

General Committee of Strawberry Vale Residents Association (SVRA)

Minutes of the meeting held on Saturday 28 October 2017, 10 – 11.30am
Green Man Community Centre, Strawberry Vale, N2 9BA

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Members:

Laurence Williamson (LW) Chair
Terry Copas (TC) Vice chair
Shona Perkins (SP) Treasurer
Dylis Dias (DD) Secretary

In attendance:

David Azouelos (DA) Neighbourhood Manager, Peabody

See separate attendance sheet for residents that attended.

No.	Item	Action
1	Apologies	
	Dan Bordch	
2	Expression of thanks	
	Expression of thanks to the Green Man Community Centre (GMCC) for allowing the committee to use the meeting room facilities.	
3	Minutes of last meeting	
	The minutes of the meeting held on 20 May 2017 were confirmed as a correct record.	
4	Annual Reports	
	<p>The three reports were tabled at the meeting and each author provided a verbal update summarising their report. The points to note from each report were as follows:</p> <p><u>Secretary's report</u></p> <p>There was one correction to the report: Chair's name should be noted as Laurence Williamson.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• The committee was a strong voice for the estate, which resulted in many positive outcomes.• The meetings were well attended by residents and had also received support from the neighbourhood manager and local counsellor.• The committee ensures that there is sufficient communications either through the website or leaflets to keep everyone up to date.• Key achievements include identifying the non-compliant door locks (although it was uncertain whether these had been changed), addressing environmental issues, alleviating parking pressures and the reduced bills for major works.• In particular, the family fun day was a great success with a variety of activities for all. This led to initial discussions of a future event.	

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	<p><u>Chair's report</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Attending the forum meetings had provided insight to other estates and LW informed the committee that other areas did not fare so well. • Strawberry Vale was also fortunate to have a good neighbourhood manager. • It showed Peabody in a good light but with the change in Government policy, they will be moving more into the developer market rather than social housing. • There was opportunity to be involved in panels which involved inspections and encourage residents to take part. • The success of the fun day lead to talks about putting in another request for funding. This would be done via Nina / Wells. • It was also suggested that the football tournament could be an annual (separate) event. <p><u>Treasurer's report</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • SP went through to the accounts in detail. • A verbal update was given on expenditures for the fun day (£3500) and the value of the prizes donated by local businesses. • The surplus will remain in the SVRA account for future use. <p>SP will be putting forward an application for lotto funding.</p>	<p>LW</p> <p>SP</p>
5	Election of committee	
	<p>The following people were put forward into the committee roles as detailed below:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Shona Perkins – treasure • Laurence Williamson – chair • Dylis Dias – secretary • Terry Copas – vice chair <p>Residents at the meeting seconded the above proposals, therefore committee elections were confirmed.</p> <p>Christine Rodrigues stated she would like to join the committee.</p> <p>Frequency of meetings would be bi-monthly.</p>	
6	MAD bids 2017 – suggestions and selecting	
	<p>There is £8k for each estate and the deadline for submitting applications is 30 November.</p> <p>The following options were discussed:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Map of the estate – DA to take this forward with Peabody, therefore not a MAD bid • Football pen – although a bid was put through Aviva, the committee felt this was still a priority • Iron railings – decided against • Bench on hill – decided against as there were already two in 	<p>DA</p>

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	<p>place</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bench near football pen – would need to wait until pen re-surfaced • Additional lighting – Peabody responsibility therefore not a MAD bid • Library – a possibility but it was questioned how much it would be used • Exercise classes – these were already in progress therefore decided against • Water feature / sculpture / mosaic – DA in process of looking into a mosaic • Padlock for gate on Brook Walk – DA to follow up • Playground maintenance • Green waste bins and rubbish bins – DA to follow up as these should be provided free • Picnic bench on Octavia Hill – in process <p>DA also asked the committee to consider the triangular space outside the shop as this area could be better utilised. He also informed that Peabody may put a table tennis table near the football pen.</p> <p>After discussion, the committee agreed that the MAD bid funding should be for the football pen.</p>	<p>DA</p> <p>DA</p>
7	Any other business	
	<p>a) <u>Roof</u> It was noted that two people were seen on the roof. Padlock to be fitted onto the ladder. All advised to be aware.</p> <p>b) <u>Scaffolding</u> As part of the gas safety case, the HSE have advised for pipes to be ventilated. This work is now being carried out. It was raised whether this would cause rainwater to leak in. Following discussions, it was noted that there were two different issues (one regarding the service ducts, and the other regarding the down pipes outside the building).</p> <p>c) <u>Motorbike stops</u> There was meant to be some padding put on these to prevent children from injuring themselves. Paul Brown was looking into this. DA to follow up.</p> <p>d) <u>Self-closers on doors</u> The new front doors did not have these, but it was a health and safety requirement. It had been raised previously whether the doors were fire compliant. DA to follow up.</p> <p>e) <u>Window cleaning</u> There were difficulties with cleaning the outside of windows due to the way in which they open.</p>	<p>DA</p> <p>DA</p>
8	Next meeting date	
	The committee will next meet in January 2018, specific date tbc.	

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	David Azouelos was thanked for attending the SVRA AGM.	