

**Hackney Borough-Wide
Leaseholder & Freeholder
FORUM**



Minutes of Committee Meeting

7.00pm Tuesday 8 January 08

at

50, Rosedale House, Hill Court Estate, Manor Road, N16 5NR

Members present

Duriye Beidas (DU) Secretary
Susan Fajana-Thomas (SF)
Peter Kinsey (PK) Chair
Brian Marsh (BM) Vice-Chair
Habib Musisi (HM)
Jarriet Oloye (JO)
Sarah Salem (SS) Membership Secretary

1. Apologies

Denise Bingham (DE) Treasurer, James Merchant (JM), Andrew Wilson (AW)

2. Minutes of last meeting

Minutes of last meeting, 7 December 07, agreed as correct.

3. Matters arising

Leasehold & Right to Buy Services will print our newsletter for HH Leaseholder & Freeholder Conference on 28 January 08.

4. Urgent Items

All committee members not yet registered for HH Leaseholder & Freeholder Conference are urged to call Elaine Stocking on 020 83562288 to reserve a space.

5. Finance and Funding

BM informed the meeting that funds from Shoreditch Leaseholder & Freeholder Association can not be released until they receive a letter signed by PK and Pat Ronayne.

Action: BM, PK and Pat Ronayne to write and sign this letter before next meeting and forward to relevant person.

We need to report to members how we will be using membership fees when we start collecting them.

Action: DU to check with Elaine Stocking the real cost of services we currently receive free, as these will be part of costs we will bear in the future when we will no longer be reliant on Hackney Homes for this help.

There was discussion about how the Forum can generate income or save costs apart from charging for membership.

Suggestions included obtaining charitable status, registering as an association or industrial friendly society.

Action: DU, BM and SS to get information on all the options and report back at next meeting.

6. Membership

It was calculated that the addition to our current membership of the members of Shoreditch Leaseholders & Freeholders Association, which has recently been wound up, would bring our total membership to over one thousand.

Action: BM to contact Shoreditch Association for the full list of their members and forward to DU and SS.

Action: DU and SS to check, when list received, if any are already members of Forum.

The meeting was reminded that it was agreed at the last meeting, on 10 December that Shoreditch members will receive a year's free membership once their funds have been transferred to the Forum.

The meeting discussed membership cards. Cards could bear Forum logo, contact details, membership number, expiry date, possibly a barcode.

Action: DU, SF and HM to get quotes for a general membership card for about 1000 members.

It was pointed out that current and potential members will need to be informed that a charge for membership will be made from 1 April 08.

Action: PK to arrange subscription form and covering letter.

7. Communications

- **Website**

The Forum aims to have its own website by the next AGM.

It was suggested we find a member who could volunteer the necessary skills to achieve this.

Action: PK to put item in newsletter for volunteer.

Action: SF to ask Howard Road Resource Centre if they can help.

Action: SS to ask members of her Church, who have already designed a website.

- **Newsletter**

Newsletter and other advice sheets are needed for HH Leaseholder & Freeholder Conference on 28 January 08. Leasehold & Right to Buy Services have already agreed to print most of them. They have also agreed to send out the newsletter after the Conference to all leaseholders and freeholders.

Action: PK to provide final draft of newsletter and amended advice sheets and pass on to DU and Elaine Stocking to copy for the Conference.

Action: DU to copy 300 newsletters and advice sheets for the Conference.

- **Open meetings**

Planning for the next open meeting, on 4 March 08, will take place at the next committee meeting, on 5 February 08.

Action: SF to confirm if Howard Road Resource Centre available for open meeting.

Action: SS to contact Jackie Loftus to see if Homerton Library Hall is available for other meetings.

- **Advertising**

Nothing to report.

8. Casework

Action: DU, DE, and JM to set up dates for casework meetings for rest of year.

Action: DU to arrange dates to induct SS into role of Membership Secretary.

9. External Affairs

- **Hackney Homes**

BM reported that many new managers in Hackney Homes are interim so it is not a good time to make regular contacts at present.

Susmita Noonan, Acting CEO of Hackney Homes, is about to leave. PK met with her in October 07 concerning the Neighbourhood Management Charge.

Once the new CEO is in place, these meetings will continue.

- **Leasehold & RTB Services**

Regular meetings with Pat Ronayne, Head of Leasehold & Right to Buy Services, are continuing on a monthly basis. New dates will be set up in February.

Preparations continue for HH Leaseholder & Freeholder Conference on 26 January 08.

- **Resident Liaison Group**

Nothing to report.

- **TRAs**

Nothing to report.

- **Neighbourhood Panels**

Nothing to report.

10. Strategic Issues

Nothing to report.

11. Any other business

Nothing to report.

Meeting ended at 10pm

Next committee meeting

7.00pm Tuesday 5 February

at

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