

Minutes of the Acton Gardens Community Board Meeting

Monday 19 March between 18:00-20:00pm

Berrymede Junior School, Osborne Road

Board Member - Present:

Resident Board Members:

Cathyann Thomas – Chair
 Tim Ogunlesi (TO) – Resident Board member
 Janet Coker (JC) – Resident Board member
 Helen Julien (HJ) – Resident Board member
 Glen Miller (GM) – Resident Board member
 Natasha Esson (NE) – Resident Board member
 Sally Carlton (SC) – Resident Board member
 Valerie McLean (VM) – Resident Board member
 Christopher Smith-Wong (CS) – Resident Board member

Non Resident Board Members:

Billie Anne Ohene - (BO) – Berrymede Infant School
 Cllr Mik Sabiers (MS) – Ward Member
 Cllr Josh Blacker (JB) – Ward Member
 Revd. Dean Ayre (DA) – Associate Rector of Acton
 Michael Simms (MS) – Acton Community Forum

Board Members – Apologies:

David McKay (DMK) – South Acton Resident
 Shuaib Abdille (SA) – Resident Board member
 Margaret Brown (MB) – Vice Chair
 David Colley (DC) – London Borough of Ealing (LBE)
 Cllr Yvonne Johnson (YJ) – Ward Member
 Jeremy Hutchings (JH) - L&Q
 Mike Woolliscroft (MW) - Countryside
 Paul Sweeney (PS) – Countryside
 Cllr Yvonne Johnson (YJ) – Ward Member
 Lubna Khan (LK) - Berrymead Junior School

Non Board Members – Present:

Attendants – Present:

Leon Joseph (LJ) - LBE
 Shakira Henry (SH) - L&Q
 Suzanne Keys (SK) – L&Q
 Sinea Bell-Spencer (SB) – L&Q
 Frank Baker (FB) – L&Q
 Keith Mann (KM) – PEP
 Mark Ludlow (ML) – Countryside
 Rob Copley (RC) – Countryside
 Miranda Li (MLi) – Allies and Morrison
 Abdullah Ali (AA) – Resident Observer

Attendants - Apologies:

Bianca Goulden (BG) - L&Q
 John Dakin (JD) – L&Q
 Alan Llorente (AL) – Catalyst Housing

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1.0	Introductions and Apologies	
1.1	CT welcomed everyone and introductions were made.	
1.2	CT explained that this would be her last Board meeting in capacity as Chair due to standing down from the position after two years in the post.	
2.0	Minutes of the Last Meeting	
2.1	Point 4.0 – GM advised that residents object to the proposals set out within the new masterplan.	
2.2	Point 7.2 – GM sought confirmation that heating and hot water issues were now resolved. CAT explained that this would be discussed within the Housing Services update.	

2.3	All approved	
3.0	<p>Matters Arising</p> <p>Election of Chair and Vice Chair position</p> <p>3.1 CAT advised that one application had been received for position of Chair and one for Vice Chair. Board members were asked to vote and all agreed with the election of Natasha Esson as Chair and Tim Ogunlesi as Vice Chair. Congratulations were given to both.</p> <p>3.2 SK thanked CAT for all of her assistance as Chair of the Board and presented flowers on behalf of Acton Gardens. CAT thanked everyone for their support whilst being Chair and advised that she has fully enjoyed the position.</p>	
4.0	<p>Community Chest</p> <p>4.1 SK advised that £21,323.00 remained available within funding, with ten applications received for approval. The sub-group has reviewed the ten applications using the scoring criteria. This resulted in two applications being presented to the Board for review. The applications were: Introduction to Sewing and Dressmaking by Connect Stitch by Stitch and Diabetes Awareness Programme by Acton Community Seventh Day Adventist Church.</p> <p>4.2 GM expressed concerns that projects were not being advertised on the estate. SK advised that once projects are approved at Board meetings, they are advertised on the Your South Acton website, Acton Gardens newsletters and noticeboards throughout the estate. Applicants also advertise their own projects.</p> <p>4.3 ML suggested that, due to their not being sufficient funding available with the budget after the approval of other projects, that the Board vote to approve one project. CS suggested that, as diabetes sufferers benefit from physical activity, they could participate in the approved project put forward by StayActive4Life entitled Friendship Movement in Acton. SC expressed concern that the target audience was not specifically diabetes sufferers. JC explained that the NHS are running a diabetes awareness course in St Mary's Church, however, it is not openly advertised to the public and requires a GP referral.</p> <p>4.4 SK suggested funding the project for half of the proposed project, therefore running a 4 week programme, and reviewing prior to funding the remaining 4 weeks. MS advised that the project provided an awareness course for those that are not using the NHS service. This is a project that has not previously been held locally, to actively reach out to and encourage people to raise awareness. RA advised that the project description does not explain that it is raising awareness, but is more targeting people that already have the condition, and to learn how to better manage it.</p> <p>4.5 HJ suggested to give half of the funding applied for to each project. CAT advised that funding could potentially be taken from next year's budget. Board members with voting rights were asked to vote, with 7 members voting to provide half of the funding, with a review of feedback prior to awarding the second half.</p> <p>4.6 10 Board members voted in favour of Connect Stitch BY Stitch and therefore the project was approved.</p> <p>4.7 The projects approved for Community Chest funding is therefore:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • "Introduction to Sewing and Dressmaking" by Connect Stitch by Stitch 	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • “Friendship and Movement” in Acton by StayActive4Life • “Fit for the Future” by Bollo Brook Youth Centre • “Green Refuge” by ARTification • “Diabetes Awareness programme” by Acton Community Seventh Day Adventist Church 	
5.0	<p>Regeneration Update (Ealing Council and Acton Gardens)</p> <p>A verbal update was provided by ML on behalf of Countryside</p>	
5.1	Phase 5 and West Park will be completed in August. GM asked whether West Park is complete in terms of greenery: ML explained that the green space and park is currently two thirds complete.	
5.2	Phase 6.1 – due to complete in December 2018. BO explained that vans were still parking on the corner of the site, making it difficult to see whilst driving. BO also enquired as to how the Oaktree Community Centre and Berrymede School will be protected when Charles Hocking House is demolished. ML explained that the community centre has been relocated to Hanbury Road, however, Countryside are compiling a demolition plan to protect surrounding amenities. It is likely to be fully scaffolded, with a dust sheet to ‘envelope’ debris, which will be continuously monitored.	
5.3	WM advised that there a blue plaque left on the building of Charles Hocking House. ML advised that this will be removed and archived.	ML
5.4	JB expressed concern that the traffic marshalls are not always present around Brounckner Road. ML to review.	ML
5.5	Phase 7.1 – Adjacent to Avenue Road – works are now coming out of the ground. MS explained that complaints continue with regards to the mud and cleaning process in the area. ML explained that a new system/machine has recently been installed to mitigate the issue.	
5.6	GM explained that the site of Phase 7.1 is poorly lit, with many people walking around the area late at night, with sightings of rough sleepers in the communal areas. GM requested that additional lighting be erected on the hoarding in the area. LJ advised that LBE are aware of these issues, and they are working closely with the local Safer Neighbourhoods Police Team to resolve. Blocks with no door entry systems have been highlighted and information provided to the police in order to attempt to mitigate issues and to ensure residnet’s safety.	
5.7	Phase 9.1 – on the Webb and Bennett site - Acton Gardens are in the process of moving the last existing residents, with demolition works to commence within the next 4-6 weeks. Planning submission is on course to be submitted in May, alongside the new masterplan proposals.	
	Acton Gardens written report by Bianca Goulden	
5.8	CAT explained that a written update has been provided within the papers and to forward any queries to SK at the end of the meeting.	
	LBE written report and verbal update by Leon Joseph	
5.9	LJ advised there was no additional information to add to the written report provided within the papers. GM asked for the figures of the number of households that have moved away from the estate to date. LJ agreed to provide an update and figures at the next Board meeting.	LJ

<p>6.0</p> <p>6.1</p> <p>6.2</p> <p>6.3</p> <p>6.4</p>	<p>Housing Services Update (L&Q and Catalyst)</p> <p>SH advised that a written update has been provided within the Board papers, with no further information to add.</p> <p>In response to GM's previous question, with regards to heating and hot water issues; there are a number of ongoing actions, and a full update will be provided at the next meeting in reponse. SH advised that there have been no further breakdowns reported within Phases 1 and 2.</p> <p>NE advised that Phase 3.2 currently had no heating or hot water, and had none for the past 24 hours. GM explained that he is concerned as to the quality of the buildings, due to ongoing issues, NE advised that this was the first breakdown that they had experienced whilst living at the property for almost a year.</p> <p>Housing update by Catalyst</p> <p>In AL's absence, SK provided a brief update;</p> <p>There have been reports of ASB involving the use of mopeds, and sightings of possible drug dealing in the area. Catalyst are working with the local SNT and suggested it may be beneficial to invite the sergeant of the team to attend the next Board meeting to provide an update on local issues. GM advised that the area around the Catalyst buildings was a hotspot and problems were being caused by residents that live there. GM also advised that there are drug dealing reports in Crown Street, JC advised GM that these observations should be reported to the SNT, and are not appropriate for Board meetings.</p>	
<p>7.0</p> <p>7.1</p> <p>7.2</p>	<p>ITA Update (PEP)</p> <p>KM advised there was nothing further to add to the written report.</p> <p>GM asked how many families and elderly residents had been given early moves as he does not feel enough support or flexibility has been given in this area. LJ advised that within each stage, challenges arise with various residents and are dealt with accordingly, on a phase by phase basis. Any housing matter, such as these, need to be discussed, with authority, with SCBC.</p>	
<p>8.</p>	<p>AOB</p> <p>No AOB stated.</p>	
<p>The next meeting will be held on Monday 18 June 2018 between 18:00 to 20:00pm at the Berrymede Junior School, Osborne Road, Acton</p>		