

23/10/13

EIVT MONTHLY BOARD MEETING

Venue: Community Centre

Present: Mark Novak (MN) Chair, Andrew Colledge (AC), Carmen Wallace (CW), Vladimir Ioannou (VI), Iveta Nemcova (IN), Martin Jewell (MJ)

In attendance: Martine Eni (ME), trust members

Apologies: None

Did not attend: John Joannou

Minutes

1. MN opened the meeting and welcomed members to the meeting.
2. MN reported that the Trust is having problems with its website and we have been unable to publish minutes for the last meeting. VI informed the meeting that the website and EIV.org.uk domain name is owned by a former trustee Richard Palczynski. MN agreed to write to Richard and request that ownership be transferred to the Trust.
3. **Community Development update:** ME updated the board on community development activities. Currently there are twelve clubs meeting weekly, fortnightly and monthly including Job club and IT for beginners. ME mentioned that 8 people had found a job at the recent jobs fair. A newsletter will be sent out next week across the Enfield Lock ward.

MJ asked that the Trust submit formal request to the RSA before using their land as the recent farmers market had not been properly authorised. ME to liaise with Gary Walker of RSA.

MJ asked that the newsletter should include activities from other organisations in EIV including the library and the youth club.

4. **Leasehold extension offer.** MN reported that a large number of people had responded to the offer by the Trust's solicitor to provide a cost effective service as negotiated by VI to help residents extend the leaseholds on their properties. VI explained that seminars are being arranged on a block-by-block basis to explain the legal issues and costs involved. VI informed the meeting that another company is actively marketing a more expensive service to leaseholders and suggested that the Trust's solicitors could be asked to write to the leaseholders detailing their offer. As it would not be appropriate to allow the solicitor to have a copy of the Trust's members list, VI suggested we can mail-merge the solicitor's letter as long as they pay for envelopes and stamps.
5. **Cobblestones.** MN gave an update on the petition to save the cobblestones on the road bridge into the Island being replaced with a standard asphalt road surface. MN has contacted the council for an update but they did not know when the works were planned. To date 114 people had replied to the petition which was hand delivered to every resident in the village. MN suggested that the petition goes into the next newsletter.

Members present suggested that the local MP Nick de Bois should be contacted regarding this issue. It was also suggested that as the cobblestones are a traffic calming measure then what alternative are the council proposing as it would be dangerous to lose the traffic calming on the bridge?

6. **Investment properties.** MN updated the Trust on the investment property consultation. 75% of the 40 responses received are in favour of selling the properties. MJ suggested that as the consultation has now closed that the Trust should sell the properties subject to market conditions and the legal position regarding the tenants. **VOTE: YES 8(6); NO 1(0); Abstain 0.** All members present were asked to vote. Trustees votes are shown in brackets.

7. **Trust Bank Accounts.** MN updated the meeting on discrepancies between funds transferred from Amber management's client account to the EIVT bank account. A £10,000 error was identified in the Trust favour. As well as several smaller amounts where invoices that did not belong to EIV were paid from EIV funds. The Board informed the meeting that the accounts for 12-13 are currently produced and reconciled to the bank accounts to make sure all costs have been correctly recorded. 13-14 accounts are now up to date on the Quickbooks professional accounting system.
8. **Clay cap inspection report.** MN updated the meeting on the latest clay cap report. The board felt that the report lacked detail and didn't look like good value for the amount charged.

MJ explained some of the detail around the clay cap and the history of the development of the Island. MJ suggested that we discuss with London borough of Enfield whether the inspection could be changed to a biannual inspection.
9. **Neighbourhood Watch and Safer Neighbourhood Teams.** CW updated the meeting on the Board's intention to restart the neighbourhood watch scheme on the Island and agreed to provide an update for the next meeting. CW also gave an update on the SNT and explained the changes to the number and composition of officers and the areas they cover.
10. **Fly Tipping/CCTV.** The meeting discussed the problem with fly tipping on the Island. It appears that the current fly tipping is from residents living on the Island dumping furniture and other household waste outside bin stores and in the road outside properties. The meeting discussed the possible deterrent effect of installing CCTV at fly tipping hotspots.
11. **Next Meeting Agenda** - MN asked that Trustees send agenda items to him in good time for the next meeting. Action: All
12. **Date & Time of next meeting.** Regular monthly members board meetings are scheduled for the 2nd Wednesday of the month. Please refer to www.eiv.org.uk for confirmation of dates and times.
13. **AOB** - After conclusion of business MN drew the meeting to a close.

Signed:

Chair
Enfield Island Village Trust
28/10/13