

16/10/13

EIVT MINUTES

Location: 39 Island Centre Way, Enfield Island Village EN3

Present: Mark Novak (MN - Chairman)
Vladimir Ioannou (VI)
Iveta Nemcova (IN)
Vincent Green (VG)
Andrew Colledge (AG)
Carmen Wallace (CW)
Martin Jewell (MJ) - by Proxy
Charles Kelly (CK) - No voting rights

Minutes

The meeting was convened by Chairman Mark Novak at 20.00.

Agenda:

1. Agree previous minutes
2. Vote of no confidence in Vincent Green
3. EGM update
4. Com Hall Charging - proposal to charge BMC
5. Accounts -update and delegation
6. Quorum - discuss/review number need
7. Asset Survey - quotation
8. Clay Cap Inspection
9. Neighbourhood Watch - CW to present initial findings
10. Gov Row Clearance
11. Investment Property Update
12. Leasehold Extension - update
13. Cobblestones - update
14. AOB

Mark Novak (MN) asked if Charles Kelly (CK) could take notes and minutes for the meeting, which he opened at 20.00.

Vincent Green (VG) turned up and asked CK who he was and what he was doing at the meeting. MN explained the situation.

CK offered to withdraw.

VG asked to put forward a motion to have CK removed. Motion was put to a vote.

VOTE: FOR (1) AGAINST (4) ABSTAIN (1)

VG asked for a motion stating that any Trustee who is in arrears (referring to CW whom he claimed owed £375 in charges for six months) during a six month period should be removed as a Trustee.

CW disputed the claim and the board members present, apart from VG, backed CW.

VG insisted that she was in arrears; however the board dismissed his motion to remove CW.

VI stated that the meetings should be more positive.

VG then turned his attention to VI, claiming that VI should be removed as he was "not entitled to vote at a previous meeting to remove him".

VI responded by saying that VG should give the Trustees a valid reason why they should not remove VG, and said VG had called the members of the board "incompetent".

MN said that the previous board members had resigned voluntarily due to accusations of fraud.

VG said he cares about the members of the Trust and has a right to call an EGM.

CW asked VG to explain what his demands are of the Trustees and what he expects them to do.

VG said he wanted meetings at a time that suits him since he cannot make daytime meetings.

MN said that previous boards were not meeting often enough to get the business done and were effectively "rubber stamping" things for Amber Management.

VI again asked VG to explain himself and give reason why he should not be removed.

VG said the new board did not want to work with him. He then brought up a court case involving VI, which he said VI should have declared to the board. He also mentioned Richard Mitchell and Richard Palczynski and said VI had accused them of accepting "back handers" from Amber in the form of tickets for cricket at Lords after their successful removal of the previous Trustees in April 2012. CW confirmed that to be true and said that she delivered the said tickets to Richard Palczynski and as he could not go, he gave the tickets to her to use.

VI explained that the case of fraud referred to by VG was a fraud committed by others on him and not a fraud he committed on anyone and therefore it was irrelevant since it was a personal matter and has nothing to do with the Trust and since he was the victim it should not cast doubt as to his honesty. He explained that the matter was intentionally misconstrued by Richard Palczynski and Richard Mitchell to implicate him on something which was untrue. VI reminded VG that Richard Palczynski retracted the accusation he made about VI and apologised when he realised his error.

VG then brought up a £600 payment issue, which he did not fully explain, nor anyone understood and said VI letters to him were "derogatory".

MN asked VG to move on and asked him again to explain why he should be allowed to remain on the board. VG again offered no explanation.

VI went on to say that the previous board has "squandered" Trust money by handing over all aspects of their responsibilities and duties to their managing agent, Amber and accused them of abandoning their fiduciary duties as directors and Trustees. He mentioned a letter from the Charities Commission, which the previous board had and which supported that notion and reiterated the previous board's lack of control and pointed out that even after they received the advice from the Charities Commission, the previous board did nothing to follow their recommendations.

MN proposed a motion of "no confidence" in VG, which was carried by 5 votes as VG walked out of the room.

VOTE: FOR (5) AGAINST (0) ABSTAIN (0)

MN proposed to close the meeting which had already dragged on and taken up a lot of time and energy.

VI wanted to continue and put forward a proposal to reduce the Quorum from 5 to 3 members present for voting purposes in order to make a decision and for discussions to be held even if all members could not be present. In other words, three members to be present to vote instead of 5.

AC said it might look bad.

CW questioned how it worked but then agreed with the motion. She mentioned the block management.

Vote was held to reduce the Quorum from 5 to 3.

VOTE: FOR (6) incl. proxy AGAINST (0) ABSTAIN (0)

VI brought up the community hall charge, which he said should be reduced. Proposal to charge block management for use of community hall, with 0 votes against and no abstentions.

VOTE: FOR (6) incl. proxy AGAINST (0) ABSTAIN (0).

VI to write to block management companies informing them of BMC savings.

VI suggested arranging a meeting to work with all suppliers and evaluate equality. It was decided to leave thing as they are for the moment.

MN brought up Asset Survey, which will cost an estimated £10-12,000 to complete, but was needed to evaluate assets and future charges. He said he would look into this.

MN brought up Clay Cap report, which he said was incomplete as 70% of the householders were out at the time the engineers called to survey. Subsidence mentioned but not backed up by any evidence. The company had never put this out to tender and the cost is high. All present were unhappy with the high cost and low quality of the report.

CW reported on neighbourhood watch. She offered to be the coordinator.

MN - Gov Row tree surgery and clearance – EIVT had quotes of £4,500 from Amber's preferred suppliers and MN had a quote of £2,500 from CSG. MN said he will discuss with residents at Gov Row.

MN - Investment Properties - A survey of residents resulted in 23 replies with "Yes" to sell and 3 "No" to sell. VI was keen to move ahead with sale as ownership was not in line with the Trust's Mem&Arts and was, therefore, illegal.

VI - Leasehold Extensions - will set up meetings with blocks companies; will include in next Newsletter.

MN - Cobblestones on Bridge. This matter was discussed with Enfield Council and Councillor Ozzie. MN will put item into the next Newsletter to highlight the need to preserve the character of the Island.

Any Other Business - VI wants to press ahead and immediately agree a reduction for members Rentcharge because the reserves were unreasonably high. It was suggested that VI will prepared a budget to justify the reduction for the board's consideration at the next meeting. VI reminded everyone that he already did one but he was happy to present it again at the next meeting.

Having no other business the meeting was closed at 22.00.

Signed:

Vladimir Ioannou

For and on behalf of Enfield Island Village Trust

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