NO) – L&Q Ryan Gardener (RG) – L&Q Jamie Wilding (JW) – Countryside David Colley (DC) – Ealing Council Emmanuel Wachukwu (EW) – AGCC Sahira Khan (SK) – Bollo Brook Youth Centre Sergeant Matthew Buckland (MB) -Safer Neighbourhood Team Olu Akande (OA) – Catalyst</p>	<p>Non-Board Members Percy Mullany (PM)- Countryside Sabina Jereczek (SJ) – Countryside Guy Balmford – Countryside Christina Coe (CC) – Countryside Leon Joseph (LJ)-Ealing Council Chris McConnachie (CM) – PEP Colin Brent (CB) – Bollo Brook Youth Centre Tom Devine (TD) – L&Q Frank Baker – (FB)-L&Q Karen Lennon (KL) – L&Q Aubrey Chambers (AC) – L&Q Rudy Danso (RD) – L&Q Simon Donovan (SD) -AGCC Cllr Yvonne Johnson (YJ) Cllr Mik Sabiers (MS) Cllr Josh Blacker (JB)</p>

1.0 Introductions and apologies (all)

1.1 NE opened the meeting and attendees introduced themselves.

2.0 Review minutes from the last meeting (all)

2.1 No comments.

3.0 Comments from the Community Board pack (all)

3.1 See the Community Board pack.

3.2 Regarding point 2.4, DC advised the cabinet meeting would not take place in May 2022 due to the elections. As points of order are usually covered in the June cabinet meeting, Ealing council expect the revised Phasing Plan to be reviewed in July 2022

3.3 NE enquired if there was an update on the Central Plaza art bid. EMS advised there had been four strong bids and the votes were being review in the hopes of a decision being made the following week. EMA provided information on the bids received and asked board members should make contact should they wish to see the applications.

3.4 NOA advised an update on the Community Chest outcome would be provided later in the meeting, as it wasn't available at the time the Community Board papers were sent out.

3.0 Changes to the Community Board meeting & Aims and objectives for 2022

3.1 See the Community Board papers

3.2 RG asked about the possibility of integrating Microsoft Teams into future in person meetings in case anyone cannot physically attend. NOA explained Resident board members were working towards collaborating with Bollo Brook Youth Centre to record future meetings. This includes looking into the equipment needed to hold a hybrid meeting. NOA agreed to keep the board updated. **NOA ACTION**

3.3 NE noted that Housing Management had a separate action tracker which will be reviewed in the Housing Management section of the meeting.

3.4 NE confirmed the Community Board aims and objectives for 2022 and how explained how resident board members plan to achieve these aims (see the Community Board pack for the confirmed aims and objectives for 2022).

3.5 NE noted mental health training for resident board members would be scheduled for April 22, but a date had not been confirmed yet.

3.6 EW asked if this the training course was for board members or the wider community. NE advised the training was for resident board members, but there is a possibility of passing the information on to residents. NOA agreed to liaise with EW to see how mental health courses at the community center could be promoted to residents. **NOA and EW ACTION**

3.7 NE advised Resident Board Members plan to host a community event on Saturday 6th August. The event will be promoted to Acton Garden residents and the wider community.

4.0 Community Chest update

4.1 SC will be working alongside EMA to lead on the Community Chest.

4.2 For the recent round of funding, SC advised three applications had been received. The only application approved was for the Urban dance camp. SC explained the process around reviewing the approved project. As restrictions have been lifted, EMA and SC would have the opportunity to take part in the sessions and take photos of the activities. **Action: EMA**

4.3 SC reminded board members about the vacancy on the Community Chest Sub-group. Resident board members were asked to contact EMA by Friday 18th March 2022 if they were interested in sitting on the sub-group. SC suggested having a member of the Bollo Youth club join the Community Chest board if resident board members were unable to fill the vacancy. **Action: EMA**

4.4 NE noted that Acton Carnival may be looking for funding and asked if they could apply for the Community Chest. CT noted that an application had been approved in the past as residents were involved in the creating of the costumes. EMS and EMA didn't see any issues with Acton Carnival making an application, as long as the project would benefit the residents of Acton Gardens/ South Acton. EMS suggested that NE puts this group in contact with the regeneration team to discuss further. **Action: NE**

5.0 Action tracker updates (all)

5.1 See action tracker.

5.2 NE raised previous concerns around the lack of visibility at the corner of All Saints Road and requests to repaint some of the double yellow lines on Bollo Bridge road.

5.3 NOA and MB provided an update on the Community Road Watch Programme, which offers residents an opportunity to volunteer to monitor the roads around Acton Gardens. This initiative was suggested to follow up on previous concerns raised by resident board members regarding speeding vehicles in the area.

5.4 MB confirmed that the main location focus for the Community Road Watch Programme would be Bollo Bridge Road, Bollo Bridge Lane and other roads around Acton Gardens.

5.5 MH, US and AA volunteered to take part in the program and NOA confirmed that an advert to request more volunteers had been added to March's Newsletter.

5.6 AA asked what age group could get involved in the speed watch program. MB agreed to look into this and report back. **Action MB**

5.7 JW provided an update on the new café operator. The purchaser has pulled out of the transaction due to the fit-out cost. An additional commercial agent has been instructed to re-market the unit, which has led to increased interest.

5.8 MH queried whether the Community Chest fund could be utilised to cover any shortfalls in the future. NE and AA noted the rent may be a constraint. NE suggested cafés in future regenerations could be fitted out beforehand to encourage commercial tenants to occupy the unit.

5.9 JW advised that the purchaser fell through due to the fit-out cost and not the rent charge. EW noted the Acton Gardens Community Centre would be happy to put forward a proposal for the community café. NE, SC, EW, JW to meet with the commercial team to discuss the community café and local amenities. **Action JW**

5.10 US noted resident from phase 3.1 had received a letter and email regarding the ground rent announcement.

5.11 DC agreed to follow up with LB Ealing's Highways Team regarding installing additional drop curbs for wheelchair access around Bollo Brook park and a pedestrian crossing to Bollo Brook Park **Action: DC**

5.12 MB advised that the order for the bike marking kit has a fairly quick turnaround. Costs are currently being confirmed and conversations are being had on signage for the cycle room. An update was provided on how the bike market kits works, how it will be turned into an event and the possibility of using match funding to obtain more kits.

5.13 MH asked when the bike marking events will take place. MB advised May 22, or sooner if possible. NE and MB agreed one of the bike marking events could take place at the Community event.

5.14 SV asked how abandoned bikes should be reported. DC asked for SV to email him with more details and agreed to follow up with the LB Ealing's Caretaking team. **Action SV and DC**

5.15 Community Board meal will be at The Bollo House on 22/03/22 at 6pm

5.16 NOA advised a review of the changes to the Community Board meeting after the meeting and any agreed changes will be updated to the Constitution. **Action NOA**

6.0 Youth Centre update (SK)

6.1 SK provided an update on the activities that took place at Bollo Brook Youth Centre over the last three months.

6.2 'Girls Group' sessions have been taking place every Monday, where young people are creating a film around female experiences in growing up in Acton. The film is called 'Gando'.

6.3 Young people have been working on with a director to learn about writing scripts.

6.4 An update was provided on the success of the 'Who are we' exhibition. Over 5000 people attending and the youth are now working with other museums, including VNAs.

6.5 An update was provided on the sessions available for young people.

6.6 SK advised that CB has now been promoted, but will still be predominantly based in Acton. SK is the new Centre Manger at Bollo Brook Youth Centre.

7.0 AOB

7.1 EMS advised Avenue park will be opened soon. There is one outstanding item that Ealing council's park team are addressing, but there will be an opening event that will be communicated to Board members.

7.2 AA raised concerns around on how CCTV footage is review after a crime occurs. MB advised when reporting a crime, it's important to provide a narrow timescale where possible, as the police may not have the capacity to review hours of footage, but other measure can be put in place.

7.3 AA said this can be problematic if the crime occurs overnight. RG agreed there was a resourcing issue and CCTV cannot be provided to residents due to GDPR, but footage can be obtained by L&Q and sent to the police.

7.4 Conversations were had on how this process could be improved to decrease the number of stolen parcels and cycles. MB encouraged the use of 'safe drop' sites which can be found on the police's twitter account. Further discussions will be held between MB and RG on how to improve security and the transfer of footage between L&Q and the police.

7.3 NE advised the Housing Management section of the meeting will commence shortly, but attendees are welcome to leave the meeting at 8pm.

8.0 Housing Management Action Tracker (RG)

See appendix 1 for the housing management action tracker updates.

2.15.38 mins

End of meeting

Meeting ended at 20.15pm