

General Committee of Strawberry Vale Residents Association (SVRA)

Minutes of the meeting held on Saturday 29 September 2018, 10.00–11.45am Green Man Community Centre, Strawberry Vale, N2 9BA

Members:

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

Residents in attendance:

| No. | Item | Action |
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| 1 | Apologies | |
| | Christine Rodrigues, Zena Bolt (Neighbourhood Manager, Peabody) It was noted that Zena would be invited to the next SVRA meeting. | |
| 2 | Expression of thanks | |
| | Expression of thanks to June for opening the centre. | |
| 3 | Minutes of last meeting | |
| | The minutes of the meeting held on 7 July 2018, were approved as a correct record. LW informed the group that he had met with Zena Bolt to go through the outstanding issues. | |
| 4 | Service charge update | |
| | <p>The group discussed several aspects with regards to service charges, both from a tenants' point of view and freeholder/leaseholder point of view. The key points were as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Since the last residents meeting, there was a positive outcome as tenants received their amendments. LW was thanked for his efforts in helping to achieve this result. • It was noted that Peabody were moving to a more accurate audit for charging. This was reinforced by the actual service charge breakdown (recently received by freeholders/leaseholders) which showed much more detail than previous years. • The gardening contract would be challenged. • It was suggested that a newsletter highlighting all the achievements from last year be produced. It would include <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Gas case - Resurface of football pen - Tenants' bills - Obtaining additional recycling bins <p>The group were reminded that the purpose of the SVRA was so that all voices could be represented, but it was recognised that there were limitations with regards to time and resources.</p> | LW / SP / DD |
| 5 | Other estate issues | |
| | <p>The following items were raised to the committee:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • There appeared to be a discrepancy between Gingko responsibilities and caretaker responsibilities i.e. in their job roles. LW was | |

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| | <p>informed that this was a collaboration; the cross-over was not acceptable as Gingko are more expensive.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • It was noted that the estate should have three caretakers, but many have only seen two. June confirmed that she had seen three. The caretakers' working hours and areas of responsibility would be requested. • Unlocked gates caused noise pollution. The group discussed this in further detail, taking into account the safety aspect and concluded that removing the gates would be the best solution. A request for this to happen would be put to Peabody. • It was noted that people can gain access by pressing the trades button at any time. This should not be the case and would be raised with Peabody. | <p>LW</p> <p>LW</p> <p>LW</p> |
| 6 | MAD bids update | |
| | <p>The deadline to submit bids is end of October. This may be the last time that applications can be made as this funding may not be available next year. It was noted that the amount had already reduced this year.</p> <p>One suggestion was for a defibrillator.</p> | ALL |
| 7 | Christmas party plans | |
| | <p>LW had met Brendan Sarsfield, Chief Executive and would invite him to the party / AGM, to help raise the SVRA profile.</p> <p>It was suggested that the SVRA join the Church Christmas party and have a combined event for all. LW would speak to Helen to discuss further.</p> | LW |
| 8 | Any other business | |
| | <p>The following items were raised:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A request for a defibrillator was put forward as there was not one on the estate. This had been raised with the GMMC. It was suggested that this could be a possible MAD bid. • The group were informed that the issue with regards to the garages was now with Peabody's legal team. | |
| 9 | Next meeting date | |
| | <p>The next meeting would be the AGM, date TBC (likely to be end of October / beginning November).</p> | |