

Date: 22nd May 2013

Venue: The Harvester. Enfield

Meeting title: Meeting of Formally Elected Board of Trustees

Purpose: All Hands Update

Present: Richard Palczynski (RP, Chairman)
 Karen Wilkie (KW)
 Imam Goztas (IG)*
 Carmen Wallace (CW)
 Vincent Green (VG)*

In Attendance Tom Bainbridge (TB, Amber)
 Iain Campbell (IC, Amber)

Apologies: Jennifer Aneto (JA)*
 Stephen Johnson (SJ)
 Katie Johnson (KJ, Amber)

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1. AMBER MANAGEMENT’S MONTHLY REPORT:

Ongoing Items

Fly-tipping. Building rubble dumped near Soper Mews bin store. Soil has been dumped at entrance to the Ecology Area. Two further incidents of major fly tips – both in Turpin Close, which L&Q have had to contend with.

23 George Lovell Drive. No further communication.

Council Waste Management. IC/IC met with council officials 21 May. We are studying the results of a bins store survey conducted by the council to determine if the provided bins are sufficient for the volume of rubbish generated each week. The Council believe there are insufficient bins and are proposing an increase in numbers rented/provided as well as in increase in capacity/volume of some bins already in situ.

Issues this raises:

1. Council state the criteria for determining what size of bin is based on the number of dwellings: 660ltrs bins for every 3 dwellings, 940ltrs for every 4 and 1100ltrs for every 5.
2. Their survey shows there are not sufficient bins in either number or volume to cater for Island residents and are advocating an increase.
3. IC contends current bin stores are not capable of housing any increase in numbers and/or some stores cannot house ones of a higher volume/capacity

Questions to consider:

1. What criteria was used/in force to determine how many bin stores/containers would be needed when the Island was being developed?

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- Council have been asked to research/advise.
2. Was it a planning mistake to have so few bins stores or did the Island have twice weekly collections in the past to cater for the (small capacity/volume) of bin stores/containers provided/built?
 3. Are residents now having to pay for planning mistakes and/or council cut backs?

IC to do analysis of the council's survey to see if he concurs with their findings and report back to the Board.

IC, no date

Council will meanwhile provide IC with literature to educate islanders on how to dispose of litter etc.

Government Row – Painting of Street Lights. EIVT has already accepted a quotation of £2,868 (Inc VAT) for painting of lights and handrail. Council has now provided a specification for painting of its handrail, which may prove problematical for the contractor (Dalemarsh) and as a result may need to be excluded from the works to prevent any further delays. Their original quotation has also time expired. IC has been in contact with Dalemarsh to pass on the council's specification and to ask for an update and/or revised quotation for EIVT.

Block Paving over the Bridge. Latest concerns of the Trust have been conveyed to Mark Bailey, Structures and Watercourses, Highway Services, Enfield in an email sent 22nd May. Trustees have all been advised.

Trustee Candidates. Mr Vladimir Ioannou has expressed an interest in becoming a trustee. Details were passed to Trustees 16th May. Name to be added to election ballot for July AGM.

Ecology Area. Gates have been opened for access.

Additional Bins. Vote. **Do the trustees approve approval a spend £2,042.40 on 4 litter bins and 2 dog waste bins for the open areas? YES 3, NO 2, Abstain 0.** Spend approved. IC to action accordingly.

IC, no date

Monthly Village Market. IC advised that that he has received some enquiries from residents re the monthly markets. Recommend flyers/posters/info on website needs to be updated. RP to action.

RP, no date

New Items.

London Buses 121 & 491. Rumours concerning a possible curtailment of the 121 and 491 bus routes on the Island pending work being undertaken on the Enfield Lock railway crossing in the near/distant future. Christine Hamilton, local councillor was asked on 27 March to investigate. Nothing heard to date.

Community Centre. IC requested that Trustees consider set of new/updated rules for hire/use of Community Centre.

Maintenance Works. Monies allocated to Island maintenance this financial year have been revised in accordance with budget review. Amber mapping out a schedule of projected works (by month) with estimated costings vs. actuals incurred. This will be reviewed monthly going forwards.

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AGM. Scheduled for 10 July. Draft Agenda prepared for trustees review and comment. Notifications (and audited accounts) need to go out to members by 26 June latest. Community Centre confirmed as being booked/available.

Jacob Court Bin Stores. IC spoke/met with his counterpart from Notting Hill Housing concerning the poor state of the subject bin stores in early April. He has rescheduled his maintenance contractors to attend to the bins stores prior to the council's waste collections on a Tuesday. There has been a noticeable improvement in the state of the 2 bin stores since. This remains ongoing.

Restrictive Covenant Issue. No. 6 Martini Drive has installed a black metal gate in front of their front and patio doors – this 'changes the exterior look of the property' and is therefore in contravention of the covenants. Trustees approved action from Amber to contact the property owner in accordance with maintaining the island covenants.

Canal & Pike (Fish). A pike has been reported in the canal basin. IC has authorised a resident to fish in the basin to catch it. Gardeners and H2O contractors will also do their best to catch it! It is thought to have 'eaten' 2 or more chicks and presents a danger to others!

2. RENTAL PROPERTIES

All rent charge payments are up to date.

3. CONSULTATIONS

All 3 consultations have now been posted for longer than requisite time period, with little or no comment. To be reviewed at NEXT trustee meeting.

All, Next mtg

4. ACCOUNTS

IC presented updated financial report on all HSBC account balances.

All approved the balances in place, which are looking healthy.

Compensation from BoS was raised. RP requested that David Foulds issues formal complaint to BoS seeking recompense. This matter to then be dealt with by KJ.

DF Ongoing

KJ, Ongoing

No further issues raised in regard to finances. KJ to update formal EIVT Finance Dashboard with latest data and to complete the debtors report.

KJ, Ongoing

5. WEBSITE UPDATE

No issues to report. RP to update with latest minutes and blog updates, and to look at adding a 'hit counter'.

RP, Ongoing

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1. Newsletters. RP raised funding concerns expressed by Martine Eni. All agreed that the Newsletter should remain but if funding is limited, then in the first instance, the frequency of the newsletter can be reduced. All recommended the next Newsletter be delayed until August/September, at which point funding can be checked again.
2. Trustee status. RP encourage trustees to seek candidates for election at next AGM. All to advise.
3. RP raised the issue of succession planning. With only 14 months left of 'time in post' RP reminded each trustee that it is imperative that we start to look for future trustees and a future Chairman, given that all current trustees will step down no later than July 2014. Issue to be considered.

All, no date

7. DATE OF NEXT MEETING26th June 2013, Island Community Centre.

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Richard Palczynski
Chairman, EIVT
Date: 2nd June 2013