



World's End Residents' Association

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Notes of a Meeting of the WERA Committee held on Tuesday 20th March 2012 at 7pm in the WERA Clubroom, 16 Blantyre Street

Present: John Rendall (Chairman), Patti Fordyce (Secretary), Margaret Grayling (Treasurer), Caroline Fairchild, Marye Kenton, Maggie Byrne, Monica Boholst, John Park, Paul Miller, Hilary Nassim, Nigel Palmer

In attendance: Cllr. Maighread Condon Simmonds

The Chairman opened the meeting and welcomed Hilary Nassim, who was attending her first meeting as a member of the Committee.

1. Apologies for absence

These had been received from Eryl Humphrey Jones, Diana Hodson, Martin Barr and Sgt. Tim Otway.

2. Safer Neighbourhoods

There was no report from Safer Neighbourhoods, because TO was away, but it was noted that a very full report had been received at the previous meeting.

3. Minutes and Matters Arising

It was noted that, owing to technological difficulties, the minutes of the previous meeting were not available. These would be circulated with the minutes of this meeting.

4. Clubroom Terms and Conditions

It was agreed that a review of the Terms and Conditions of Use of the Clubroom was needed, and that it would be necessary to obtain the agreement of the TMO to any revisions. It was agreed that it would be desirable to make a charge for use of the room, rather than, as at present, inviting donations from groups; this charge would be applied towards the cost of having the room cleaned. It was noted with thanks that until now Margaret Grayling had been cleaning the room after each use. After discussion, it was agreed that, since some groups were donating more than £5 per session, the charge should be set at "a minimum of £5 per session", and that there would be a two hour limit

on each session. JP suggested that the TMO should be asked to manage bookings of the Clubroom, so that use of the room could be maximised, but it was noted that, since WERA presently manage the room on behalf of TMO, WERA would be unlikely to be allowed to retain the income from room hire if the management of bookings were handed back to TMO.

5. Housing Management

- PM reported that he had been in touch with Martin Barr regarding the outstanding issues regarding fire safety. There was particular concern that nothing seemed to have been done about the state of the fire door closers, and nothing had come of the request to see the maintenance schedule. MCS suggested that it might be appropriate to raise this with Mark Anderson, and it was agreed that the Chairman would email him.
- It was noted that notices had been placed in the lift lobbies, stating that letters would be sent out by TMO in the week of 19th March, detailing the compensation arrangements following the heating and hot water failure in February.
- It was reported that the mirror in one of the lifts in Chelsea Reach Tower had been broken, and the replacement had not been set in properly. The question of whether the matter had been reported to the police was raised. MB reported that the time of the incident could be narrowed down to between 1 and 4 pm; this should help to find it on the CCTV tape.

6. Estate Lighting

It was reported that lights had been out on Dartrey Walk for several weeks, and that a number of lights were out on the stairways. Lights had been left on all day on the walkways and in the gardens, although no engineers had been on site. It was noted that the caretakers were expected to switch lights off. It was requested that WERA be given a copy of the lighting contractors' performance review, and it was agreed that Sasha Jevens would be invited to bring all outstanding contracts to the next meeting.

7. Car Parking Permits

There was discussion about the difficulties some members had experienced in relation to their permits to park in the estate garage; these had resulted in tickets being issued even though permit charges had been paid. TMO refused to accept any responsibility, referring all complaints to the 'Wings' appeals service; however, enquiries to this service had received rude and unsatisfactory replies. It was noted that new parking notices had been fixed to the buildings in inappropriate places, including in Edith Yard, the roadway next to World's End Nursery and Alexander Passage, where 'Wings' have no jurisdiction. It was also noted that parking charges had been increased.

8. Outstanding Contracts

As noted above, Sasha Jevens would be invited to the next meeting to discuss the CCTV, Digital TV and lighting contracts, copies of which had been repeatedly requested.

9. Piazza Issues

- It was noted that the rubbish bins in the piazza were inadequate for the amount of rubbish accumulated; it was further noted that additional bins would need to be fixed rather than moveable.
- It was noted that the space surrounding the trees in the piazza had been filled in with the sand and gravel mixture used around the trees in the King's Road; this eliminated a potential safety hazard.
- It was noted that the recycling bins were often full to overflowing; more frequent collections or additional bins were needed. The Chairman agreed to contact Streetline.
- It was noted that the new shop in the piazza was now open for business. Although planning permission had originally been sought for a butcher's shop, it was noted that a much wider range of goods were on sale, including much of the same merchandise as the nearby newsagents'. MCS explained that this was within the terms of the planning permission granted; there was no protection from competition for existing shopholders.
- It was reported that a Fringe Flower Show would take place in the Piazza during the Chelsea Flower Show at the end of May.
- It was reported that a Jubilee Party, combined with a tea dance, would take place in the Piazza on Tuesday, 5th June, between 12 and 4.30/5pm; this would be jointly organised by the Over 50s, the Salvation Army, the Youth Club and the Chelsea Theatre, co-ordinated by MCS. The event would be sponsored by Morrisons and City Living.
- It was reported that the Canoe Club in Cremorne Gardens would be observing Flotilla Day on Sunday, 3rd June.

10. HRP Bids

It was noted that the two bids (Flashpoint and CCTV) had been duly submitted. The TMO Operations Committee would meet on 21st March to consider all bids, and the next ARB meeting would take place on 27th March. It was anticipated that match funding for the HRP bids from the ARB budget would be discussed at this latter meeting.

11. Liaison Officer's Report

JP reported that he had met with the two new community engagement officers, Michelle and Rasheeda, at Chelsea Theatre. It was planned to hold a networking event, co-hosted by JP (in a personal capacity, rather than as WERA Liaison Officer) and Michelle in the theatre foyer on Monday, 2nd April, between 7 and 10 pm.

12. Any Other Business

- MCS reported that rubbish was being dumped outside Whistler Tower.
- MCS expressed concern that the World's End pub was now not opening on Sundays, Mondays and Tuesdays. HN and PM reported that staff of the pub had seemed distinctly uninterested in a potential booking for a party in one of the pub's private rooms. General concern was expressed about the pub's viability.
- JP reported that he had attended the recent Activism Conference. This included some training on housing issues, given by council officers. Among the issues covered were

the implications of the benefits cap, which would affect some 2,000 borough residents, and new Right to Buy legislation.

- It was noted that a list of committee members was still outstanding and the website was in need of some updating. A question was raised regarding the number of WEE residents who were members of WERA, and how these broke down as between tenants and leaseholders.

13. Date of Next Meeting

The Chairman proposed, and it was agreed that, since it had been agreed to invite Sasha Jevens to the next committee meeting, the date of the meeting should be fixed when he had contacted her to check her availability. There was discussion about the frequency of meetings.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "John Rendall". The signature is written in black ink on a white background.